

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

Post Communion Hymn: Blessed Jesus at thy word Hymnal 440

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: The God of Abraham praise (vs 4-5) Hymnal 401\*

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Timothy Verbeck  
by Kitty & Steve Lobban*

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### *Worship & Ministry Leaders*

|               | Today                | Next Week            |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Usher/Greeter | Jim & Phyllis Foster | Steve & Kitty Lobban |
| Lay Reader    | Bonnie Magno         | Scott Cudney         |
| Intercessor   | Kitty Lobban         | Bonnie Magno         |

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *6th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11*

*July 20, 2025, 9:00 am*

### *Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament*

*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: The God of Abraham praise (vs 1-3) Hymnal 401\***

Opening Sentence BCP 355

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria S280, BCP 356

The Collect

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **First Reading: Genesis 18: 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

**Psalms 15****BCP 599**

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28**

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the

hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**Gradual Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace Hymnal 538****The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**The Sermon****The Rev. Dcn. Barb Mitchell**

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

**THE HOLY COMMUNION****Offertory: Immortal, Invisible, God only wise****Hymnal 423**

The Prayer before Eucharist

BCP 397

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.

### *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Scotland, and the Dioceses of North Carolina and North Dakota. In our Diocese we pray for Trinity Church in Rensselaerville, and for all clergy spouses and families.

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 Frank, Sarah, Tim, Donna, Kevin, Mtr. Nancy, Mtr. Sue, Pearson, Dinah, Heidi, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, Holly, 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: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Robert Glandon and Michele Hotko who celebrate birthdays this week.

### *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.

**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

**International Workers** Dinners continue each Tuesday in July at 5 pm. See Kitty to volunteer.

**Thursday fireworks parking.** See Kitty for the sign-up sheets!

### *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. Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

**ADK Nationals Parking event:** September 4-6. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

**Diocesan Convention:** October 9-11 at Christ the King Center.

**Octoberfest Parking:** October 10-11. Sign-up sheets will be available later this summer.