



# *St. James Episcopal Church*

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## *Feast of St. James*

*Order of Worship  
July 26th, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.*

**Preludes:**     *“Jesus Christ, Friend and Savior” (Converse/ Thompson, arr. Williams)*  
                  *“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” (Dykes, arr. Held)*

**Processional Hymn 551:**     *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
Have done with lesser things,  
give heart and soul and mind and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
His kingdom tarries long:  
Lord, bring the day of truth and love  
and end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod;  
and quickened by the Spirit's power,  
rise up, ye saints of God!

*Celebrant*     Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People*        And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever

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**

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| <i>The Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i>        | And also with you.    |
| <i>Celebrant</i>     | Let us pray.          |

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 45:1-5**

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, “Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.” Thus you shall say to him, “Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.”

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| <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> | <i>Thanks be to God.</i> |
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## **Psalm 7:1-10**

1 O Lord my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O Lord, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O Lord, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O Lord, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

### **The Epistle        Acts 11:27-12:3**

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Gospel Hymn 232    *By All Your Saints Still Striving* (vv. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)**

1 By all your saints still striving,  
For all your saints at rest,  
Your holly Name, O Jesus  
For evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
That they might wear the crown  
And ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

2 O Lord, for James, we praise you,  
who fell to Herod's sword.  
He drank the cup of suffering  
and thus fulfilled your word.  
Lord, curb our vain impatience  
for glory and for fame,  
equip us for such sufferings  
as glorify your Name.

3 Then let us praise the Father  
and worship God the Son  
and sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
till all the ransomed number  
who stand before the throne  
Ascribe all power and glory  
and praise to God alone.

## **The Gospel                      Matthew 20:20-28**

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

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

**The Sermon**                      *The Deacon Art Hollows*

## **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 Form III (BCP 387)**

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;  
*That we may all be one.*

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

We pray for **Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Tom our Rector, Sebastiana our Priest Associate and Art our Deacon**, and for all bishops, priests and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for **Donald our President, Ron our Governor, and Allyson our Mayor**, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

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

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

We especially remember **Kristen Daley, Cheryl Dudley, Alexis Dunmire, Wylie Hill, Jim Hooper, Jim Gustafson, Bonnie Kern, Sam Kingsbury, Jo Lake, Gabie Millett, Jim Mitchell Lynn Olsen, & Jan West.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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

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

We offer our thanksgivings for both the newly born, especially **John Thomas Trees**, and for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week, especially, **Winnie Tucker (26<sup>th</sup>), Heather Waters (27<sup>th</sup>), Marti Doty (28<sup>th</sup>), Clark Leips (28<sup>th</sup>), Kara Pearson (28<sup>th</sup>) and Sandi Nolan (31<sup>st</sup>)** and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage this week especially **Gordon & Sue Roeglin (27<sup>th</sup>), Bill & Becky Binneveld (29<sup>th</sup>), Bill & Robin Cauthen (31<sup>st</sup>) and Bob & Rita Clements (31<sup>st</sup>).**

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

*The Celebrant concludes with the following Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*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:**    *“There Is a Redeemer” (Green)*

**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*

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|                  | The Lord be with you                      |
| <i>People</i>    | And also with you                         |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts                       |
| <i>People</i>    | We lift them to the Lord                  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God    |
| <i>People</i>    | 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** *Sanctus (S-130)*

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

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*

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 343:**                    *Shepherd of Souls*

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,  
but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding-place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

*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 524:     *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord***

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer saved

with his own precious blood.

2 For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

3 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

4 Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

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

**Postlude:**     ***“Festal Song”*** (Walter, arr. Berghout)

**Altar and Madonna Flowers** reserved by Deacon Art Hollows in loving memory of his late wife.

**Sanctuary Candle** reserved by Linda Weekley in loving memory of Thom Weekley.

### **SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

*Celebrant: Wendy, please 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.*

Wendy Krauss is **taking Eucharist to Charlie & Lorraine Johnson**

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