



St. James' Episcopal Church
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II

September 17, 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 & 10:45

Welcome to St. James'! Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are so happy to worship with you today!

Everything you need to follow our liturgy can be found in this bulletin, or on the screens.

The musical selections for the 9:00 worship are on the left-hand side, while the 10:45 music is on the right.

Prelude
Elevation
Clement Loret

Welcome

Opening Hymn
Praise my soul, the King of heaven (Hymnal 410)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

1st Opening Song
Heart of Worship

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus!

2nd Opening Song

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness
your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah,
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Gloria (Hymnal S-280)

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.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading**Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103: 8-13

8	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.	11	For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
9	He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.	12	As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.
10	He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.	13	As a father cares for his children, * so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

2nd Reading**Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn*Come down, O love divine* (Hymnal 516)

Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 for none can guess its grace,
 till Love create a place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Gospel Song*Every Promise*

From the breaking of the dawn
 To the setting of the sun
 I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Through this dark and troubled land
 You will guide me with Your hand
 As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Grace sufficient grace for me
 Grace for all who will believe
 We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell**

The Nicene Creed

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

Intercessor With all our hearts and all our minds, let us make our prayers to God, saying, “Lord, in your goodness: hear our prayer.”

Intercessor Almighty God, we pray for your holy Church, that you may fill it with all wisdom, truth, and love. For all who minister in the name of Jesus, both clergy and laity, that they may faithfully serve all your people.
Lord, in your goodness:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who are in positions of public trust, especially the President of the United States, the Congress and Supreme Court, our Governor and state officials, and for our mayor and local leaders. May they uphold justice for all whom they serve.

Lord, in your goodness:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all areas torn by war and strife of every kind, and those places affected by natural disasters. Safeguard those who are in harms’s way and show us how we may help, both in prayer and action.

Lord, in your goodness:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For all those who in sick, in trouble, estranged from those they love, persecuted for who they are, or facing any kind of challenge. May you bring them to healing and wholeness. We raise up all those on our hearts and minds this day, either silently or aloud.

Silence is kept.

People Lord, in your goodness:
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all who have died, that they may take their place with all the saints in light. We pray for all those awaiting the Resurrection to eternal life, either silently or aloud.

Silence is kept.

People Lord, in your goodness:
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the good earth, which you have given us. Help us to promote creation care in our church community and in our daily lives, that we may be faithful stewards of all that you have given us.

People Lord, in your goodness:
Hear our prayer

Intercessor Lord of all goodness, in this season of gratitude make us ever mindful of the blessings you have so lovingly provided through the ministries of this parish, and raise our hearts and spirits as we pray together:

All **God of abundance, who spoke the universe into being: Nothing exists but by your hand, and in you all creation is sustained. Help us remember that you are the vine and we are your branches. May we always abide in you, the source of true abundance. Thank you for our lives, fed and nurtured by your living water. May we each bear fruit according to the working of your Holy Spirit in our lives. To you be all honor and glory forever. Amen**

The Confession & Absolution

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

The Presider offers the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Announcements & Offertory

Anniversary & Birthday Blessing

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in Skaneateles and beyond. For more information on how you can help, go to www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james.

Offertory Anthems

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J. S. Bach

For the Cause

Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider prays a Proper Preface then continues:

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

Hymnal S-125

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

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 Presider continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 - Hymnal S-155 (9am only)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of Our Lord

The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion. All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward. You may receive the Sacrament from the Presider, who will dip the Bread into the Wine and place it in your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please let the Minister know. If you do not wish you receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing.

Music at Communion

Rock of ages, cleft for me (Hymn 685)
Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round (Hymn 617)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Presider offers a final blessing, the People respond, Amen.

Closing Song

Now thank we all our God (Hymn 397)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

Closing Song

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven
because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
you were condemned
I'm alive and well
your Spirit is within me
Because You died
and rose again

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You!

The Deacon dismisses those gathered, and the People respond, Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Nun danket alle Gott (Cantata 79)
J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox*

9:00 am Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart
Organist/Choirmaster	Justin Oei
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Michael Larkin
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Media Engineer	Susan Larkin
Lector	Larry Webster
Prayers of the People / Chalice	Debra Rose Brillati
Chalice	Bev Smith
Paten	Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
Crucifer / Server	Paige Posecznick
Ushers	Connie, Earl, and Amy Tuttle

10:45 am Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
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Organist/Choirmaster	Justin Oei
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Michael Larkin
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology	Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Media Engineer	Susan Larkin
Lector	Kathy Ploufe
Prayers of the People	Michael Larkin
Chalice	Kris Perkins and Carol Murphy
Paten	Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
Ushers	Bill Buterbaugh and Rick Burton

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