

## *ABOUT OUR WORSHIP*

Every Sunday we meet in person for worship and live stream our service on our Facebook page for those who are not yet comfortable coming into public spaces. Join us in person or on our Facebook page at St. James' Lake George.

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 9:00 am

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*Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.*

*Please use this Service Leaflet along with the Hymnal to join our hearts  
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Proclamation: He is risen!**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

There is one Body and one Spirit

**People** There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** One God and Father of all.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to

the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous.

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord is triumphed!

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: The strife is o’er, the battle done**

**Hymnal 208**

**Holy Gospel**

John 20:1-8

*All stand.*

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Laura Miller

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents:* I present Bailey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Bailey:* I do.

*The Celebrant then asks the parents and godparents:*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God’s help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God’s help.

*The Celebrant then asks the following questions*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil power of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Bailey in her life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*Celebrant* Let us join with Bailey, who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended in to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor  
as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect  
the dignity of every human being.

*People* I will with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*All remain standing. The celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Bailey who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your  
Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again  
in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the  
beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in  
Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was  
anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and  
resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his  
death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come  
to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who  
here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus  
Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*Celebrant* Bailey, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed  
upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of  
grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning  
heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you and the gift  
of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Bailey, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for  
ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem: Jesus Christ is risen today!**

**Hymnal 207**

## The Doxology

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

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing (if able).*

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

**The Sanctus:**

**Hymnal S125**

*The people remain standing (if able) and the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

#### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion at God's holy table.*

#### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: Christ is alive!

Hymnal 182

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

#### Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: Come ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

#### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Music with permission CCLI # 1152334*

#### *Welcome to worship*

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* or *Our* from the bell tower window to use in your daily prayers.

# *Easter Flowers, 2026*

## *Given By*

Betsy Birchenough

The Bovair & Tucker Families

Jeremy & Rebecca Bradway

Elizabeth Close & Family

Scott & Jennifer Cudney

Patricia Dow & Family

Elaine Hersey

Judith Hillis

Gary & Michele Hotko

## *In loving memory of...*

Bob Birchenough

Peter Bovair  
Todd Tucker  
Owen Harrington  
Phil Johnson  
Robert & Andre Johnson

Robert & Louella Bradway  
Phyllis Shuler  
*In Thanksgiving for:*  
Alanna Bradway

Barbara Lockhart Thompson

Fay Cudney  
Jency Cudney  
Candace Kelly  
Al Bantham  
Helen Bantham  
Fred Lethbridge, Jr.

Bill Dow  
Jeanette Weber  
Heinz Weber  
Lynn Webster  
Geneva Robinson

Alan Huggard

William Hillis

Carol & Ben Molldrem  
Maude A. Rahm  
Frank & Alice Hotko  
Frank D. Hotko  
Roger Haugen  
*In Thanksgiving for:*  
Our children & grandchildren  
Knit Wits  
Mtr. Laura & Deacon Barb

## *Given By*

Marie Huggard

Sue-Lynn Johnson

John & Susan Joseph

Apryl & David Kingsley

Steve & Kitty Lobban

Bonnie Magno

Mick & Dori McDonald

The Rev. Laura Miller

The Rev. Laura & Larry Miller

Barbara A. Mitchell

## *In loving memory of...*

Wanda Conrad

Phillip Johnson  
Robert & Andree Johnson  
Owen Harrington  
Frank & Jessie Lockhart

Norma Stark  
Florence Joseph

## *In Thanksgiving*

Sam & Grace Verbeck  
Tim Verbeck  
Donald & Barbara Lobban  
*In Thanksgiving for*  
Our grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren

Alex Magno  
Robert & Martha Love

Obie & Barbara Smith  
Shelley McDonald  
Mickey & Helen McDonald  
Heather Smith  
Norm Martindale  
Linda Petteys  
Butch Doty

Bob Birchenough  
Al Huggard

Robert & Beverly Bolton  
Dolly Miller Benedict

Jimmy & Pearl Mitchell  
James & Janet Mitchell  
Vickie Mitchell  
Michael Mitchell, Jr.  
Donald "Babe" Mitchell  
Mary "Bunny" Mitchell  
Jim & Dot Bentley  
E. Victor & Adele Boyd

## *Given By*

(Barbara A. Mitchell cont.)

## *In loving memory of...*

Mathew Cieslinski  
Henry & Helen Doyle  
Tom & Shirley Doyle  
Charles J. Barrow  
Mark Doyle  
Joan Dillon  
Shirley Dutcher

*In Thanksgiving for:*  
Mtr. Laura & Larry

Deacon Barb & Dave Mitchell

Elizabeth & James Mitchell  
Bea Speedy  
Donald Harppinger  
Joan Cestaro  
Karen Sandburg

Charles H. Tuttle, II

Members of the Tuttle Family

Angela Wallace-McGowan

Louella & Robert Bradway  
Robert Bradway, Jr.  
Dianne Godfrey  
Danielle Hammond  
Scott Ellis  
Mac Morey  
Al Huggard

*In Thanksgiving for:*  
James & Alex Wallace  
Jaxsen McGowan  
Aries Hammond  
BJ Green  
Donna Baker  
Barry Bradway

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

### *This week at St. James'*

**Today:** Please join us for a festive coffee hour after the service.

**The office is closed this week.** If there is an emergency, call Mtr. Laura at 845-332-6092

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** Community dinner at Sacred Heart at 5 pm.

### *Weekly at St. James'*

**AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm** in the parish Hall.

**Monday & Tuesday:** Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

**Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall** from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

**Saturdays:** Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

### *Coming soon...*

**May 16, Saturday** - Community Block Party. We will have a bake sale and hospitality inside. Beaver Cross will be here with axe throwing. Tickets for Saturday BBQ and Sunday Pancake breakfast in the office. Volunteers needed!

**May 17, Sunday, 10 AM** Community worship service followed by All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Caldwell.

**May 31 - June 11** - Lake George Music Festival

**June 7<sup>th</sup>,** Bishop Jeremiah will be here.

## *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Mexico and for the Diocese of Hawaii. In our Diocese we pray for All Saints in Hoosick and St. Mark's Church in Hoosick Falls.

We pray for protection and keeping for Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Jill, Jennifer, Kathy, David, Danny, Sue, Mary, Matt, Ken, Tim, Pearson, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Duane, Jamie, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Marie Huggard who celebrates a birthday this week.