



ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2025

8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

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

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 400

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-3, 7)

(Requested by Deacon Susi)

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. 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved **my love-song concerning his vineyard:**

My beloved had a vineyard **on a very fertile hill.**

He dug it and cleared it of stones, **and planted it with choice vines;**

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, **and hewed out a wine vat in it;**

he expected it to yield grapes, **but it yielded wild grapes.**

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 **You prepared the ground for it; ***
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea ***
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, ***
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 **They burn it with fire like rubbish; ***
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 **And so will we never turn away from you; ***
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**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 11:29-12:2

Lector A reading from 'The Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- **who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.** Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, **who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

O God of Every Nation
(Requested by Rebecca Brandon)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard

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.
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 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

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

World Peace

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Sing through twice.)

(Requested by Kathleen Johnson)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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.

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 continue **Monday, August 18th 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, August 19th at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, August 21st, 11:00am** in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

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.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

A NEW SEASON OF FOYER GROUPS is gearing up for August 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.

FLOWER GUILD NEEDS YOU. We are looking for interested individual and/or teams who would like to help create the Flowers for upcoming service. Please reach out to Tim Burns or Betsy Elsas and we would be happy to talk with you and provide as much or as little training as you would like. Become a part of this fun, creative, and rewarding way of our weekly worship.

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.

TWO GARDEN WORKDAYS Saturdays August 23 and 30, 8:00-11:00. Come for the day or just a couple of hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to host Fellowship Time after the 10:30 am Sunday Services; especially **August 31 and all of September**. 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 10-17, 2025

Sunday

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

Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
5:00 pm **Casual Contrarian**
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 am **Study of Luke**
12:00 pm **Retirees Lunch**
5:30 pm Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9:00 am **Vestry Meeting**
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

8:00 am **Garden Workday**
8:30 am Women's AA
7:00 pm AA

Sunday

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

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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: Maggie Hatcher

Bread: Dee McElroy

Altar Guild Set Up: Debbie and Nick Nicholson

	8:00	10:30
VPOD or *Opener	Ann Inman	Betsy Elsas
Deacon		Susi Roessler
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Inman	
Eucharistic Server	Traci Cagle	Dirk Brown
Lector	Scotty Greene	Kathleen Johnson
Intercessor	Scotty Greene	Dirk Brown
Usher(s)	Janet Sweimler	Tim Burns
		Dick Metzgar
Altar Guild	Debbie & Nick	Bonnie Klinect
	Nicholson	Marian Martin
Video		Shelley Urban
		Jim Clayton (<i>training</i>)
Tellers		Terry Klinect
		Dick Metzgar



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.

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