



St. James's Episcopal Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 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: Suite in D

Leonardo da Vinci

The people stand as able.

Hymn 657: *Hyfyddol*, "Love divine, all loves excelling"

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

BCP233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 112 *Beatus vir*

BCP755

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 605: *Sharptorne*, “What does the Lord require”

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends

or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

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, Tia, Julia, Bill, Patricia, Melissa, Brad, Doug, Stevie, Lyla, Barbara, and Jay

Celebrant

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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.

Hymn 705: *Forest Green*, “As those of old their first fruits brought”

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 thanks 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

Ubi caritas

Plainsong, Mode 6

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.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

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 347: *Litton*, “Go forth for God”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Hornpipe from *Water Music Suite*

George Frideric Handel

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Penny Nash

Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lectors: David Irvin, Melissa Silver

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Leigh Hulcher, Judy Philpott

Altar Guild Group 3: Carole Conner, Sarah Innes, Tyler Kilpatrick, Liza Leitch; *Leader:* Lucy Meade; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Jeanette McKittrick, Loretta Miller

Usher Team 3: Clifford Foster, Dave Irvin, Scott Kulp, Grey Ligon, Jay Patton, Barry Scott, Stephen Spraker, Talbot Spraker, Elizabeth Ware;
Team Leader: Willson Craigie; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

Musicians:

Singers: Chris Rock, Kelsey Snyder

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

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 Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, and Adult Christian Formation leaders

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: William Benevento, Betsy Bredrup, Frayre Coleman, Jerry Green, Robert Head, Henry Messier, Hadley Reahard, Ned Roberts, Julia Smith, Evelyn Sutton, Tamra Wilt, Charlie Witthoefft, and Ned Witthoefft



Upcoming Events

As we continue to prepare to welcome the Rev. Beth Franklin and adopt our new Sunday Schedule, **we ask that folks remember to wear their nametags.** If you need a new one, use the QR code to process your request.

For the past two years, the Rev. Penny Nash has shepherded us through a period of great transition. During her tenure, Penny has led improvements in all facets of our life together—staffing, finances, facilities, spiritual vitality, and engagement—and prepared us to welcome our new rector.



We will celebrate Penny's time with us and send her off to retirement with a reception after church on **September 14.** If you would like to contribute to a monetary thank you "purse" for Penny, you may make a check payable to St. James's and write "Penny thank you" in the memo line or give online via the QR code.



Registration for the Parish Picnic continues! We are excited to celebrate with you **on campus following the 10 am service on Welcome Sunday, September 7.** 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.

The 60+ August Social will take place this evening from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in Michaux House. It's a great way to end the month, gathering with friends to share food and drink and good conversation. Not quite 60? No worries, join us anyways!

Music Notes



It's not too late. Join a choir!

If you or your child has been thinking about joining a Choir, this fall is a perfect time! The choirs are filled with singers of varying degrees of training and experience. Some read music, others learn by ear, some have amazing voices and others are just learning how to produce beautiful sounds. Everyone's contribution is essential. We encourage you to join a choir this fall. You will be so welcome. Below is a list of the choirs, the day and time they rehearse, and the date of the first rehearsal. If you have any questions or are ready to sign up, email us at mwhitmire@doers.org or vwhitmire@doers.org, or give Mark or Virginia a call (355-1779, ext. 323 or 324) for more information.

- West Gallery Choir - begins Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 pm
- Guitar Ensemble - begins Wednesday, Sept. 3, 8:30 pm
- Parish Choir - begins Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 pm
- Youth Choir (*Gr 5 to 12*) - begins Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:30 am
- Cherub Choir (*Pre-K, K and Gr 1*) - begins Wednesday, Sept. 10, 4 pm
- Children's Choir (*Gr 2, 3 and 4*) - begins Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5 pm



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