

St. James's Episcopal Church September 21, 2025 10 am

#### Welcome!

We're delighted you have joined us for worship today. St. James's is a community drawn together by our love of God and our desire to serve as "doers of the word," as our patron St. James wrote in his letter, and which is inscribed on our building and over our altar, too.

We especially welcome you if you are new or visiting among us. Please sit where you like, wear what you like, and join us in prayer and singing if you like. Some folks who are new to the Episcopal tradition just sit and let the beauty of our worship wash over them for a while. Some of us prefer to stand for prayers while others kneel. God is not picky about this.

If you receive communion at your home church, you're welcome to receive it at St. James's, too. During communion, one of the clergy will be in the chapel (on the left side of the sanctuary) for prayer and blessings. We will bring communion to you in your seat if you need us to—just let one of the ushers know.

There are many opportunities here for worship, education, service, and fellowship. We'd like to include you in our life together, so there is a card in your pew that you can fill out and drop in the offering plate, or hand it to one of the clergy, to let us know a little about you and what you are looking for at St. James's. We also encourage you to visit our website (www.doers.org) to learn more about us and to sign up for our eChimes weekly newsletter.

Children are an important part of our community. We do offer a nursery for infants and toddlers (four and under) but children of all ages are always welcome to be with their parents in church. After the Gospel, young children can follow the cross to the Children's Chapel (they'll return during the passing of the peace), and we invite children to come to the altar rail for a closer view during the Eucharistic prayers.

Restrooms are located downstairs from the narthex (where the front doors are). Any of our ushers will be happy to direct you.

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## St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025 10 am

### Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism

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:** Communion H. Alexander Matthews

**Introit:** Sing me to heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truth stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure. Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

The people stand as able.

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

## Holy Baptism

# **Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer 299

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

### Collect of the Day

BCP

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.

#### **Old Testament:** Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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

# Psalm 113 Laudate, pueri

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Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed,

from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down

let the Name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust

and lifts up the poor from the ashes. He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 568: Was lebet, "Father, loving, who rulest in majesty"

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Susan N. Eaves

Hymn 513: Bridegroom, "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

The people sit.

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present

is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow

into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you

from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power

to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to

Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **Baptismal Covenant**

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you

fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News

of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,

loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

### Prayers for the Candidates

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#### Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The People respond to each petition, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

#### Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.* 

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The people sit.

### **Baptism**

Celebrant

*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

*N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

Receive this light as a sign of the new life which has been enkindled in you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.* 

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

## Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The people stand as able.

#### Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit.

# Acolyte Commissioning

# **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 on the right.

Anthem: Dixit Dominus W. A. Mozart

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning."

The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: you are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; he will rule over the nations.

He will heap high the corpses; he will smash heads over the wide earth.

He will drink from the brook beside the road; therefore he will lift high his head.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

# Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

#### 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.

#### Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen, Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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.

### Music at Communion

Anthem: Panis Angelicus Karl Jenkins

May the bread of angels become the bread of men; The heavenly bread gives an end to shadows: O wonderful thing! The poor, the slave and the humble eat of the Lord.

We petition you, O God, Three and One, that you visit us. Just as we give you honor, through your paths lead us to where we are directed, to the light which you inhabit.

# 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 317: Morestead, "This is the hour of banquet and of song

The people stand or kneel as able.

## Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people stand as able.

# **Blessing**

Hymn 544: Duke Street, "Jesus shall reign"

#### Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chaconne Louis Couperin, Arr. Joseph Bonnet

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ray Mercer Paul, Adele O. Pitt, Robert H. Pitt, Robert and Adele Pitt Leitch.

Ray Mercer ("Buck") Paul III, Anne Pitt Paul Sinnott, George Campbell Bird, and Susan Bird Blanchard

### Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Susan N. Eaves Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Singer Lectors: Linda Owen, Carrie Rose Pace

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Sally Curran, Cat McPherson, Carrie Rose Pace, Susan Siegfried

Acolyte Team 1: Finn Crowley, Colston Pilcher, Grant Ricard, Ford Way Crucifers: Caroline McGetrick, Camden Peace, Henry Peace

Adult Leaders: Chris Peace, Tanner Pilcher; Acolyte Masters: Mary Beth Abplanalp, Katie Reed

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 8/9:* Frances Caldwell, DeWitt Casler, Barbara Hassett, George Jones, Wally Jones, Jimmy Milley, Bill Nash;

Team Leader: Chad Clinger; Chief Usher: Brink Brinkley

Musicians: Parish Choir

Soloists: Sabrina Lafleur, Kelsey Snyder, Chris Rock, Will Conn (*Dixil*) Chris Ryan (*Panis Angelicus*)

Organist: Charles Lindsey

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

# **Baptisms**

Martha Douglas Peery, daughter of Amy and Harrison Peery, granddaughter of Janet and Fernand Baruch, Kimberly and Jeffrey Bisger, and Martha and William Peery. Douglas's godparents are Meg Grymes, Eliza Holzbach, and Drew Stifel.

