

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 5, 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*

*Dolcezza, Percy W. Whitlock*

## The Word of God

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

**+Hymn In Procession - No. 535**

*Ye Servants of God,  
Your Master Proclaim*

## The Opening Acclamation

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

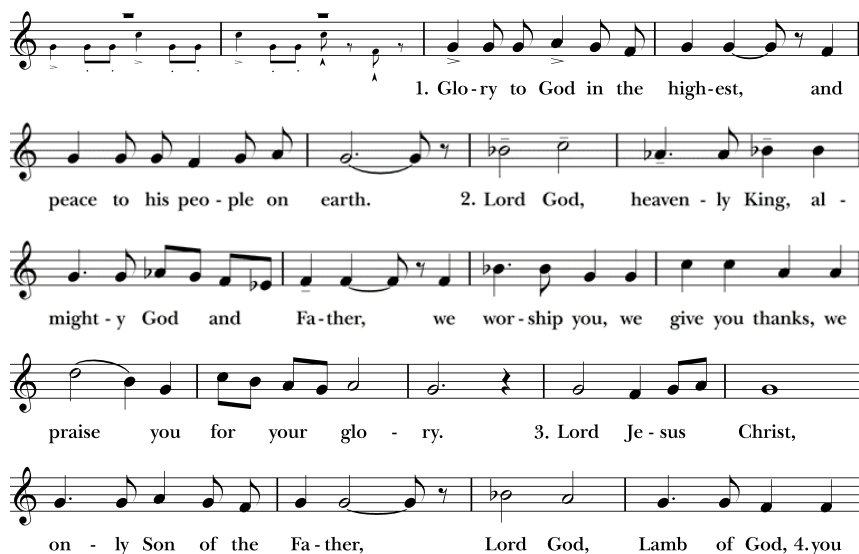
**+And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **+Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson

*Lamentations 3:19-26*

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**+Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 137

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered you, O Zion.

**+2 As for our harps, we hung them up  
on the trees in the midst of that land.**

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth:  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

**+4 How shall we sing the Lord's song  
upon an alien soil.**

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill.

**+6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,  
against the people of Edom,  
who said, "Down with it! down with it!  
even to the ground!"

**+8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us!**

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones,  
and dashes them against the rock!

## **The Second Lesson**

*2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**+Thanks be to God.**

*During the following hymn, children ages 4 and older  
are invited to Children's Chapel, returning at the peace.*

**+Sequence Hymn - No. 655**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

◆Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel     ◆Verse 3 after the Gospel

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 17:5-10*

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

**+Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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.

*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

*His Eye is on the Sparrow, Jack Schrader*

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is, my portion? My constant friend is he,  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*Let not your heart be troubled, his tender words I hear.  
And resting on his promise, I lose my doubt and fear.  
Though on the path he leads me, just one step I see.  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
and I know he watches me, and I know he watches me;  
he watches me!*

*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.**

## 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. 660**    *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*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. 610**  
*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

### **The Dismissal**

**+Thanks be to God.**

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### **Coffee hour after worship in the parish hall**

Come, make connections, have a cup of coffee  
and/or other refreshment!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Can You Hear Me Now?**

**Jesus' Parables in the Everyday**

**Sundays, September 14—October 26**

**9:30-10:15 a.m. 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 and Accountability, the Kingdom of God, Prayer & Persistence, and Discipleship and Faithfulness. Expect scripture, lively discussion, and even a few interactive "game show" moments to challenge and inspire. **Led by Travis Wernecke.**



**Blessing of  
the Animals**

**4 p.m., on the grassy area  
next to the Keeling Building**

All pets — and their owners! — are invited to attend this annual celebration inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's particular appreciation for all creatures of the earth. We will have a short liturgy of thanksgiving and then offer special blessings for each and every pet. Please bring dogs on leashes and keep cats and other varieties of species contained for their safety.

**HELPING HANDS — Paper towels**

This month we are collecting paper towels for the Community Assistance Center. Grape jelly appreciated year-round.

Please place items in the bin in the narthex.

Collections are gathered and delivered by the Daughters of the King.

*next sunday*

## **Vestry Election and Parish Meeting**

**Sunday, October 12**

**9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

Please make plans to attend this important parish meeting, where we will hear reports from the Rector and other key ministry leaders as well as formally elect our slate of Vestry candidates, who will begin serving their three-year terms in January.

The slate of candidates selected by the  
Vestry Nominating Committee are:  
Susan Caffery, Sarah Olsen, Kevin Tucker and Chris Tassos.

## *2026 pledge campaign*



**Tell Out  
My Soul**

We make our pledge to express our thanks to God  
as well as to support the ministries of our parish.

**Submit your pledge by Sunday, November 2, one of the following ways:**

**+On the website:** [stjamesconroe.org](http://stjamesconroe.org)

**+Put your pledge card in the offering plate** on any Sunday.

**+Mail your pledge to:**

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## Take the Spiritual Life Inventory!

### Survey open through Sunday, October 12

Whether you're just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you're a lifelong Episcopalian, we all are walking together in our spiritual journey here at St. James. The first next step in that journey is for us all to take a quick, online survey – a Spiritual Life Inventory – that will provide a snapshot of where we are spiritually as a congregation, and where we might go from here.

We're aiming for 100 percent participation, so please complete the survey as soon as possible.

Here's the link: <https://www.research.net/r/RenewalWorks2330>.

Specifically developed by and for Episcopalians, the survey is comprehensive and thought-provoking, takes only about 20 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. **If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, please see Becky Page in the parish hall after worship.**

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## Ministers of the Day

### Ushers

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