

# THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



SECOND HALF, SEPT 7 - NOV 23, 2025

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. This booklet contains all responses needed to participate in today's liturgy. People's responses are printed in **bold.** The bulletin printed on colored paper contains the day's readings and page numbers for hymn selections in the blue Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS).

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## THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as they are able and join in singing

OPENING HYMN

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**BCP 355** 

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Celebrant

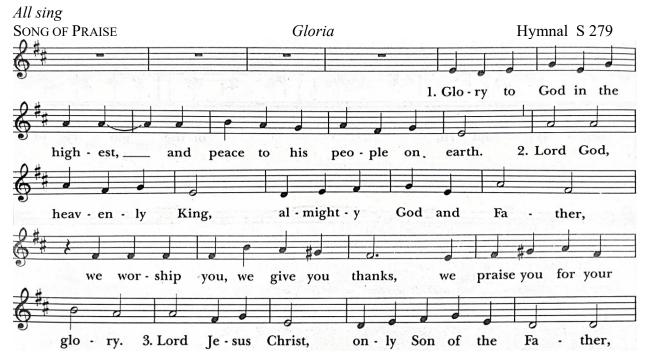
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

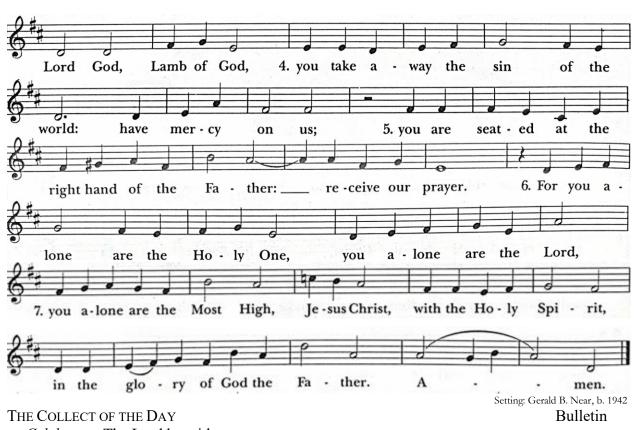
The celebrant says

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.





Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the collect found in the service bulletin.

People Amen.

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

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

All remain seated and join in chanting,

THE PSALM Bulletin

THE EPISTLE Bulletin

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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During the hymn, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to follow the banner to children's chapel. They will come back at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL Bulletin

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Concluding the Gospel, the Celebrant says,

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### THE SERMON

*All stand as they are able and say together,* The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

AllWe 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by Laura Dabundo and Linda Beggs

Leader Let us offer our prayers to God, who is full of compassion and mercy.

We pray for your holy Church around the world; for clergy and all who minister in your name.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

that your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for peace and understanding among nations,

for the healing of ancient grudges,

and for a spirit of reconciliation where division and hatred persist.

Break the chains of violence and make us instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless those who lead in government, both near and far.

Give them wisdom to seek the common good and courage to do what is right.

We pray for our neighborhoods, our schools, and all who share this life with us.

Strengthen us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Creator God, the earth is yours and all that is in it.

Teach us to care for the air, the land, the waters, and all living things

with reverence and responsibility.

Open our eyes to the beauty of your creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader

We pray for those who are poor, sick, disabled, suffering, anxious, separated from you, or in any kind of distress.

Surround them with your love, and give them strength, hope, and healing.

Be their light in the darkness.

We especially pray for those with recent concerns on our parish prayer list: (the Leader reads names), and those we name now, silently or aloud.

The people are invited to add names at this time. The Leader says,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer. People

Leader

We commend to your mercy all who have died,

that they may rest in your eternal peace.

We give thanks for the witness of St. James

and all the saints who have gone before us in faith.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

We especially pray for those who have died and those who grieve: (the Leader reads names), and those we name now, silently or aloud.

The people are invited to add names at this time. The leader says,

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and ever living God,

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.

People

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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 BCP 360

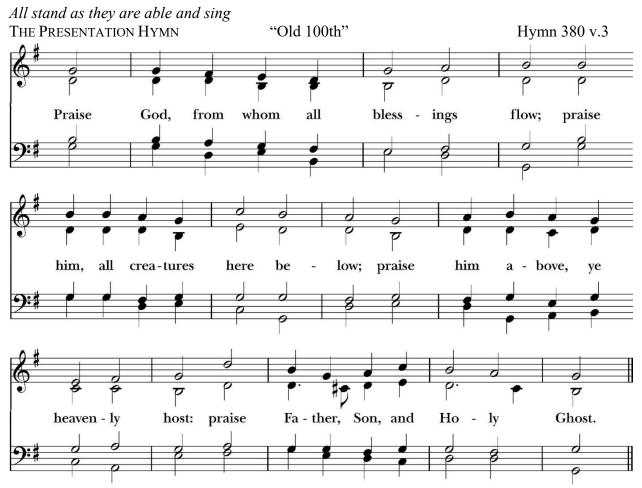
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant pronounces an offertory sentence.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM



Bulletin

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 God thanks and praise.

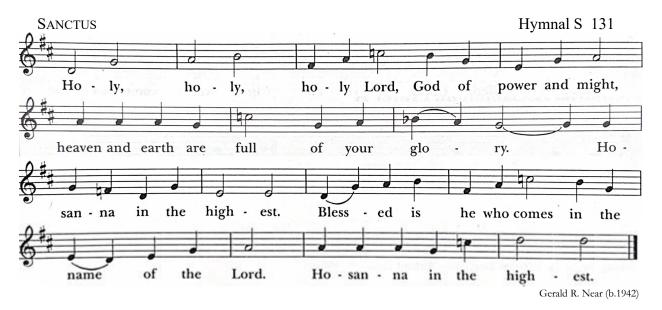
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you

called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

# Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, We give thanks to you, And we pray to you, Lord our God.

### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

THE GREAT AMEN Hymnal S146



McNeil Robinson II (b.1943)

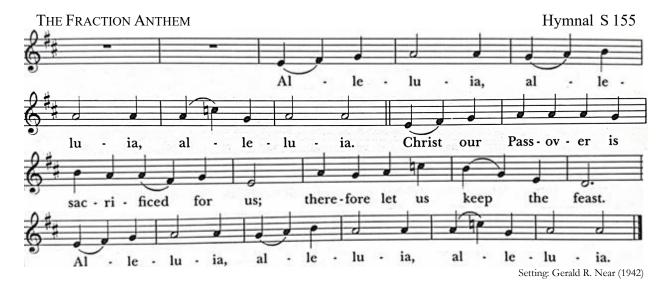
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung,



The Celebrant says the following Invitation:

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

If you would like a gluten-free wafer, tell the priest at the communion rail.

Please join the choir in singing the hymns during communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Bulletin

Standing or kneeling as you are able
Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

We send you forth to those of Christ's body who are unable to be with us in this place today, to share with them the body and blood of our Savior; the blessing cup which we share and the bread we break as one. May it be to those to whom you minister this day a sign of our love and unity with them as one body of which Jesus Christ is Head. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 366** 

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, shower abundant hospitality on friend and stranger alike, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

CLOSING HYMN Bulletin

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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The front cover displays hands at St. James being the hands of Jesus on earth. From top left to bottom right: sharing communion, crafting gifts for Reach Out Mental Health, preparing flowers for delivery to shut-ins, updating the parish prayer list, handing out the bulletin, serving communion at Sterling Estates, ringing the tower bells, typing messages for the parish, serving breakfast, sorting tee shirts for Reach Out Mental Health, making music with horn, hymnal, and keyboard, bearing the torch, Knitting for Charity, preparing the chalice for communion.

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