



# St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN RICHMOND, VA

## WELCOME!

**JANUARY 25, 2026 • 10:00 AM**

We're delighted you have joined us for worship today. We especially welcome you if you are new or visiting among us. The root of the word "liturgy" is "the work of the people", meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don't worry about "doing" anything "right." 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. 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.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life—not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. 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.

Peace,  
The Rev. Beth Franklin, Rector

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**St. James's Episcopal Church**  
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 2026  
10:00 am

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

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*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**

*The people stand as able.*

Hymn 7            "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"            *Ratisbon*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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**Opening Acclamation**            *The Book of Common Prayer, 355*

Celebrant    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People        And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
                  Amen.

**The 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 in excelsis**

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.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation remains seated while praying the Psalm responsively by half verse.*

## Psalm 27:1, 5-13

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?  
    the Lord is the strength of my life;  
    of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek;  
    that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
    all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 660

"O Master, let me walk with thee"

*Maryton*

## **The Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Blake Singer

## Nicene Creed

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.*

## Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP, 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sarah, the appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

*Leader and People*

*Luetta, Parker, Carlton, Perry, John, Walter, Patrick, Bunky, Jeanette, Bobby, Dennis, Doug, Bob, Frances, and Alice.*

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Tom Bundy, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*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 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

### Offering of Gifts and Praise

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Hymn 652 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" *Rest*

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

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

*BCP, 367*

*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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.*

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem**

S155

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
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**

Canticle: The 3rd Song of Isaiah, Surge, illuminare  
(for text, see BCP, p. 87)

Hymn 661

“They cast their nets in Galilee”

Georgetown

*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 707                    “Take my life, and let it be”                    *Hollingside*

## **Dismissal**

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

## **Special Celebrations and Prayers**

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

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of B. V. and Florence G. Aylor and Robert L. and Blanche W Jones.*

## Service Participants

*Preacher:* The Reverend Blake Singer

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Beth Franklin

*Lectors:* Melissa Silver, Frances McDermott

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Teri Miles, Judy Philpott

*Acolyte Team 6:* Lucy Arthur, Everett McCoy, Tyndall Hopper, Rhett Raigins, Henry Mattox, Sam Carter, James Cox; Sophia Cox; *Adult Leaders:* Cynthia Hopper and Cerise Cox

*Altar Guild Team 4:* Teri Miles, Jennifer Pollard; *Leader:* Debbie Meigs; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

*Flower Guild Co-Chairs:* Jeannette McKittrick and Loretta Miller.

*Usher Team 4:* Ferd Baruch, Janet Baruch, Jim Cosby, Randy Ellis, Jay Jennings, Ed Jewett, Vance Spilman, Scott Ukrop; *Team Leader:* Jay West; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

*Musicians:*

*Organist:* Virginia 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 the congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Bailey's Crossroads; Clark Parish (Grace & St. Mary's), Berryville; Leeds, Markham; and St. Andrew's, Ada

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Susie Peters, Steven Burris, Delaney Deal, Rinda Brewbaker, and Tim Crawford

*For the newly born, especially Harvey Olsen White and Henry Frazier Gochenour*

## Music Notes

### Sunday, March 1 at 10 am: Dylan Mass



We've been singing a Dylan Mass at St. James's since 2013. A spokesman for his generation in the turbulent 60's, we find solace in his poetry.

In troubled times, we turn to Bob Dylan. Justice is not mysterious or esoteric. We all know what justice is. We also all know it is not being dispersed evenly in our country. To quote Dylan's iconic song, "Blowing in the wind," we can no longer "turn our head and pretend we just don't see." Let's remind ourselves of who we are and whose we are.

## Weekly Announcements

### RESCHEDULED:

#### The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of the New Rector

Due to winter weather predictions, we have rescheduled this special celebration for Saturday, February 7, at 10:00 am. Come and celebrate! It's a party for you—the ministers of St. James's. In the past, churches observed a "celebration of new ministry" or an "institution" of a new rector. While lovely in spirit, this liturgy was not true to our theology, which celebrates the ministry of all the baptized. The updated version of this liturgy appropriately recognizes the mutuality among all ministers of the church. While this service will make Beth's tenure as the 15th Rector of St. James's symbolically official; it will, more importantly, highlight the enduring and faithful ministries and ministers of this beloved community. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate this joyous season in the life of St. James's. Reception will still follow in Valentine Hall.

### Giving to St. James's

We believe St. James's is worthy of an incredibly bold and courageous investment from everyone who considers this community their spiritual home. If you have not yet given, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift matters—each one is a vital part of the whole—and helps us faithfully and responsibly serve the people of St. James's and the people of Richmond. You can give online via the QR code.



Thank you for being a vital part of our parish family. Your presence, prayers, and financial commitments mean more than words can say.

## Coming Up at St. James's

Tues 1/27 7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Wed 1/28 10:00 am Living Faith Bible Study  
4:00 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Epiphany Classes  
6:00 pm Community Dinner  
7:00 pm West Gallery Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 pm Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal

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Thurs 1/29 7:30 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

Fri 1/30 YOUTH SNOWFEST

Sun 2/01 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Adult Formation & Sunday School  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sat 2/07

### **RESCHEDULED**

10:00 am Renewal of Shared Ministry and  
Welcome of The Rev. Beth Franklin  
*Reception to Follow in Valentine Hall*



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