

Worship & Ministry Leaders

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20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25

October 26, 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: I sing the almighty power of God **Hymnal 378**
Opening Sentence BCP 355
The Gloria S280, BCP 356
The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Psalms 84:1-6 **BCP 707**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
 it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
 6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn: How wondrous and great **Hymnal 533**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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
 BCP 360
 BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: How lovely is thy dwelling place **Hymnal 517**

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: Humbly I adore Thee **Hymnal 413**
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing
Recessional: All my hope on God is founded **Hymnal 665**
 The Dismissal

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

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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 Cuba, and the Dioceses of Utah and Vermont. In our Diocese we pray for all church wardens and vestries.

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 Karen Ann, Matt, Raydene, Fr. Frank & Misty, Barbara, Ken, Tim, Pearson, Dinah, Heidi, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, 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 Bonnie Magno and Phyllis Foster 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.

The Chosen Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 5:30. Come join us for a simple dinner, an episode of *The Chosen*, and discussion.

Wednesday After Care for Elementary Students (ACES) Program is really exciting and fun - please contact Mtr. Laura to see how you can help.

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

Paper products needed: We need 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...

November 9 - we will have a special service and coffee hour to honor the veterans in our parish.

Community dinner, November 12 at 5 at Sacred Heart, host is the Holiday Inn.

Daughters of the King is requesting your help. Wow! What a response from all of you! Thanks!!! Items are needed before Thanksgiving.

Shoebox Ministry: Needed now: plastic shoe boxes and postage \$10/box. Our packing date will be November 16th!

Saturday, December 6th: Christmas Open House at the rectory, 1-4 pm. Ugly sweater contest!