

St. James' Episcopal Church

A Contemporary Celebration of the Holy Eucharist September 22, 2024 10:45 a.m.

Welcome

First Opening Song

I Am a Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
I am a friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me That You hear me when I call Is it true that You are thinking of me How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God

Second Opening Song

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, You call me friend
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend

God Almighty Lord of Glory You have called me friend God Almighty Lord of Glory You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend!

Build My Life

Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 - in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
 - give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 - those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
 - it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
 - in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
 - and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Second Reading James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song Ancient Words

Words of life,
words of hope,
give us strength,
help us cope;
in this world where we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient word,
ever true,
changing me,
changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

The Holy Gospel Mark 9: 30-37

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

The Creed

We believe in God the Father. We believe in the Son. We believe in the Holy Spirit, three persons in one. And We believe in the crucifixion, where He conquered death. And We believe in the resurrection. He's coming back again.

Crucified, suffered, and buried, He rose again. At the right hand of the Father, whose kingdom shall have no end. And the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, with Father and Son are praised and glorified. As one Church, we believe.

The Prayers of the People

All are invited to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able to for the prayers.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, responding with the words in bold.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the community of St. James' and all who minister to it, our clergy, vestry, and lay leaders. May God's call upon their lives make God's love known in our work together as the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, praying especially for those who are living in fear of violence and for people and places we now name silently or aloud ______.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for our young families, children, and those who are welcoming new babies. May we recall the face of God in their lives and remember our call in baptism to support their lives in Christ.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering especially,_____.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Remembering especially, ______.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Holy Trinity, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Confession of Sin

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

All

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant 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.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday 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.



Offertory Song

Take My Life and Let It Be

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, EOW

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain

of mercy.

The following Preface may be used at any time.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

In place of the preceding, a Proper Preface from the Book of Common Prayer may be used.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory;
Glory be to Thee, Glory be to Thee, O Lord;
Glory be to Thee, Glory be to Thee, Glory be to thee, O Lord.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver or life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with

[_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

Celebrant

And now, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Songs

Take Forgiveness
Praise You in the Storm

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Song Selah

Answer when I call to you my God
Give me relief from my distress
Be merciful to me and hear my call
Don't I deserve some peace and rest
How long oh men will you
trade my glory for naught
And love delusions and false Gods
Know that the Lord has set the Godly apart
And He will hear you when you call

Selah selah (Remind us to take pause) Selah selah (Love us despite our flaws) Selah selah (Shine your light down) Selah selah

If in our anger we do not sin
Instead we search our hearts and be silent
And offer sacrifices of the righteous

Will you let your light shine upon us
How long oh men will you
trade my glory for naught
And love delusions and false gods
Know that the Lord has set the Godly apart
And He will hear you when you call

(Remind us to take pause)
Selah selah
(Love us despite our flaws)
Selah selah
(Shine your light down)
Selah selah

Alleluia, Alleluia
(Remind us to take pause)
Alleluia, Alleluia
(Love us despite our flaws)
Alleluia, Alleluia
(Shine your light down)
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Dismissal is given by the Clergy, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher
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Intercessor
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