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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.*



**All who humble themselves  
will be exalted.**

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
26 October 2025 9:30 AM**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*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.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Sirach 35:12-17

*A Reading from the Book of Sirach.*

<sup>12</sup> Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. <sup>13</sup> For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. <sup>14</sup> Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; <sup>15</sup> and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. <sup>16</sup> He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. <sup>17</sup> He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84:1-6

<sup>1</sup> 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.**

<sup>2</sup> 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.**

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

**they will always be praising you.**

<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.**

<sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, \*

**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.*

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

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The Gospel

Luke 18: 9-14

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>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!’ <sup>14</sup>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 Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Nicene Creed *(Please Stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *Compiled by Deacon Ormonde Plater*

*Presider* Let us cry out to God for peace and a time of healing.

*Intercessor(s):*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, and William our bishops and Hickman our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples. **Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our communities and those who live in them, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

For orphans and widows, the sick and the suffering, travelers and strangers, and all with heavy burdens. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.  
**To you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* God of sinners, hear the prayers we offer this day, rescue us from every evil, and save us for your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept for a while.* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

Hymn

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#### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**S129** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all. Glory to you for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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.

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.*

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Announcements

Hymn

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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 3 for hosting this week.

Ministry focus: Eucharistic Ministers— help with the administration of Holy Communion. At St. James, they administer the chalice. One has to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church and have a basic understanding of the Eucharist and our liturgy. Training is provided.

Are you interested in learning how to knit, crochet, or sew? We have people who are willing to teach these skills as we prepare for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Program.

Dates to Remember

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| 2 November  | The Sunday after All Saints<br>Socks for Saints Outreach Effort                    |
| 9 November  | Congregational Meeting and Cultural Heritage Potluck<br>Super Cereal Second Sunday |
| 15 November | Essential Items Drive  |
| 16 November | Third Sunday Toiletries Collection<br>Seamen's Christmas at Sea Ingathering        |
| 14 December | Bishop Wolf's Visitation   |

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 Sean Rowe, 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 William Franklin, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev'd Hickman Alexandre, Vicar

Bishop's Committee  
Ted Anderson -25 & Sharon Smith -26; Wardens  
Doreen Vaz, Treasurer  
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Judy McCadden-26, Tracy Rentz McLeod -27, Jim Vaz -26

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