

# **St. James's Episcopal Church**

**September 7, 2025**

**10:00 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](http://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.

### The eChimes

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**St. James's Episcopal Church**  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 7, 2025  
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:** Variations from *Organ Concerto*, Op. 4, No. 1                      G. F. Handel

**Introit:** Brethren, we have met to worship              Shapenote, arr. Alice Parker

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the spirit of the holy one comes down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sisters aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer seeking grace and filled with tears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; Sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, O pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too:  
Let us love and pray for sinners 'till our God makes all things new.  
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

*The people stand as able.*

**Hymn 441:** *Rathbun*, "In the cross of Christ I glory"

**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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

### Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then

you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

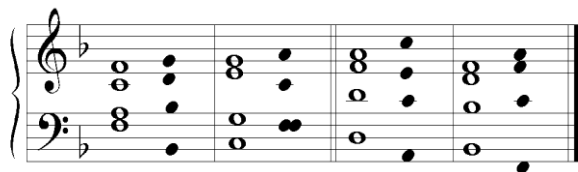
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people may remain seated while singing the Psalm.*

**Psalm 1** *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Edwin George Monk



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **wicked**,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the **scornful**!  
Their delight is in the law of the **LORD**,  
and they meditate on his law day and **night**.  
They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not **wither**;  
everything they do shall **prosper**.  
It is not so with the **wicked**;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows **away**.  
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when **judgment** comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous**.  
For the LORD knows the way of the **righteous**,  
but the way of the wicked is **doomed**.

*The people stand as able.*

**Hymn 675, v. 1-2:** *Bourbon*, “Take up your cross”

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

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

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Children's Procession** (*The children may follow the cross into the Children's Chapel at this time if they wish.*)

**Hymn 675, v. 3-5:** *Bourbon*, "Take up your cross"

**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 people stand or kneel as able.*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form V**

*BCP389*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and  
be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, Gayle, and Mark our own  
Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people  
of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions  
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we  
pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the  
Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have  
mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may  
grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have  
mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President and  
Glenn, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity  
and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,  
prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and

protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all in our congregation who have asked for our prayers, especially *Julia, Marjorie, Tom, John, Denise, Parker, John, Bernie, Dave, Charles, Walter, Schnucki, Elizabeth, Bunky, Jeanette, Tia, Julia, Bill, Melissa, Brad, Doug, Stevie, Sam, Lyla, Barbara, and Jay*, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Anne Heffner, Katharine Mauck, and Patricia Sharpe, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James our patron, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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.*

*The people stand as able.*

**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 on the right.*

Anthem: Sing unto God

George Frideric Handel

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,  
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

**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"

*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.

*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

Anthem: Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

Where charity and love are, there is God.  
The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock.  
Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And let us love from a pure heart. Amen.

## 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 658: *Martyrdom*, "As longs the deer for cooling streams"

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

*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 473:** *Crucifer*, “Lift high the cross”

## **Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** March in D George F. Handel, Arr. William Best

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Ruth Randolph Walker Beazley, Wyatt Sanford Beazley, Jr.,  
Alice Mason Tyler Henley, and Robert Wheelwright Henley*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Penny Nash

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Blake Singer

*Lector:* Yvonne Gibney

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Susan Bain, Becky DeCamps, Leigh Hulcher

*Crucifer:* Mason Acey

*Torchbearers:* Betsy Morris, Ruby Reed

*Altar Guild Group 4:* Teri Miles, Jennifer Pollard; *Leader:* Debbie Meigs;

*Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

*Flower Guild Co-Chairs:* Jeanette McKittrick, Loretta Miller

*Usher Team 7:* Melinda Davis, Mimi Herington, Charles Nance, Judy Philpott, Tyler Sauer, Cameron Sealey, Burt Sundin; *Team Leader:* Wyn Brown; *Chief Usher:* Brink Brinkley

*Musicians:* The West Gallery Choir and The Parish Choir

*Organists:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire and Charles Lindsey

*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 the congregations and clergy of St. Francis' in Manakin Sabot and St. James' in Leesburg

*For the recently married:* especially Hayley Hassett, daughter of Barbara and Bill Hassett, and Blaise Shaheen, son of Janice and the late Victor Shaheen

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Kristen Bayler, Tate Burris, Joelle Cosby, Eddie Fuller, Jordan McKittrick, Cathy McPherson, Prince Norfleet, Christian Price, William Prince, and Margot Stringer

### Music Notes



*Brethren we have met to worship* is an arrangement by Alice Parker of the nineteenth-century American shape-note hymn *Holy Manna*. Shape-note hymns became predominant in rural America during the eighteenth century and remained popular in the American frontier and in the South into the present century.

*Sing unto God*, is from the oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus* by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). The historical Judas Maccabaeus led a revolt in 169 B.C. that was instrumental in freeing Judea from Syrian control. The Biblical account is recorded in the Apocrypha.

*Ubi caritas* is by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978). Gjeilo studied composition at the Norwegian Academy of Music (1999-2001). He transferred to Juilliard School and later studied at the Royal College of Music, London. He currently resides in Manhattan, where he works as a freelance composer.

### It's not too late to 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. Everyone's contribution is essential. If you have any questions or are ready to sign up, email us at [mwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:mwhitmire@doers.org) or [vwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:vwhitmire@doers.org).

- 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

## Jazz Mass CDs

On September 21 and September 28 we will have our professionally recorded Jazz Mass CDs for purchase for \$20 at a table near the Memorial Garden. Or you can purchase a digital version by going to [www.Bandcamp.com](http://www.Bandcamp.com). This is the first studio recording by St. James's Choir since the late 80s and the only one of the Mark and Virginia era. We are counting on everyone to buy one so we can pay the recording expenses. You are going to love it (and it makes a great Christmas gift!).

## Upcoming Events



The final **Acolyte Training** will take place next **Sunday, September 14, from 11:15 am to noon**. Commissioning of the Acolytes will take place the following Sunday.

**Additionally, Youth Ministry kicks off on the 14th in Michaux House at 9 am.** Come and hear all about formation, service opportunities, retreats, socials, and mission trips for the coming year.

**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.

**The Annual Ministry Fair** will take place on **Sunday, September 21, at 9 am in Valentine Hall**. A bit different from previous years, this year there will not be booths. Rather, each ministry will present for 3 minutes to help attendees discern which ministry they feel called to serve or engage with in the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the date for our **Cocktail Party & Jazz in the Garden** celebration and fundraiser for the beautiful new entrance, ramp, and renovated memorial garden on **Thursday, October 16, from 6 to 8 pm**.

## **Giving Online**

Thank you for your ongoing support of God's mission at St. James's. To make a gift online, go to [doers.org/give](https://doers.org/give) or scan this QR code.





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