



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

September 24, 2023
The Seventeenth 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

Chorale Prelude on Laudate Dominum
Robert Powell

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken (Hymn 522)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

1st Opening Song

We Fall Down

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
is the Lamb

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2nd Opening Song

Holy Is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory!

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said,

“Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalm 145: 1-8

<p>1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.</p> <p>2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.</p> <p>3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.</p> <p>4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.</p> <p>5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.</p>	<p>6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.</p> <p>7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.</p> <p>8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.</p>
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2nd Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Sequence Hymn

The kingdom of God is justice and joy
 (See Insert)

Gospel Song

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn
 To the setting of the sun
 I will stand on evry 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.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Harold Friedell

Freely, Freely

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.

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

*Shepherds of souls, refresh and bless (Hymn 343)
For the bread which you broken (Hymn 341)*

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

Come, labor on (Hymn 541)

Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
'Go work today.'

Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.

Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.

Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share—
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Closing Song

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King
above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me

Who brings our chaos
back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King of Glory
Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun
in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King
above all kings

Come, labor on (continued)

Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
'Servants, well done.'

This Is Amazing Grace (continued)

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me

Worthy is the King

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me
All that you've done for me!

Worthy is the Lamb who was
slain
Worthy is the King who
conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was
slain

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

Postlude

Improvisation

9:00 am Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher
Deacon
Organist/Choirmaster
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Media Engineer
Lector
Prayers of the People / Chalice
Chalice
Paten
Crucifer / Server
Ushers

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart
Justin Oei
Michael Larkin
Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny
Nicole Bova
Carol Murphy
Hamilton Fish
Carol Murphy
Sr. Marie Patricia Hughes
Mike Echols
Connie, Earl, & Amy Tuttle

10:45 am Worship Participants

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