



St. James's Episcopal Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025
8:30 am & 10 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Andante quasi adagio

Théodore Dubois

The people stand as able.

Hymn 495: *In Babilone*, "Hail, thou once despised Jesus"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP 232

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who

for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated while reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 82 *Deus stetit*

BCP705

God takes his stand in the council of heaven;

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan;

defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,

and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince.”

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 546: *Siroë*, “Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-

in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Penny Nash

The people stand as able.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Leader and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Marjorie, Tom, Rhodes, Kathy, Denise, Parker, John, Bernie, Dave, Charles, Walter, Schnucki, Elizabeth, Katharine, Bunky, Jeanette, Julia, Bill, Patricia, Melissa, Brad, Bobbie, Doug, Stevie, Lyla, Barbara, and Jay

Celebrant

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Priest and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. To receive a blessing at the altar instead, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To make a gift online, you may use the QR code in the back section of the bulletin.

Offertoire

Dubois

Invitation to Communion

At this time the children may come forward to the altar or the rug for a closer view of the celebration of Holy Communion.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thank and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant says the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is

given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 3 Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation. **Refrain**

Music at Communion

Communion

Dubois

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come to the Chapel after receiving Communion to receive a blessing.

Hymn 187: *Straf mich nicht*, “Through the Red Sea brought at last”

The people stand or kneel as able.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand as able.

Blessing

Hymn 625: *Darwall's 148th*, “Ye holy angels bright”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Allegro Vivo e Maestoso (from *Esquisses Liturgiques*) Paul Benoit

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Ellett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Ellett III,*

*Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Harrison Rucker, and
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vance Modlin, Jr.*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Penny Nash

Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lectors: Cary Milley, Susan Siegfried

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Baker, Tom Baker

Crucifer: Camden Peace

Altar Guild Group 1: Mary Craig Bryant, Corinne Davis, Julia Scott, Lynn Young; *Leader:* Staige Grymes; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Jeanette McKittrick, Loretta Miller

Usher Team 2: Scott Elles, Scott Matthews, Henry Spalding, Ned Turnbull, Banks Turner, David Wade; *Team Leader:* Brad McGetrick;

Chief Usher: Harry Turton

Musicians:

Singers: Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Christopher Ryan

Organist: Ray Chenault

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, Saluda; St. Catherine's, Richmond; St. Christopher's, Richmond; St. Margaret's, Tappahannock; St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Alexandria; and Stuart Hall, Staunton

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Sarah Hopper, Doug Krey, Teddy Sauer, Wendi Spalding, and Ford Turner



Upcoming Events

Registration for the Parish Picnic is open! All are invited to join us following the 10 am service on **Welcome Sunday, September 7.**

We are excited to worship and break bread together after a summer of trips, camps, and rest. Boy Scout Troop 400 will be grilling



hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a favorite picnic dish to share. RSVP at the QR Code.

Additionally, if you would like to contribute to the potluck or volunteer with set up and/or clean up, we ask that you let us know via our form accessible through this additional QR Code.



We have been invited to join other local parishes for **Walking with the Enslaved: The Church's Role in Slavery Pilot Pilgrimage, August 16-17**. Inspired by Richmond's Trail of Enslaved Africans, participants will visit and explore key historical sites tied to enslavement, reflecting on the Church's involvement as an architect and beneficiary of the East Coast's largest domestic slave trade. Use the QR code for more information and to register to participate in this no-cost experience.

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Sunday, August 24 at 10 am. Students of all ages, as well as teachers, are invited to bring backpacks and school bags to be blessed as we prepare for the start of the new school year!

Also, **after the 10 am service on August 24, our young adults (under 30) of St. James's will be meeting for brunch at Fancy Biscuit.** Come connect! Reach out to Blake at bsinger@doers.org for more information.

Music Notes



We welcome Ray Chenault back to the bench at St. James's. Ray and his wife Beth were the organists here at St. James's in 1970-72 as they pursued a degree in Organ and Church music at VCU. While here, they created a folk group called The New Wine Singers, who sang at the White House for President Nixon and recorded a record album. Ray and Beth taught at The Lovett School in Atlanta for 31 years where Beth taught choral music in the middle and upper schools along with Ray, who was the Director of Fine Arts, overseeing a comprehensive program of over 43 fine arts teachers. They were named Organists & Choirmasters Emeriti upon retiring from All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta after a 43-year tenure. Throughout these years, they maintained a vibrant recital career as The Chenault Duo. They played a beautiful recital at St. James's last year, and on April 26, 2024, played a recital at The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, where they received The National American Guild of Organists Endowment Distinguished Artists Award for their lifetime achievement in music.



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