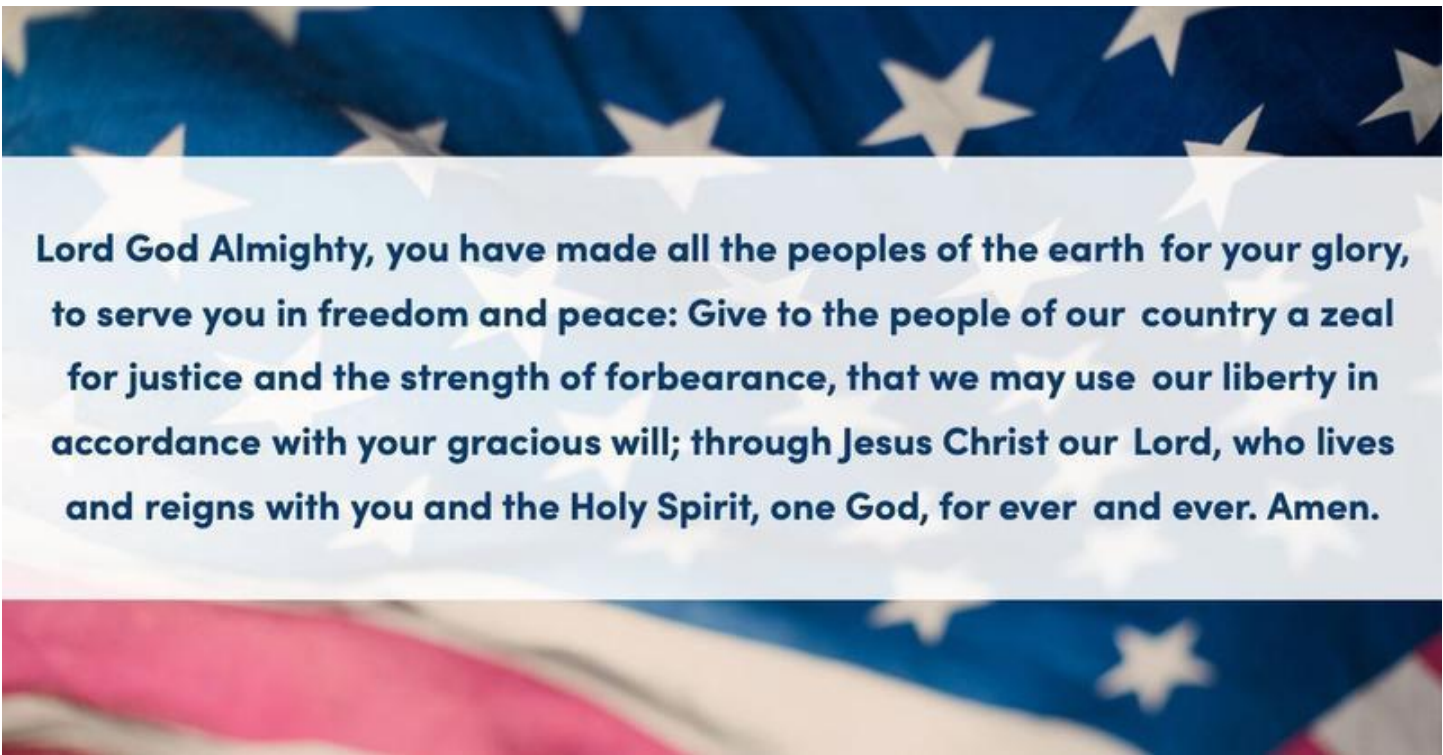


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Sanctuary fans are positioned to maximize coverage for overall comfort. When the fans are on, please leave them as they are. Move toward the center aisle if less wind is more comfortable for you.
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: go.mysjec.com/youtube



Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

10AM Worship with Communion – July 3, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost – Independence Day weekend



Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1 — Glenn Davidowich

2 — Skip Cole

3 — Eleanor Agnew

Eucharistic Minister Richard Hall

Rector (Pastor) The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Ammu Diane)

Worship Coordinator Tony Karl

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The candle display in front of the Sanctuary represents our grief and prayers for victims of gun violence.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt. Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George William Warren, 1892.

