



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 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.



Altar flowers donated by Mike and Carol McNeill in thanksgiving for their 67th wedding anniversary on October 25.

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

Faith of Our Fathers, Michael Burkhardt

The Word of God

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

+Hymn In Procession - No. 636

How Firm a Foundation

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, Jack Noble White



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



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

Refrain

*Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.*

Refrain

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.*

Refrain (sing twice)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

+And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord.

+Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**+2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**+4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**+6 They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my
departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the

race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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. 686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

◆Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel

◆Verse 3 after the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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

+Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

+Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, and for 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

Be Not Afraid, John Purifoy

*Be not afraid; I give you peace.
Not as the world gives, My peace I bring.
Go in the Spirit; walk now in love.
Be not afraid.*

*Let not your hearts be troubled, nor be alone in fear.
Know my Spirit is with you; I am always near.
Be not afraid; I give you peace.
Not as the world gives, my peace I bring.
Go in the Spirit; walk now in love.
Be not afraid.*

*Now you have seen my Father, for I and the Father are one.
I will not leave you comfortless; the Spirit of Peace shall come.*

*Be not afraid; I give you peace.
Not as the world gives, My peace I bring.
Go in the Spirit; walk now in love.
Be not afraid. Be not afraid. Be not afraid.*

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. 314

Humbly I Adore 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. 680

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Dismissal

+Thanks be to God.



Church open for prayer on All Saints' Day

Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As we commemorate all the saints on this sacred day, we also remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died over the past year. The church will be open for all who wish to come, light a candle, and offer prayers.

Parishioners also are invited to sign up for a one-hour time slot during the daylong vigil, during which they will be available to anyone who needs assistance.

Please sign up using the link in the Weekly.

**For more information, contact Kay Stevens at
kitea48@gmail.com.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Can You Hear Me Now?

Jesus' Parables in the Everyday

Classes on Sundays through 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.**

Help our Cub Scouts fight hunger

Cub Scout Pack 776's Arrow of Light Den (5th Grade) is running a food drive to help fight hunger in our community. They are collecting non-perishable food items, such as canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, Mac and Cheese, and beans. All donated goods will go to the Angel Food Pantry. There are two drop boxes available and will be at St. James throughout the month of October. Thank you!

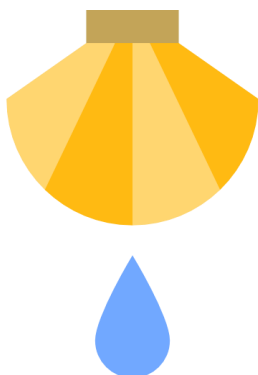
HELPING HANDS — Paper towels

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.

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next sunday



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.

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: <https://stjamesconroe.org/pledge-online>

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

+Mail your pledge to:

2026 Pledge

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P.O. Box 559,

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