



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026



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Welcome!

Wonderful to be worshipping with you today. If you're new to St. James, I invite you to take a moment to fill out one of the CONNECT cards in the pew. You can give it to an usher or simply place in the offering plate on your way out. If you do, I will be in touch to answer any questions you might have about St. James, and I would love to learn more about you, too.

Thank you for being here. Our celebration of God's work in the world today is made that much better by your presence.

Peace,



Please silence your mobile phone.



Child care for children up to 3 years old is available in the nursery across the breezeway in the Parish Hall building.



Assisted-hearing devices are available from the ushers.



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The Holy Eucharist

According to the Book of Common Prayer

+ said or sung by the congregation

Prelude

Dolcezza

Percy W. Whitlock

The Word of God

As the bell is rung, please stand for the hymn in procession.

+Hymn In Procession - No. 372

Praise to the Living God!

The Opening Acclamation

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

+And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

+Gloria - No. S278

William Mathias



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
+And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have

set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **+Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

**+2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

**+4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**+6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

**+8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your Name.

**+10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

**+17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

During the following hymn, children ages 4 and older are invited to Children's Chapel, returning at the peace.

+Sequence Hymn - No. 537

Christ for the World We Sing!

◆Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel

◆Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also

will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

+Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jerald W. Hyché

Please stand as you are able.

+The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

+That we all may 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 Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our
Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, the Bishops
of Texas; Jerald, our Rector; and for all bishops and ministers;

**+That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our president, 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.

Give to 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.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**+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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
+And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Music at the Offertory

Four Variations on Simple Gifts
arr. John Carter

Please stand.

+The Doxology

The Eighth Tune

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

+We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

+It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

+Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

+By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

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

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.

+By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

+The Sanctus - No. S125

Proulx

***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.***

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

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,

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

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob 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.

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

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. **+AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**+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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

+Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.

To receive the sacrament, either bread and wine or bread alone, come forward as directed by the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail.

To receive the bread: extend your open hands, palm up.

For a gluten-free wafer: hold one arm across your chest.

To receive the wine: when the chalice is offered, guide it to your lips and take a small sip, or you may intinct (i.e., dip the wafer into the chalice).

For a blessing only: cross both arms across your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

+Hymn at Communion - No. 315

Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

**+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 Blessing

+Hymn in Procession - No. 535

Ye Servants of God

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God.

Coffee hour

After worship in the parish hall; hosted today by Mission Team
Come, make connections, have a cup of refreshment!

YOU, ME

and the **BCP**

Exploring The Book of Common Prayer

9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall

June 7

Opening the other 'goode booke': A thousand uses

Led by Fr. Jerald

June 14

Praying Together: A common voice

Led by Fr. Jerald

TODAY

Praying Alone: An uncommon word

Led by Travis Wernecke

Wednesday Worship

Through July 1

Morning Prayer

9 a.m. in the church

Contemplative Prayer

6 p.m. in the church

Art Camp VBS 2026

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9 a.m. to noon

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**Christ
Is Alive!**

Giving campaign surpasses goal!

Our special, Easter season giving campaign has surpassed our goal of \$100,000! With two weeks left in the campaign, we have collected more than \$107,000 in contributions and pledges! A big **THANK YOU** to all who have joined the campaign to make this happen!

For those who haven't pledged/given yet...you still can, and your participation will further shore up St. James' mission and ministry. The campaign continues through June 30. For more information, contact Senior Warden John Rothwell at management@stjames-conroe.com.

Please submit your campaign envelope either by mail or during church services, or you can pledge and/or give quickly and securely online – just click the **GIVING tab on the church website: stjamesconroe.org.**

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