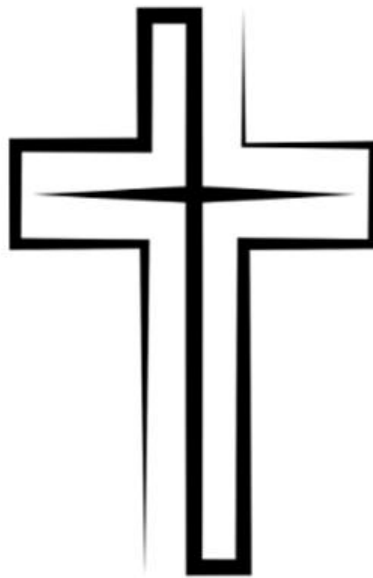


ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026
9:30 AM



Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found
in this bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing
and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are bold.
As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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PRELUDE

“Air” from Orchestral Suite #3 J.S.Bach

arr. by John Carter

All stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *

Joyful, joyful

Hymn 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *

Celebrant O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac

brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45: 11-18

Reader Let us recite Psalm 45 responsively by half verse.

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
 forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
 he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
 the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
 her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
 after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
 and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
 you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
 from one generation to another; *
 therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN **Help us, oh Lord*

Hymn 628

Verse 1 before the Gospel and 2 after the Gospel

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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THE GOSPEL *

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
 we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

After a period of silence, all stand or kneel, as able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH * *from the New Zealand Prayerbook*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * *from the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Intercessor Ever living and ever-loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence with us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor take and transform our societies—
that broken people find healing;
that lonely people find love;
that bitter people find peace;
that fearful people find hope.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor fill your church—that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that prayers
will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours; that our lives
will make a real difference to real people in the real world. We especially keep in
our prayers Rev. Stacy and the ministry of the lay people of Saint James'.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**

Intercessor fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**

Intercessor As we pray for those in our cycle of prayer_____.

Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud at this time.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All stand or kneel, as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.**

For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

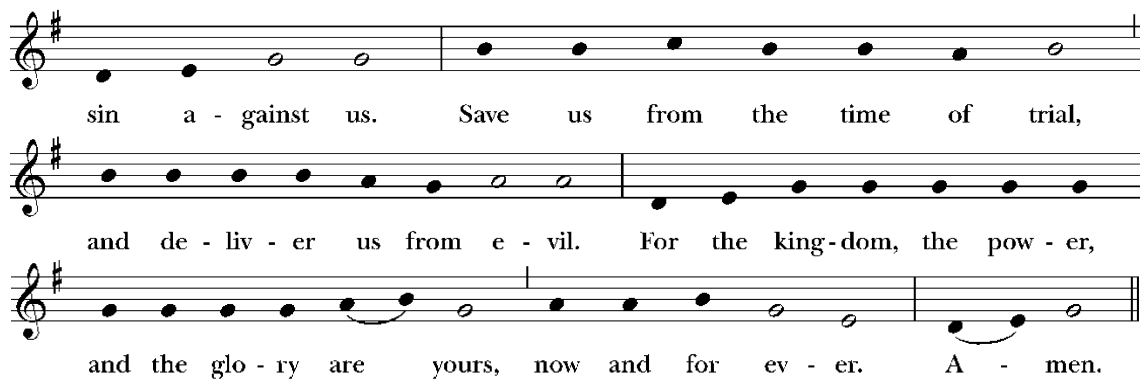
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



A period of silence is kept

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. A low-gluten option is available.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

LEVAS 151

One bread, — one bod-y, —
— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more, One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord.

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All stand, as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *

Celebrant Let us pray. **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *

CLOSING HYMN *

My country tis of thee

Hymn 717

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

THE DISMISSAL *

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE America the Beautiful. “Materna” Music: Samuel Ward setting by John Carter

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
An elevator is available near the office stairway.*

Sunday Service Team

Reader: Louise French

Intercessor: Janet Cook

Server: Joyce Wallace-Reed

Usher: Janet Cook

Altar Guild: Norma Amrhein & Joyce Wallace-Reed

Coffee Hour: Shannon Verbal & Sandy Perkins

Interim Priest: Rev Stacy Salles

Music Director: Dr. Gwangwon Park

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
In memory of Jack Frost by Julie Frost.

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