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN!**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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!**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

A Litany for Independence Day

Celebrant As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts:

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world...

All **For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation...**

Celebrant For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation...

All **For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all...**

Celebrant For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town...

- All* **For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and for those who paid by their sacrifice...**
- Celebrant* For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good...
- All* **For this land, with its peaks and valleys, forests and lakes, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows...**
- Celebrant* For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far...
- All* **Lord, we pray for The United States of America, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice, all as modeled by you.**
- Celebrant* That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray...
- All* **That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness...**
- Celebrant* That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them...
- All* **That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace...**
- Celebrant* Gracious God, Father of all nations: bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, increase in us your grace and compassion, and receive our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All* **AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Isaiah chapter 66, verses 10 through 14.

Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and bounced on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 66, verses 1 through 8.

All Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of God's Name; sing the glory of the Lord's praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name." Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful the Lord is toward all people. God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in the Lord. In might God rules for ever; and keeps watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against the Lord. Bless our God, you peoples; let the voice of praise be heard; Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Galatians chapter 6, verses 7 through 16.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

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

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

Celebrant The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Amma Diane

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Reader 3 In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.

Reader 3 For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Reader 3 For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Reader 3 For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.

Reader 3 For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader 3 For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.

People For all who serve God and God's Church.

Reader 3 For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader 3 We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All **AMEN!**

All who are able, please stand.

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.

Please be seated.

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries *Congregational sharing.*

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate.

We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

Celebrant 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.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant 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.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant 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:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant 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.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!**

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **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.

The Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to those present and those watching online and give instructions. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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!

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.

In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.

It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.

Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.

Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more
than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?

Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.

May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.

You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs
after worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.**

Our special offering in the month of July is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.



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July 3, 2022 – What is the Lambeth Conference?

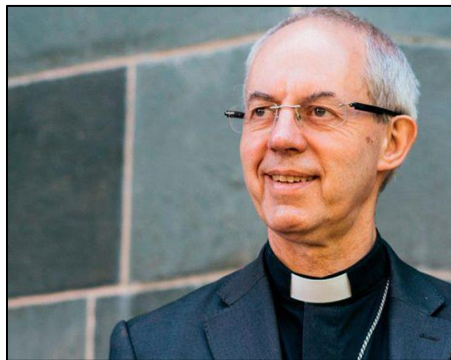
The Lambeth Conference will take place July 26 through August 8, 2022. Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, the conference is a gathering of bishops from across the worldwide Anglican Communion. Lambeth, a reference to the archbishop's residence in London where meetings were formerly held, generally occurs every ten years, though this summer's gathering will be the first since 2008. This year's conference will be the fifteenth since its first meeting in 1867, and will be held in Canterbury, England, at the University of Kent and Canterbury Cathedral.

Lambeth serves as one of the four "Instruments of Communion" (along with the Archbishop himself, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates' Meeting), designed to strengthen the relationships among the member churches of the Anglican Communion. It is a time for bishops from around the world – from Texas to Minnesota to southern Virginia to Australia to South Africa to Japan to Brazil – to come together for prayer and reflection, along with fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs.



The theme of this year's Lambeth Conference is "God's Church for God's World: walking, listening, and witnessing together." According to the Lambeth Conference website, the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st century world. Program themes of the conference will include mission and evangelism, Safe Church, communion, reconciliation, environment and sustainable development, Christian unity, interfaith relations, and discipleship. These themes all intersect with the priority areas of The Episcopal Church.

Over the next three weeks, you are encouraged to read about ways to connect and be a part of the Lambeth Conference journey through scripture, prayer, and ministry resources. If you would like to learn more about the Lambeth Conference, visit www.lambethconference.org.



The Most Reverend and Right Honorable
Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury,
convener of the Lambeth Conference