

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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

Prelude and Fugue in e minor, J.S. Bach

The Word of God

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

+Hymn In Procession - No. 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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.**

+The Gloria

The First Song of Isaiah, Ecce, Deus

1. Sure - ly, it is
God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid.

2. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and he will
be my Sa - vior.

3. There-fore you shall draw wa - ter with re -
joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.

4. And on that

day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call up-on his Name;

5. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; see that they re -

mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. 6. Sing the prais-es of the

Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

7. Cry a - loud, in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, ring out your

joy, for the great one in the midst of you — is the Ho - ly One of

Is - ra - el. 8. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 9. As it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **+Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

+2 Great are the deeds of the Lord!

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**+4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**+6 He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

**+8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

**+10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful —
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to

avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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. 567

Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

♦Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel

♦Verse 3 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

If You Search With All Your Heart
Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have of you: plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage I will bring you home to Me.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to 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. 538

God of Mercy, God of Grace

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. 397

Now Thank We All Our God

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God.

Coffee hour after worship in the parish hall

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

Vestry Election and Parish Meeting

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.

DEADLINE TODAY!

RenewalWorks™

A Ministry of Forward Movement

Take the Spiritual Life Inventory!

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.**

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

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

+Mail your pledge to:

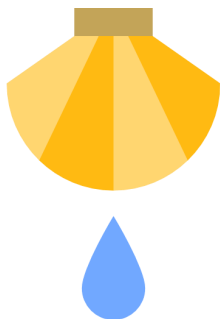
2026 Pledge

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coming up



Want to be baptized?

**Baptism scheduled for
All Saints Sunday, November 2**

We will celebrate our central sacrament of
baptism during worship on All Saints Sunday.

If you are interested in being baptized or having
someone baptized in your family, please contact

Fr. Jerald by Wednesday, October 30, at jhyche@stjames-conroe.org.

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.

Ministers of the Day

Ushers

Martha Low
Andy Williams

Greeter

Linda Cunningham

Lector

Bill Dougherty

Eucharistic Ministers

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Janet Anderson

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Janet Anderson
John Rothwell