

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

Post Communion Hymn: God of Mercy, God of Grace Hymnal 538
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing
Recessional: Onward Christian Soldiers (omit *) Hymnal 562*
The Dismissal

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dot & Jim Bently by Barbara A. Mitchell

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	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Steve & Kitty Lobban	Steve & Kitty Lobban
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Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, 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: America, the beautiful Hymnal 719
The Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Sentence BCP 355
The Gloria S280, BCP 356
The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading: Revelation to John 21:10,22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks

BCP 675

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Confession of Sin

The Peace

The Rev. Laura Miller

BCP 358

BCP 387

BCP 360

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: All things bright and beautiful

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal 405

BCP 367

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*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.

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 the Dioceses of Massachusetts and Maryland. In our Diocese we pray for Emanuel Church in Little Falls, St. Mark's Church in Malone, St. John's Church in Massena, and we remember those who died in service to our country.

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 Pearson, Grace, Pat, Rick, Dinah, Heidi, Charles, Clark, David, Nina, Apryl, Bill, Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, 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 pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

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.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

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

May 29-31: Americade parking event. Please sign up for a shift.

Quilt raffle tickets on sale now! Drawing 10/11/25. \$5 per ticket, or buy 4 tickets for \$20 and get 2 more free! See the quilt in the Parish Hall

Paper goods needed: Paper towels.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd 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...

June 8 -19: Lake George Music Festival

July 30: Deanery wide picnic at the Hatchery Pond Park in Warrensburg. 5-8 pm. See Dcn. Barb to help.