

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025



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Welcome!

Wonderful to be worshipping with you today. If you're new to St. James, I invite you to take a moment to fill out one of the CONNECT cards in the pew. You can give it to an usher or simply place in the offering plate on your way out. If you do, I will be in touch to answer any questions you might have about St. James, and I would love to learn more about you, too.

Thank you for being here. Our celebration of God's work in the world today is made that much better by your presence.

Peace,



Please silence your mobile phone.



Childcare for children up to 3 years old is available in the nursery across the breezeway in the Parish Hall building.



Assisted-hearing devices are available from the ushers.



We give thanks to Carter's Florist for generously providing our altar flowers each week. If you would like to make a donation to defray other worship expenses and commemorate a special day or someone, contact the Church Office or click GIVE on the church website.

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The Holy Eucharist

According to the Book of Common Prayer

+ said or sung by the congregation

Prelude

Communion from Messe Basse , op 30 Louis Vierne

The Word of God

As the bell is rung, please stand for the hymn in procession.

+Hymn In Procession - No. 477

All Praise to Thee, O King Divine

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

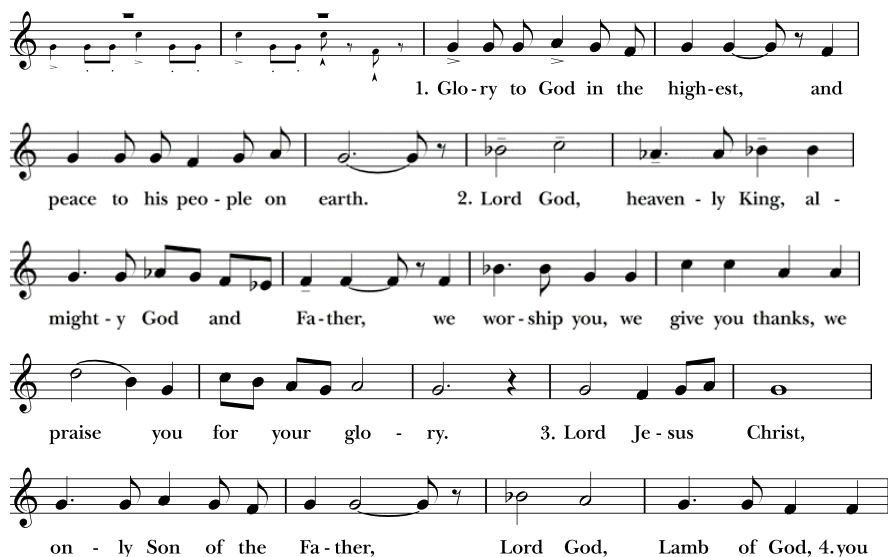
+And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

+Gloria - No. S278

William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good
works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **+Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

**+2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**+4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**+6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

**+8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**+10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Children's Chapel will resume next Sunday.

+Sequence Hymn - No. 568 *Father All Loving, Who Rules in Majesty*

♦Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel ♦Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

+Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jerald W. Hyche

Please stand as you are able.

+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.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
+That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
+That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops and ministers;
**+That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our president, all who govern and hold authority
in the nations of the world;
+That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
+That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
+That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
+Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
+May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**+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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
+And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

Thy Perfect Love, John Rutter

*Jesus, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

Please stand.

+The Doxology

The Eighth Tune

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

+We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

+It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

+The Sanctus - No. S125

Proulx

***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 may stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**+We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

**+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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

+Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.

To receive the sacrament, either bread and wine or bread alone, come forward as directed by the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail.

To receive the bread: extend your open hands, palm up.

For a gluten-free wafer: hold one arm across your chest.

To receive the wine: when the chalice is offered, guide it to your lips and take a small sip, or you may intinct (i.e., dip the wafer into the chalice).

For a blessing only: cross both arms across your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

+Hymn at Communion - No. 321

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Please stand or kneel.

The 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 Blessing

+Hymn in Procession - No. 376

Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God.

today

Coffee hour after worship

Come, make connections, have a cup of coffee and/or other refreshment!
Hosted today by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.



