Post Communion Hymn: My shepherd will supply **Hymnal 664**
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing
Recessional: Rejoice the Lord is King **Green Hymnal 342**
The Dismissal

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	Today	Next Week
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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026, 9:00 am, Proper 23

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Bulletin 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: Christ whose glory fills the skies **Hymnal 7**
Opening Sentence BCP 355
The Gloria S280, BCP 356
The Collect
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23 **BCP 476**

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gradual Hymn: Take my life and let it be **Hymnal 707**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Sermon **The Rev. Laura Miller**

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: Rejoice ye pure in heart (vs 1-4) **Hymnal 556***
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

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.

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Barundi, and for the Dioceses of Texas and Upper South Carolina. In our Diocese we pray for the healing ministry at Christ the King Center, and for all clergy spouses and families.

We pray for protection and keeping for Victor, Curtis, 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 Mindy, Brittany, Mtr. Laura, Elliott, Justin, Jane, Frank, Susan, Ron, Harry, Edward, Steve, Richard, Austyn, Matt, Pearson, Clark, Duane, 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: Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Caleb Williams who celebrates a birthday this week.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

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

- Take a look at our Legacy Builders Poster in the Parish Hall – See Kitty, Elaine, Bonnie, or Kit if you want to help with this project.

Tuesday 10/13 Bible study begins with Lectio Divino in our new prayer room. We will have a light dinner at 5:30 and begin the study at 6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Wednesday 10/14 The Community Dinner at Sacred Heart at 5 pm. Hosted by ADK Pub for Octoberfest.

ACES (After Care for Elementary Students) continues each Wednesday! If you would like to help with the purchase of healthy snacks you can send a check in for the Rector's Discretionary Account. If you can help in person, please contact Mtr. Laura.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Octoberfest Parking and baked goods sale!

Paper goods needed: Paper towels and toilet paper are always in demand. Thank you in advance.

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 1 – Daylight savings time ends – turn the clock back! All Saint's Day service with a baptism. Celebrate with us.

November 8 – Veteran's Day Service

November 15 – Shoebox packing party at coffee hour. See list of items needed in the Parish Hall

December 5 ❄ Christmas party at the Rectory from 1-3 pm!