



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

10:45 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book);

Hymnal numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

PROPER 12

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 48

Please stand as you are comfortable.

“O day of radiant gladness”

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WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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

BCP 356

All **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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 231, PROPER 12

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 29: 15-28

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 128

BCP 783

The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of
your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:26-39

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he

also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable. As the Gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND CANON PATRICK FUNSTON

At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand as you are comfortable.

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: 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

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **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;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Please kneel or stand as you are comfortable.

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Presider 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.**

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.
After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

All God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union, and who blessed the partnership of this couple *(these couples)* remembering their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them 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 lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The announcement section concludes with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380 v. 3

Please stand as you are comfortable as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

“The Doxology”

OLD 100TH

Presider All things come of you, O Lord.

All And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth [...]

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:

SANCTUS

BCP 367

All 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 people stand or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love [...] Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
[...]By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

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 FRACTION

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

AGNUS DEI

All **Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 308

“O food to pilgrims given”

PSALM 6

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable.

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.**

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 432

"O praise ye the Lord!"

Laudate Dominum

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of God. Thanks to Creation Care members Joan Bledsoe and Diane Gossen for providing altar flowers from their gardens.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Canon Patrick Funston

The Reverend Audrey Miskelley

The Reverend Andy Houltberg

Archdeacon Jeff Roper

Jim Hess, Organist

Altar Guild of St. James

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Acolyte - Grace Berquist

Chalice - Adrienne Edwards

Lectors - Adrienne Edwards,
Vicky Petty

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

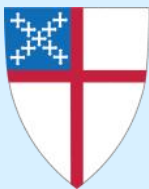
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Weekly Eucharist Services

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Adult Forum

Every Sunday at 9:45 am
(except second Sundays)

Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel

First Sunday of each month,
starting at 9:30 am

Youth Ministry

Sundays at 12:00 pm at St.
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WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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