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*St. James' Episcopal Church welcomes you to our service of worship.  
If you are searching for a spiritual home,  
we invite you to become part of our community of faith and love.*

*The mission of St. James' Church derives from the nature of the church.  
It exists for the good of all people, to spread the word of  
God's Salvation and to bring people to know Jesus Christ.*



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer  
27 July 2025 9:30 AM**

*Let us acknowledge with respect and reverence the Unkechaug People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations, while not forgetting the colonization of this land.*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Hymn

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Lord, open our lips. **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \* **and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*

**before the gods I will sing your praise.**

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*

**because of your love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \* **and your word above all things.**

<sup>4</sup> When I called, you answered me; \* **you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*

**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \* **that great is the glory of the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*

**he perceives the haughty from afar.**

<sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*

**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**

**your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*

**O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

*A Reading from Genesis.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*

**the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*

**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*

**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \* **Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*

**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*

**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*

**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*

**who is like you, glorious in holiness,**

**awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*

**the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*

**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*

**on the mount of your possession,**

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign **\*for ever and for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

*A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.] *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es* Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**

For you created everything that is, \*

**and by your will they were created and have their being;**

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*

**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*

**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*

**and to Christ the Lamb,**

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*

**for ever and for evermore.**

The Reading from the Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

*A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.*

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”” *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

The Apostles’ Creed *Please Stand*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages B

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you; **We praise your name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today; **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy; **For we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope; **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Your intercessions and thanksgivings are invited and welcomed.*

### Offertory

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### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

*Flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ron Armstrong  
by Barbara Armstrong and Family.*

Announcements

Welcome to our service. We are happy you could join us, either in person or via technological means. To join us as we worship via Zoom. Call in to 646 558.8656 Meeting ID: 317 854 854 Password: 187300. Please join us for Fellowship Hour. Thank you to Team 4 for hosting. Next week, Team 1 will host.

### Dates to Remember

10 August	Super Cereal Second Sunday
16 August	Essential Items Drive 9A-12Noon
21 August	Great South Bay Deanery Summer Summit 7-9 PM

For a Birthday

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For Travelers

**O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For an Anniversary

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



The Most Rev'd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Right Rev'd Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island  
The Right Rev'd Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop  
The Right Rev'd Daniel Allotey, Assisting Bishop  
The Right Rev'd William Franklin, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev'd Hickman Alexandre, Vicar