



**ST. JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CLAYTON, GA

**Alleluia! He is Risen!  
The Lord Has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 21, 2026**  
8:00am and 10:30am

**God loves YOU! No exceptions!**

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard, Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Susan Thisell, Celebrant

*The mission of St. James Episcopal Church is:  
To preach the Gospel,  
worship God,  
renew our hearts and minds, and serve others.*

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! We would love to know more about you and follow up with you. Please fill out a *Voice from the Pew* and sign the guest register in the narthex. Please call or email the church office with any questions at **706-782-6179** or [admin@stjamesclayton.org](mailto:admin@stjamesclayton.org). You may also contact Fr. Jim directly at [jshumie@aol.com](mailto:jshumie@aol.com) or **912-844-7412**. Parts in bold are read by everyone.

## **ABOUT COMMUNION**

This is the Lord's Table and not one denomination's table. All are welcome to the altar rail for Communion. Jesus gave Communion to Judas who betrayed him, Peter who denied Him and the rest of the apostles had no clue as to what it was about. If your tradition does not allow you to take Communion here, then feel free to come up for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest you would like a blessing.

You have the option to drink from the common cup; to dip the bread in the common cup; or take a small glass chalice from the tables in front of the first pews and hold it up so the Chalice Server can pour the wine into it. Taking the bread only is full communion if you do not want to take the wine. We also offer gluten free bread, so please tell the server of bread that you wish to have gluten free.

## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. JAMES**

To join our church, you can request a letter of transfer from your previous denomination or speak directly with the priest-in-charge at any service. To be considered a member in good standing and eligible for the vestry, you must be baptized, attend regularly, and make consistent financial contributions.

You may also discuss joining with the priest-in-charge over a meal or drink. Simply email the office to receive the membership form and be added to the Directory, allowing you to stay informed on church communications.

We encourage participation in St. James ministries such as pastoral care, outreach, worship, altar guild, Eucharistic minister, choir, and more. Most members are actively involved, which helps maintain a vibrant and spiritually engaged community.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 372

Leoni

*Praise to the Living God*

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

*People* **Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*spoken together*)

BCP 355

**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.**

### THE GLORIA HYMN S-280 (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

**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 Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Romans 6:1b-11

*Lector* A reading from The Letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?** Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of God for the people of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 **Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.**
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

- 1 I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back!
- 2 Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back!
- 3 The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

*Celebrant* A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Susan Thisell

*Silence*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*Please rise as you are able, spoken in unison.*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* We celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries this week; especially, Crawford Grice, John Siegel, Jan Bomar, and John Johnson.

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Jan, Karen, Melanie, Mike, Bimi, Dustin, Karen, Rafael, Pam, Sara May, Sandy, Gordon, Chase, Owen, Roland, Brendon and daughters, and Our Little Roses godchildren, Karla and Cindy.

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*You're invited to pray out loud or silently. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*You're invited to come forward for special prayers including birthdays and anniversaries.*

*Prayers for birthday (pg. 830) and anniversary (pg. 431) can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE PEACE

BCP 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### THE PRESENTATION

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee O Lord.

*People* **And of Your own have we given You.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*The people stand.*

*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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

THE SANCTUS (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

**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. Then the Celebrant continues*

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;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 James 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,*

**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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

**Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. You may pick up a small chalice to receive the wine, drink from the common cup, dip the bread in the cup, **or** cross yourself if you do not want to receive the wine. You may also cross yourself for a blessing if you don't want the bread or wine.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Let us pray

*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 BLESSING

### THE POST COMMUNION HYMN 537

Moscow

*Christ for the World We Sing*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon or Priest*

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE:

**8am Service;** all are welcome to join some parishioners who eat at "Sunday Diner" after the service.



**10:30am Service;** please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee, cookies and conversation hosted by Rebecca and Jack Brandon.

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

**10:30 NURSERY** We have a nursery downstairs for anyone interested. Your children are also welcome to stay with you during the service.

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday,—Friday **7:30am - 8am** via ZOOM ONLY.  
**Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287**

**HOLY CASSEROLE CONVERSATIONS** We will explore many subjects on **Monday night, June 29**, at our Holy Casserole Conversation. Please come and enjoy the food, fellowship and conversation **at 5:30pm**. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a casserole, bread, salad, or dessert.

