



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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.



We give thanks to Carter's Florist for generously providing our altar flowers each week. If you would like to make a donation to defray other worship expenses and commemorate a special day or someone, contact the Church Office or click GIVE on the church website.

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The Holy Eucharist

According to the Book of Common Prayer

+ said or sung by the congregation

Prelude

Faith of Our Fathers

Michael Burkhardt

The Word of God

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

+Hymn In Procession - No. 48

O Day of Radiant Gladness

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

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church;
and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect

and govern it always by your goodness; 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 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7,16

for Israel,

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;

give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

+2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**+4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

**+6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

**+16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ— I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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. 309

O Food to Pilgrims Given

◆Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel

◆Verse 3 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

+Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Wendy Wilkerson

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 for 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 Celebrant adds a concluding collect

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

How Beautiful, arr. Mark Hayes

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. 318

Here, O my Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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. 690

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God.

Coffee hour

After worship in the parish hall

Hosted today by the Ushers

today

Birthday blessings

Today we offer a prayer of blessing for those celebrating birthdays during the current month. These special blessings are offered at the announcements during the service and are available to anyone present.

Picture day!

Don't have your photo in the church directory?
Need to update the one that's there? Get your photo taken in the parish hall after worship!

next sunday, august 9

Anniversary blessings

Next Sunday we will offer a prayer of blessing for those celebrating wedding anniversaries during the current month.

**Christ
Is Alive!**

Giving campaign celebration!

Our special, Easter season giving campaign surpassed our goal, with more than \$107,000 in contributions and pledges! To celebrate, we will hear from leaders of the parish about this campaign's impact on the parish's mission and

ministry, along with a special celebration reception after worship.

THANK YOU to all who joined the campaign to make this happen!
Christ is alive, indeed, at St. James!

Blessing of the backpacks

All students — including friends and neighbors — are invited to bring their backpacks or book bags to church in order to receive a blessing in the context of worship. Teachers will also be recognized and receive a blessing!



coming up



St. James Program Year Kickoff

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, August 30

beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing after worship

Join us for a ministry fair in the parish hall, where every ministry opportunity at St. James — from acolytes to outreach — will be represented and celebrated, with information about how YOU can get connected to God and others through ministry at St. James.

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