

The Sermon

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The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Offertory: I sing a song of the saints of God

Hymnal 293

The Doxology

**THE PRAYERS**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Suffrages A

BCP 97

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Second Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Recessional: For all the Saints (vs 3-4)

Hymnal 287

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Bovair by Tiffany & Todd Tucker*

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*Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Officiant	Michele Molldrem-Hotko, MP	The Rev. Dcn. Barb Mitchell
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*24th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 26*

*November 3, 2024, 9:00 am*

*Morning Prayer, Rite II*

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

Please use this Service Leaflet along with your

Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts

and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Processional: For all the Saints (vs 1-2)

Hymnal 287

Opening Sentence

BCP 77

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

Alleluia: The Lord is glorious in his saints: Come let us adore him.

The Venite

BCP 82

Psalm 146

BCP 803

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die - there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

### Canticle 19

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### The Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

**Gradual Hymn: If thou but trust in God to guide Hymnal 635**

### The Third Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself", - this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## *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* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

## *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We give thanks for the church in Bermuda, and for the dioceses of Virginia and Washington, DC. In our Diocese we ask God's blessing and favor on St. Matthew's in Unadilla, and for Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, 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 Kitty, Bill, Sally, Carol, Ari, Jack, Al, Joe, Judy, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Bob, Susi, Dori, Jackie, Vicki, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We give thanks for the healing of Seth.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry as they lead St. James': Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Richard Morehouse who celebrates a birthday this week, and for Todd & Tiffany Tucker who celebrate an anniversary.

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

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

**Today:** Join us for coffee hour after the service.

**Daylight savings ended today** - did you remember to set your clock back 1 hour.

**Chosen Bible Study:** Season 4, Final Episode, Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. We will have a light dinner and watch an episode, have a discussion, and end with Compline.

**Episcopal Relief & Development** is helping with the victims of Hurricane Helene. You can send donations to Episcopal Relief & Development, 815 Second Ave, New York, NY 10017.

### *Weekly at St. James'*

**AA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and 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 4:30-5:30 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...*

**Shoebboxes - due by Nov 17!** Christmas is right around the corner - now is the time to start collecting supplies for the Shoebox Ministry. We can also use toothbrushes, combs, small notebooks, story books, travel games, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, etc.

**Skinner benefit organ concert,** Sunday November 17 at 4 PM.