



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

10:45 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

PROPER 15

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 427

Please stand as you are comfortable.

“When morning gilds the sky”

LAUDES DOMINI

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 232, PROPER 15

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 45:1-15

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that

you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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 133

BCP 787

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

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

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 10:5-15

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteous-

ness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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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 15: 21-28

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND AUDREY MISKELLEY

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.

Presider 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.

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 304

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

LAND OF REST

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 522

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

AUSTRIA

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of God.