



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

October 29, 2023  
The 22nd 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**

*Thy Strong Word*  
Paul Manz

**Welcome**

*All stand, as able.*

**Opening Hymn**

*Thy strong word did cleave the darkness (Hymn 381)*

**1st Opening Song**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Thy strong word did cleave  
the darkness;  
at thy speaking it was done;  
for created light  
we thank thee,  
while thine ordered  
seasons run:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who  
light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

glorious now, we press  
toward glory,  
and our lives our hopes  
confess:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light  
dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

God the Father,  
Light-Creator,  
to thee laud and honor be;

to thee,  
Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit,  
Light-Revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee;  
mortals, angels,  
now and ever  
praise the Holy Trinity.

Amazing grace how  
sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but  
now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
  
'Twas grace that  
taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did  
that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

ransomed me  
And like a flood  
His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon  
dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called  
me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God my Savior  
has ransomed me  
And like a flood  
His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised  
good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield  
and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God my Savior has

Thy strong word bespeaks  
us righteous;  
bright with  
thine own holiness,

## 2nd Opening Song

*Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
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Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power  
breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery yeah

Clothed in rainbows  
of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor  
strength and glory  
And power be to You  
the only wise King

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You!

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

*The Presider prays the Collect of Purity, and the People respond, '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.

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

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

*After the Reading:*

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

## The Psalter

Psalm 1

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

- 1     **Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
          nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
          nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2     **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
          and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3     **They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
          bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
          everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4     **It is not so with the wicked; \*  
          they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5     **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
          nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6     **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
          but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

*After the Reading:*

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

*All stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.*

### Sequence Hymn

*I love to tell the story*

I love to tell the story of  
unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.

*Refrain*  
I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my  
theme in glory, to tell the  
old, old story of Jesus  
and his love.

I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time  
I tell it, more  
wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,

for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's  
own holy word.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

**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

**The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 22: 34-46*

*The Gospel is proclaimed:*

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

*After the Gospel is proclaimed:*

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

*All are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

*All stand for the Nicene Creed.*

*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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your goodness:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*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.'*

*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. All are seated for the Announcements.*

## Announcements & Offertory

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward. The People offer the blessing:*

*All* **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. Amen.**

*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](http://www.stjameskan.org/support-st-james) or QR code on the back of this bulletin.*

### Offertory Anthem\*

*If Ye Love Me*  
Thomas Tallis

### Offertory Song

*Living Waters*

*All stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology* (Hymnal 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. Amen.**

## 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:

*All sing or say the Sanctus (Hymnal S-125)*

*All* **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.**

*All remain standing as the Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ.*

*After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:*

*Presider* Therefore according to his command, O Father:  
*All* **We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and people may be sanctified and blessed by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer the People respond in a loud voice 'AMEN.'*

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.  
*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.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
and he power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*The Confractorium is sung at 9:00am (S-155 in the blue Hymnal)*

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

*The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion of our Lord. All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward.*

*You may receive the Sacrament from the Minister, 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.*

*During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.*

## Communion Hymns

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God (Hymn 505)*  
*What does the Lord require (Hymn 605)*

## Communion Song

*Behold the Lamb*

*The Presider returns to the Holy Table, and all pray the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*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.**

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

## Closing Hymn

*A mighty fortress is our God (Hymn 688)*

A mighty fortress  
is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and  
power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our  
own strength confide,  
our striving  
would be losing;  
were not the right  
man on our side,  
the man of  
God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world,  
with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear,  
for God hath willed  
his truth to  
triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word  
shall fell him.

That word above  
all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and  
the gifts are ours  
through him  
who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is for ever.

## Closing Song

*Love the Lord*

Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart  
With all your soul with  
all your mind  
And with all your strength  
Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart  
With all your soul  
with all your mind  
And with all your strength

With all your heart  
with all your soul  
With all your mind  
with all your strength  
Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart  
With all your soul  
with all your mind  
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
with all my soul  
With all my mind  
and with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
with all my soul  
With all my mind  
and with all my strength

with all my soul  
With all my mind  
with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord  
with all my heart  
With all my soul  
with all my mind  
And with all my strength

I will love You  
(I will love You)  
I will praise You  
(I will praise You)  
I will serve You  
(I will serve You)  
I will trust You Lord  
(I will trust You)

With all my heart  
with all my soul  
With all my mind  
with all my strength  
With all my heart  
with all my soul  
With all my mind  
with all my strength  
I will love You Lord  
with all my heart  
With all my soul  
with all my mind  
And with all my strength!

With all my heart

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond, Thanks be to God!*

## Postlude

*Tocatta in D Minor, BWV 565/1*

J.S. Bach

## Participants in Today's Liturgies

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Presider & Preacher  
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