

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

Post Communion Hymn: My God, thy table

Hymnal 321

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: Tell out my soul

Hymnal 437

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Donald "Babe" and Mary "Bunny" Mitchell  
by Barbara A. Mitchell*

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### *Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Jim & Phyllis Foster	Kitty & Steve Lobban
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Intercessor	Kitty Lobban	Bonnie Magno

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17*

*August 31, 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 my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

The Gloria

S280, BCP 356

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. AMEN.

### First Reading: Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

### Psalms 112

BCP 755

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Gradual Hymn: How wondrous and great**

**Hymnal 533**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your

host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**The Sermon**

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form IV

The Confession of Sin

The Peace

**The Rev. Laura Miller**

BCP 358

BCP 388

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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee**

**Hymnal 376**

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.

### *To keep in your prayers*

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in the Southern Cone of America, and the Dioceses of Rio Grande and Rochester, NY. In our Diocese we pray for St. Stephen's in Schenectady, Church of the Holy Spirit in Schenectady, and for all students beginning school this week.

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 Chris, Austyn, Andrea, Gil & Sophie, Barbara, Robin & Michael, Mtr. Julie, Ken, Tim, Donna, Pearson, Dinah, Heidi, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, 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: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Angela Wallace-McGowan who celebrates a birthday today.

### *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.

**ADK Nationals Parking event:** September 4-6. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Sign up for a fun 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

**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...*

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

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

**November 2:** Daylight savings time ends - clocks go back 1 hour.

**Shoebox Ministry:** Begin collecting things now! There is a list of requests and a box for donations in the Parish Hall.