Lucy Rhodes Stephano, daughter of Samantha and Stephen Stephano, granddaughter of Janet and Fernand Baruch, Kimberly and Jeffrey Bisger, and Jean and Steve Stephano. Lucy's godparents are Sally Wilkinson and Reid Pair.

Lucy Baskerville Welch, daughter of Worth and William Welch, granddaughter of Joan Neal, Julia and Edward Welch, and the late John Lewis Jr. Lucy's godparents are Kristina Banuls, Ashby Reynolds, and Kevin Lamb.

## Prayers of the People

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

For the sick and in need: especially Julia, Tom, John, Denise, Parker, John, Bernie, Dave, Charles, Walter, Schnucki, Chris and family, Elizabeth, Bunky, Jeanette, Tia, Brad, Hudnall, Doug, Stevie, Sam, Lyla, and Mike

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Courtney Spencer, Joseph Ascoli, James Upshaw, John Crowley, Pat Watkinson, Mark Roelen, Joan Nesmith, and Don Lecky

For those who have died recently: especially Susan Mangin

### **Acolytes**

<u>First Year</u>	Henry Mattox	Camden Peace
James Cox Sophia Cox Finn Crowley Laughton Mikula Lillian Porter	Third Year Lucy Arthur Carson Benaicha Cabell Benaicha	Henry Peace Jack Porter William Porter Ruby Reed Katherine Turnbull
Wells Reed Grant Ricard Lucy Sumrell Lucy Trible Ford Way	Sam Carter Betsy Graham Virginia Matthews Caroline McGetrick Livi Menees Betsy Morris	Fifth Year Mason Acey Watson Andrews Thomas Stock Henry Stock
Meriwether Wright Virginia Wright Second Year	Gracie Sumrell Rand Turnbull	Sixth Year Jake Acey
Rose Harbach Colston Pilcher Rhett Raiging	<u>Fourth Year</u> George Jones Harper Matthews	<u>Seventh Year</u> Tyndall Hopper

Acolyte Masters: Mary Beth Abplanalp and Katie Reed

Rhett Raigins

Acolyte Team Leaders: Carrie Acey, Lile Benaicha, Cerise Cox, Cynthia Hopper, Megan Matthews, Shaila Menees, Katie Morris, Chris Peace, Tanner Pilcher, Sarah Porter, Katie Reed, and Susan Sumrell

## Upcoming Events: Together for Worship & Fellowship

From now through September 30, you can drop off new or gently used Halloween costumes and accessories to support REAL LIFE Project SAF (Safe, Alive, and Free). Please place donations in the box in the Narthex on Sundays, or bring them to the Parish House, Monday through Thursday. Please note, costumes must be clean, not too scary or violent, age-appropriate, and not include toy weapons.

Our first professional studio recording of the St. James's Choir since the late 80s, and the only one of the Mark and Virginia era, is here! You can purchase a Jazz Mass CD for \$20 today and next Sunday after the 10 am service. We will be accepting



card, check, or cash and please make checks payable to St. James's. For those interested in a streaming or digital download, please use the QR code.

We are thrilled to welcome Beth Franklin as our new rector! Come and celebrate her arrival after the 10 am service on Sunday, September 28, in Valentine Hall. To sign up to bring a dish or volunteer, use the QR code.



Save-the-date for our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service at 8:30 am in the parking lot next to Michaux House on Sunday, October 5.

Registration for Fall Wednesday Night Classes has begun. Register via the QR code by Monday, October 6, at noon. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 8, from 5 to 6 pm.



"O sing unto God with the voice of melody."-Psalm 47:1

Sing me to heaven was written by the composer Daniel E. Gawthrop. Gawthrop, a Virginian, has received commissions from Washington National Cathedral, the American Boychoir, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. "Sing Me to Heaven" was commissioned by Carol Hunter and the Virginia choir VOCE; Gawthrop's wife, the writer Jane Griner, provided the text, and the work has become the composer's best-loved composition.

Dixit is a setting of Psalm 110 from Mozart's Vesperae solennes de confessore (K. 339). The work was composed in 1780, when young Mozart had returned to his hometown to become organist and choirmaster at the court and cathedral of Salzburg. Psalm 110, known by the Latin incipit Dixit Dominus (Saith the Lord), is considered by many Christian scholars to be a messianic psalm. It is among the most frequently quoted or referenced psalm in the New Testament.

Panis Agnelicus is from the cantata Miserere: Songs of Mercy and Redemption, by Karl Jenkins. Panis angelicus ("Bread of Angels") is a verse from the hymn "Sacris solemniis" by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi. Other hymns



for Corpus Christi by Saint Thomas include *Verbum supernum prodiens* (the last two strophes begin with "O salutaris hostia") and *Pange lingua* (the

last two strophes begin with "Tantum ergo").

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