



ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2025

8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

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

The Reverend Sam Buice, Celebrant

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN

Fanny Crosby

To God be the Glory
(Requested by Matt Price)

- 1 To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (*Refrain*)
- 3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

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. The service music is in the front of the hymnal.

**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

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

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 10:12-18

Lector A reading from The Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. **For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.** Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. **The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place.** The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. **The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.** He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. **Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.**

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 112

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; ***
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ***
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; ***
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, ***
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;**
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

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 SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector: A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. **Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.** Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 551

Festal Song

Rise Up Ye Saints of God

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Sam Buice

Silence

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please rise as you are able

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, Mary Lauren Keeny, Terry Klinect, Erika Farr, and Fr. Jim Shumard.

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 Kira, Karen G., Joshua, Dirk, Leonard, Rita, Steve, Dustin, Thomas, Jane, Joanne, Kyla, Avon, Jeff, Ruth, Eston, Kathy, Nick and Bill.

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.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest, stands and says

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.

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 C

BCP 369

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

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

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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:

Celebrant and People (8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung)

**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 Celebrant continues

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."

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.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our mothers: 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.**

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 pray
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 (8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung) Hymn S-154

**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 cruet 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

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

Blessed Assurance

(Requested by Linda Holt and Mary Lauren Keeny)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE:



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

10:30 service; you are invited down to the Parish Hall for coffee and conversation hosted Erika Farr.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

STUDY OF LUKE class on the Gospel of Luke, meets **Tuesdays at 10:30am**, led by Fr. Jim and/or Matt Price.

“CASUAL CONTRARIAN BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS” will meet **September 15th and 22nd at 5:00pm**. We will gather in the Parish Hall and via Zoom to talk about scripture and theology from a “contrarian” point of view. Soft drinks, tea, etc. will be provided or you can bring your own refreshments.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY is at 11:00am in the Parish Hall in person and via the ZOOM link sent out in the Lectionary Study email which is sent on Monday evenings. Everyone is invited as we discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287

RETIREEES WILL MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Next luncheon will be **Tuesday, September 16th at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, September 18th, 11:00am** in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

RUBBER BRIDGE AND CANASTA will be played in the Parish Hall each third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm. Contact Linda Holt boblindah@yahoo.com to sign up for Bridge, or Linda Sanders linsnd8@aol.com to sign up for Canasta.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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MORNING PRAYER Monday,—Friday **7:30am - 8am** via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

A NEW SEASON OF FOYER GROUPS is gearing up through November. Keeping it simple, each group will meet once although additional gatherings are fine if the group wishes. We'll aim to rotate groups monthly. Sign up in the narthex or Parish Hall and watch the next Messenger for more information.

INTERESTED IN ADDING YOUR VOICE TO THE CHOIR? COME JOIN US -- WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU! **Rehearsals begin September 7 at 9:00 am.** The choir ministry at St. James plays a vital role in enhancing the worship experience through music. Made up of members who share a passion for singing, the choir leads the congregation through hymns and special musical selections during weekly services.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to the Flower and Garden Festival preview party on Thursday, September 18, 5:30-7:30. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

THE 2025 FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL is September 19-20. We are seeking people to be **Festival Greeters** by welcoming guests and sharing brochures. Sign up by scanning the QR code or use the sign up sheets located in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Questions? Please contact Ann Inman anninman07@gmail.com or Sandy Hunter sandyjhunter@gmail.com.



HORS D'OEUVRES NEEDED We are also looking for people to **bring hors d'oeuvres** the evening of the Flower and Garden Festival party, Thursday, September 18. Please sign up in the Narthex or Parish Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to host Fellowship Time after the 10:30 am Sunday Services; especially **September 21st and 28th**. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

August 31-September 7, 2025

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
10:30 pm Holy Communion
2:00 pm Chess Club
7:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9:00 am Office Closed
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:30 am Study of Luke
5:30 pm Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
11:00 am Lectionary Study
1:00 pm NE Georgia Locally Grown
7:00 pm AA

Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 am Quilting Bees
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
7:00 pm AA

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Chess

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St. James Episcopal Church—Flower and Garden Festival

“From These Hills”

September 19-20, 2025

The Flower and Garden Festival Committee welcomes sponsors! If you would like to make a monetary contribution to support this year's festival, please write a check to St. James Episcopal Church and note “Flower Festival” on the memo line. You may also donate online by scanning the QR code in the bulletin.

FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL– PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

YOUR NAME: _____

I would like to contribute \$_____ toward the Festival.

Forms received by Monday, September 8 will have names included as sponsors and listed in the Festival brochure.

MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Rebecca Brandon

Bread: Francis Daniel

Altar Guild Set Up: Bonnie Klinect



	8:00	10:30
VPOD or *Opener	*Marcus Booker	Kathleen Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Marcus Booker	Erika Farr
Eucharistic Server	Ann Inman	Betty Cobb
Lector	Ann Inman	Sandy Hunter
Intercessor	Ann Inman	Erika Farr
Usher(s)	LT Scott	Becky & Tom Callahan
Altar Guild	Ann Inman	Linda Sanders
	Dottie O'Brien	Betty Cobb
Video		Chris Adams
Tellers		Karen Carroll
		Jim Clayton

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. Use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.

FATHER JIM IS IN TOWN the second Sunday through the fourth Sunday of each month. He is available for in person meetings every day during those periods. As he likes to say he's available for early morning coffee, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and meeting for a drink or golf. He is also available by phone, text and email 24/7 all year round. You can call him at 912-844-7412 or email him at jshumie@aol.com.

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