



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, JULY 4 2026

10:45 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

*We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.*

*BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);*

*Hymnal (blue book);*

*Hymnal numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

#### THE PRELUDE

*Bells may be rung.*

#### THE OPENING HYMN

**HYMN 719**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

“O beautiful for spacious skies”

MATERNA

#### WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

**BCP 355**

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* 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.**

## THE GLORIA

**BCP 356**

*All* **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 OF THE DAY

**BCP 230, PROPER 9**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

JEREMIAH 28:5-9

*Reader*        A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord *or*  
                    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

BCP 713

*The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.*

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
    from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
    you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
    I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

**ROMANS 7:15-25A**

*Reader*        A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am!

Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord *or*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are comfortable. As the Gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am

gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

ARCHDEACON JEFF ROPER

*At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 358**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

*All*            **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

FORM III BCP 387

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*All* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*All* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*All* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*All* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*All* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*All* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*All* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*All* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Presider* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP 360**

*Please kneel or stand as you are comfortable.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **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.**

*Presider* 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE PEACE

*Presider*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.  
After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

*All* God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union, and who blessed the partnership of this couple (*these couples*) remembering their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

*All* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*The announcement section concludes with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.*

First Sunday Giving on the first Sunday of every month, the undesignated offering in the plate goes to support the discretionary fund accounts of our clergy. They use these gifts to assist parishioners in need, to give alms to the poor, and to support charitable causes.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380 v. 3

*Please stand as you are comfortable as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.*

“The Doxology”

OLD 100TH

*Presider* All things come of you, O Lord.

*All* **And of your own have we given you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth [...]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

BCP 367

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love  
[...] Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
[...]By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 364**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All* **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.**

## **THE FRACTION**

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## AGNUS DEI

*All*            **Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant us your peace.**

*Presider*        The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN

**HYMN 558**

“Faith of our Fathers”

ST. CATHERINE

*A moment of silence is observed following Communion.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 365**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

*Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable.*

*All*            **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously  
accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior  
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in  
the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into  
the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to  
love and serve you with gladness and singleness of  
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

*Eucharistic Visitors come forward.*

*Clergy* In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN

**HYMN 718**

"God of our fathers whose almighty hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

<p>Enjoy a game night with friends or family</p> 	 <p>Write a thank you note to a police officer or fire fighter</p>	<p>Start a gratitude jar <small>(write down what you are grateful for each day)</small></p> 	<p>Give an extra <b>BIG</b> thanks to your server at the end of your meal</p> 	<p>Go on a walk with a friend or co-worker</p> 
 <p>Pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru line</p>	<p><b>An opportunity for our Nation as we celebrate 250 years!</b></p>  <p><b>Kindness is our universal language. It is the value that America was built on and the value that continues to guide our nation every day.</b></p> <p>2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America. Help us celebrate by completing the acts of kindness on this challenge board and spread kindness far and wide.</p> <p><b>Together, America is a Kind-land.</b></p> <p>Learn more and print additional challenge boards at <a href="https://USofKindness.com">USofKindness.com</a></p> <p>Share your kindness journey at <a href="https://twitter.com/BeKindland">@BeKindland</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/USofKindness">#USofKindness</a></p>  			<p>Thank a local teacher</p> 
<p>Donate to a Food Bank</p> 				<p>Make something for someone who is sick or recovering</p> 
<p>Say something kind to someone you've never spoken to before</p> 				<p>Lend a helping hand to an elderly neighbor or family member</p> 
<p>Write a thank you note to a Healthcare Hero</p> 				<p>Support or volunteer at a local charity</p> 
<p>Invite a friend or co-worker to lunch</p> 				<p>Pick up trash at a park</p> 
<p>Leave a kind note for the mail carrier</p> 				<p>Give someone flowers</p> 