

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Alleluia, sing to Jesus                      Hymnal 460  
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B                      BCP 367  
The Sanctus                      S125, BCP 367  
The Lord's Prayer                      BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread

*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: How bright appears                      Hymnal 497  
Post Communion Prayer                      BCP 365  
The Blessing

Recessional: All hail the power of Jesus (vs 4-6)                      Hymnal 450\*  
The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Jimmy & Janet Mitchell, Jr. by Barbara A. Mitchell*

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*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter* *Sunday after Ascension*

*June 1, 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: All hail the power of Jesus (vs 1-3)                      Hymnal 450\*  
Opening Sentence                      BCP 355  
The Gloria                      S280, BCP 356  
The Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. AMEN.

### First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we (Paul and his traveling companions) were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost

cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

#### **Psalm 97**

**BCP 726**

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

#### **Second Reading: Revelation to John 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

Jesus said, 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

#### **Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks**

**Hymnal 178**

#### **The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26**

Jesus prayed for his disciples and then he said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

#### **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  
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### *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Myanmar, and the Dioceses of Michigan and Milwaukee, WI. In our Diocese we pray for St. Luke's in Mechanicville, Trinity Chapel in Morley, and for all clergy as they attend the Clergy Conference this week.

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 Carol, Ella, 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.

**Thanks to all who helped with Americade.**

**Father's Day, June 15,** Please bring in a picture of your dad, grandfather or influential man in your life to share during our coffee hour on Father's Day.

**June 8 -19:** Lake George Music Festival - We will be hosting lunches each day for the musicians. See Kitty or Betsy to help.

**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 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...*

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

### *Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Steve & Kitty Lobban	Jim & Phyllis Foster
Lay Reader	Scott Cudney	Betsy Birchenough
Intercessor	Bonnie Magno	Kit Huggard