Last day to buy popcorn!

Entering its third year of serving children and families in the Lake Conroe area. Cub Scout Pack 776 is once again selling popcorn to raise funds to support programs such as camping, outings, and other learning activities.

Stop by the table on the plaza after church and get order yours today!

For more information, contact Danny and/or Kacie LeGaye
at dlegaye@gmail.com and kacie.legaye@gmail.com.

this week

**Thursday, September 4
6-8 p.m. in the parish hall**

All newcomers to St. James are invited to this informal gathering over supper to get to know each other as well as longtime members of the parish. Food, fellowship and fun provided!



**To RSVP or for more information,
contact Martha Low at mlow@sjs.org or (936) 548-1328.**

Please RSVP by Monday, September 1.

next sunday



Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, September 7
8:30-10 a.m. in the parish hall**

Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be donning aprons and flipping flapjacks once again to help kick off the new program year with hearty food and holy fellowship.

Come one, come all — come early!

The Brotherhood is dedicated to nurturing men and youth in their relationship with God through prayer, study and service.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Can You Hear Me Now?

Jesus' Parables in the Everyday

Sundays, September 14—October 26

9:30 to 10:15 in the Parish Hall



This fall we'll spend six weeks listening closely to Jesus' parables and discovering how they speak to our lives today. Each week focuses on a different theme — Grace & Mercy, Wealth & Worldly Values, Judgment & Accountability, the Kingdom of God, Prayer & Persistence, and Discipleship & Faithfulness. Expect scripture, lively discussion, and even a few interactive "game show" moments to challenge and inspire. **Led by Travis Wernecke.**



**So you want to be an Episcopalian?
Get confirmed!**

Confirmation Preparation

Sundays, September 14, October 12, November 16

1-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Confirmation Sunday — Sunday, January 25

The Rite of Confirmation is the official, liturgical, sacramental celebration for all who want to become a full-fledged, bona fide, card-carrying Episcopalian. All confirmands are required to participate in a short course of preparation. The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will administer the sacrament of Confirmation, or Reception for those already confirmed in certain other denominations.

Confirmation is available for all who have been baptized, either at St. James or in another denomination. Young people (ages 13 to 21) are invited to consider Confirmation as a meaningful rite of passage in their spiritual journey. As well, adults who were confirmed at a young age are invited to participate in the preparation as a "refresher" course and receive a prayer of Reaffirmation from the Bishop. Teen, newcomer, long-timer...all are welcome!

To RSVP or for more information, contact Fr. Jerald at (936) 525-7799 or jhyche@stjames-conroe.org.

Wanted: Vestry candidates!

Nominations accepted through September 21

The Vestry is the governing body of St. James, made up of 12 parishioners in good standing. On Sunday, October 12, a new class of four parishioners will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning in January.

Anyone interested in running must contact the Vestry Nominating Committee, which will review potential candidates and present four to fill the four open positions. Any additional candidates who wish to run may be nominated by written nomination signed and dated by three or more persons eligible to vote; the nomination must be submitted to the Rector or Senior Warden by Sunday, September 21. If there are no additional candidates beyond the Nominating Committee slate, the slate will be elected by acclamation.

For more information, contact any member of the Nominating Committee, which includes Fr. Jerald, Senior Warden Rick Tate, Junior Warden Jim Cheatham, and outgoing Vestry members Janet Anderson, Henry Lesesne, Becky Page, and Alison Zabik.

HELPING HANDS— Dish soap

This month we are collecting baby wipes for the Community Assistance Center. Grape jelly appreciated year-round. (please place in the bin in the narthex). Collections are gathered and delivered by the Daughters of the King.

Ministers of the Day

Ushers

Henry Lesesne
Andy Williams

Greeter

Candy Williams

Lector

Susan Caffery

Eucharistic Ministers

Garrison Nations
Melinda Zuber

Videographer

Dennis Hawk

Vestry of the Day

Becky Page
Martha Low