**GATHER & GOSPEL** meets **Tuesdays at 10:00am** on Zoom and in person, led by Fr. Jim or Janine Bethel. A weekly time of fellowship, storytelling, and engaging conversation centered on the life of Jesus in the four Gospels. Together we'll explore Scripture in a relaxed and welcoming setting — asking questions, sharing insights, reflecting on what the stories mean for our lives, and even enjoying a few laughs along the way.

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY** is at **11:00am** in the Parish Hall in person and via the ZOOM link which is sent out by email on Monday evenings. Everyone is invited as we discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. **Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287**

**CARD GROUPS** If you are interested in joining one of our card groups, contact Linda Sanders [linsnd8@aol.com](mailto:linsnd8@aol.com) to sign up for Canasta, or Linda Holt, [boblindah@yahoo.com](mailto:boblindah@yahoo.com) to sign up for Bridge.

**RETIREES MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY** of each month. Next luncheon will be **July 21 at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**BOOK CLUB** Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 16, at 11:00am**. Contact Becky Callahan, [tbcallahan@aol.com](mailto:tbcallahan@aol.com), with any questions.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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**ARE YOU HUNGRY YET??** We are thrilled that we are gathering for the annual 2026 St. James Shrimp Boil. On Saturday, June 27th, at 5:30 we will share a low country boil meal together. The cost is \$20 per person and the event is open to you, your families, and friends. Please let us know how many in your party will be attending so that we have an idea of how much food and beverages to order and prepare. RSVP and Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY JULY 12. This month we will be collecting “Stars, Stripes, & Sandwiches”** sandwich helpers: peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken/tuna, mayonnaise, mustard for Sharing and Caring Food Ministry in Rabun County. Please bring your food items to the basket in the Parish Hall.

**THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR 2026** is located downstairs in the Parish Hall. Sign up for a Sunday you would like to sponsor for \$45, and let the church office know how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to host Coffee Time after the 10:30am Sunday Services in July. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet above the coffee pot. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please let Sam in the office know if you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our Prayers of the People each Sunday. Names will be kept on the list for three weeks and you are invited to resubmit names for another three weeks once removed. [admin@stjamesclayton.org](mailto:admin@stjamesclayton.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! August 16:** Bishop Rob Wright joins us for worship and lunch.

**MESSENGER OR BULLETIN CONTENT** Please email Sam in the office by end of day **MONDAY** for any content to be included in the Messenger, scheduled to go out every other Thursday, or the service bulletin which is printed on Thursday mornings.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

June 21-28, 2026

### Sunday



8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
7:00 pm AA

### Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
7:00 pm AA

### Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
**10:00 am Gather & Gospel**  
5:30 pm Al-Anon  
7:00 pm AA

### Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
**11:00 am Lectionary Study**  
7:00 pm AA

### Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
5:30 pm Children of Al-Anon  
7:00 pm AA

### Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
7:00 pm AA

### Saturday

8:30 am Women's AA  
**5:30 pm Low Country Boil**  
7:00 pm AA

### Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
7:00 pm AA

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## MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Annie Westerman  
Bread: Jackie Tatum  
Altar Guild Set Up: Lynda Ann Price

**8:00**

**10:30**

<b>VPOD or *Opener</b>	*Traci Cagle	Kathleen Johnson
<b>Deacon</b>		Susi Roessler, ELCA
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Traci Cagle	
<b>Eucharistic Server</b>	Linda Barden	Dirk Brown
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Barden	Lynda White
<b>Intercessor</b>	Linda Barden	Susi Roessler
<b>Usher(s)</b>	David Tatum	Becky & Tom Callahan
<b>Announcements</b>	Ann Inman	Kathleen Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Traci & Kevin Cagle	Christy Collins Shelley Urban
<b>Video</b>		Jim Clayton
<b>Tellers</b>		Chris Adams Kathleen Johnson



Flowers This Week

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Jim Clayton in memory of his father, Robert Clayton and mother Donna Jeanne Clayton; and by John Siegel in celebration of his birthday.

**Giving:** You may drop your check in the plate as the ushers come down the aisle, or simply scan the QR code on your phone, and give online. You can use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.



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