

St. James Episcopal Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

November 1st, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Preludes: *{"Christian People, Raise Your Song"(Horn, arr. Alexander)}*
{"All Glory Be to God on High" (Zachau/Walther/Vetter)}

Processional Hymn 287: *For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen

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***

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria (S-280)*

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

The Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

First Lesson ~ Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

A I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
B I will glory in the Lord; *
Let the humble hear and rejoice.
Antiphon

A Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
Let us exalt his Name together.
B I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
And saved me from all my troubles.
Antiphon
A Look upon him and be radiant, *
And let not you faces be ashamed.
B I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
And saved me from all my troubles.
Antiphon

A The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
And he will deliver them.
B Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
Happy are they who trust in him!
Antiphon

A Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
For those who fear him lack nothing *.
A The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
But those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
B The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
And none will be punished who trust in him.
Antiphon

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 656: ***Blest Are the Pure in Heart*** *(vv. 1-3 before; vv. 4 after)*

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

3 he to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The Sermon *The Rev'd Thomas Trees*

Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

We believe 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 Rite II, Form VI (BCP 392)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For **Donald, our President, Ron, our Governor, Allyson, our Mayor** and for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For **Sean, our presiding Bishop, Justin, our Bishop; Tom our Rector; Sebastiana our Priest Associate and Art our Deacon** and for all Bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

We ask your protection for all who serve in harm's way, our Armed Forces, firefighters, officers of the law, and all who protect us.

Silence
The people may add their own petitions

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially, **Ronnie Young, Nancy Young, Jan West, Bob Tindall, Deena West, Joe Brahnam, Charles Johnson, Lorraine Johnson, Brenda Horner, Sue Greenwood, Aubrey Honeycut, Joseph Welsh, Jim Walworth, Bill & Nancy Boyer, Alex Biby, and Martha Biby.**

Your own intercessions are invited at this time, either aloud or in the privacy of your hearts.

(Pause for 10-15 seconds)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and we offer our thanksgivings for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week, **Gordon Ziegelman, Debbie Saylor, Alana Goodman, Bill Hughes, Dan Robuck III, Gordon Roeglin, Catherine Holt, Patricia Bailey, Payton Kelley, Mary Berry, Diane Brannon,** and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, **Joel and Leanne Trees**.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray to you for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

The Peace
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory: ***St. James Chor: "The Beatitudes" (Eicker)***
with Nancy Moran, Piano, and Lara Lahey, Directing

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

	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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord *(Mass of Creation)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us
for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become
subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again. *(Mass of Creation)*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, AMEN, AMEN.
AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. *(Mass of Creation)*

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

People and Celebrant

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace. (*Mass of Creation*)

Communion Hymn 593: *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

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 Celebrant says the Blessing:

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in in the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, now and always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 293: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God—and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: {*"Trumpet Voluntary on 'Festal Song'" (Berghout)*}

All Saints Day – 8 a.m. Service

Stephen Peter Kupferberg
Melissa Ann Kupferberg
Charles F. & Charlotte Z. Johnson
L. Lee & Dorothea Kupferberg
John & Dottee Engel
Anthony & Rose Genella
James Robinson
Nadine Millett
Elwood Millett
Constance Millett
Gary Halousek
John Brisach
Myra Jane Davis
Joan & Ike Saylor
Nancy & Pete Suter
Evelyn Holzer
Patty Cerone
Lee & Clara Taylor
Joe R. & Augusta Branham
Ed Bremer
Dot, Evan & Robert Cameron
Beverly Caswell
Kathy Gustafson
Ellie Monaco
Beverly Caswell
Rev. Joseph Dunne
John E. Engel
Richard & Valerie LaRocca
Bart & Anna Maura
Vincenzo & Philomena Genella
Nellie Manley
Curtis Manley
Giles Manley
Edward Johns
Shirley Johns
Harry Nann
Margaret Lindsey Robuck
Margaret & Horace Robuck
Bessie & George Hammock
George Lee Singeltary
Mary Singeltary O'Grady
Harry Giarratana
Carmen Giarratana
Leroy & Jenny Ruth Sofield
John & Martha Sayben

All Saints Day – 10:15 a.m. Service

Thomas & Nina Steidley
Thurlow & Cleo Galyon
Earl & Carol Smith
Herbert & Julia Tindall
Jack Bryant
Jane Bryant
Maria Delgado
Larry Bonofiglio
Russell Crane
Genevive Crane
Gary Crane
Sharon Crane Smith
Tom & Sue Abernatha
Chris & Jim
Dorothy Goodness
Ernest Goodness Jr.
Ernie Goodness III
Caitlin Mary Curran
Elena & Vernon Dudley
Paul, Sharon & Claire Dudley
Alyce & Herbert Annis
Herlinda Figueras
Rose M. Fernandez
Sister Ursula
Poppa Perry
Henry Mattear
John & Georgina Best
Dorothy Crabb Heald
Parents, Doug
John Robinson
Sarah Sisson
Paul Sisson
Reeder Lee Risner
Lonel Woods
Geoffrey & Ellen Binneveld
John & Dorothy Northcott
David & Deborah Warner
Jeffrey W. Thompson
Marianne Beck
Kathryn Knight
Henry "Hank" Boudreau Jr.
Madeeline & Henry Boudreau Sr.
Lucille & William Meara Sr.
Robert & Lucille Cyrus
Horace & Marguerite Gray
James Noble Burr
Janet Burr
Rick Davis
Paul Tolvo
Bob & Ruth Tolvo
Leo Reuter
Hank Fischer
John & Dot Northcott
Alan Goodman
Salvatore Pastore
Fr. Charles Hay
Roger & Doris Hay
Grandmother June
Douglas Springmann Sr
Florence Taylor Springmann
Colin Hassett
Ignazio Gagliano
Emelia Gagliano
Lila Bradford
Florence Clay
Thom Weekley
Phyllis Matthews
Peter Fredrick West
Mary Alice & Sydney Herlong
Jed Johnson
Dale Jandzinski
Ric Stone
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kindel Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. William Buxton
Bob & Catherine Krauss
Stella Hope
George Donaldson
Kathy Billington
Kurt Cessna
Fr Ron Peak
Pratt Carter
Dottie Elliott
Bob Fiebke
Nadine Millett
Paul Smigel
Beryl Stokes
Buddy Bourlay
Donna Tweedle
Ron Vedder
Florence Deeley
Georgiana Morris
Shirley Howard
Betty Elaine Autrey West
Sister Mary Gregory West
PVBM
Barbara Crawford
Merl "Rudy" Crawford
Jeannie Hartman
Fritz Hartman
Jane Saylor
John Saylor

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant: **[Visitor]** *take these Holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood.*

People: **We send you forth in the name of St. James bearing these Holy gifts, so that those to whom you go may experience with us the majesty and mystery of his presence through the sharing of the bread and wine. May you carry the prayers of us all.**

Celebrant: We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

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