



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**August 13, 2023
9:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

9:30 am The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer, Rite II

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<i>Readers</i>	Susan Rice, Thomas DeFreitas
<i>Ushers</i>	Alan Aukman
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Prelude

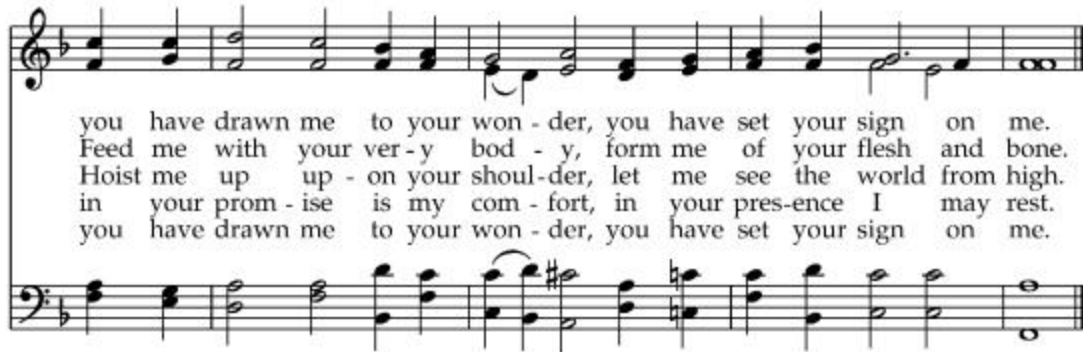
Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: Loving Spirit

VF 51



1 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;
2 Like a mo - ther you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
4 Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
5 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catalisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895).

Opening Sentences

Officiant We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,
calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through
the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Opening Versicle

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7 (*Venite*)

1. Come, let us sing with joy un - to the Lord,
2. Great is our God and great - ly to be praised,
5 3. Come, let us kneel be - fore the Lord our God;
and for our sav - ing Rock let us re - jice.
and sov - ereign a - bove all powers of heaven and earth.
9 to our Cre - a - tor let all hearts draw near.
In - to God's pres - ence come with hymns of praise;
13 Both depths and heights are held with - in God's hand,
This is our God, who cares for us like sheep
with thank - ful hearts new psalms and an - thems raise,
who made the sea and mold - ed the dry land,
17 and who with stead - fast love our lives will keep.
till all earth's tongues be joined in one great voice.
and from whose life all crea - tures have their birth.
Oh, that to - day you would God's call - ing hear!

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Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

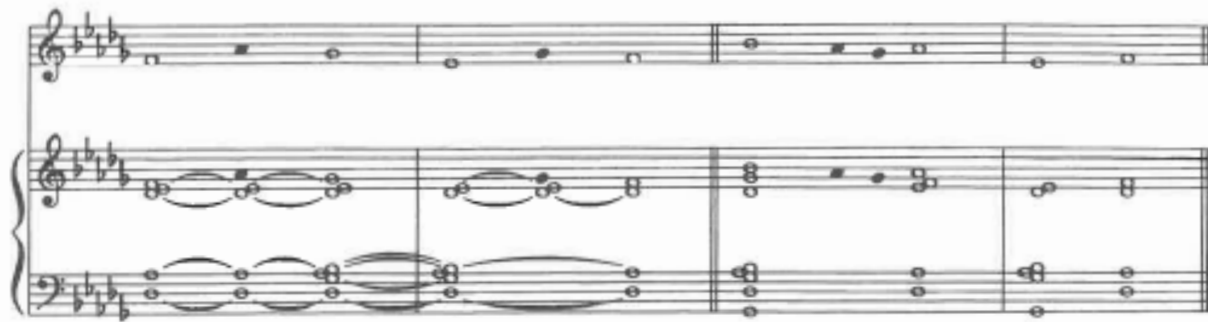
Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle Q: A Song of Christ’s Goodness (USE THIS AGAIN?)

SJS 133



Jesus, as a mother you gather your people / to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with / her children.
Often you weep over our sins / and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and / judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up / our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk / you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born / to new life;
by your anguish and labor we come forth in / joy.

Despair turns to hope through your / sweet goodness;
through your gentleness, we find comfort / in fear.
Your warmth gives life / to the dead,
your touch makes sinners / righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mer / cy, heal us;
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace / and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven, may your love pre / pare us.

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The Second Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Mary Buchinger

A reading from the Book of Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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Canticle: Surely it is God who saves me (USE THIS AGAIN?) H 679

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Sermon

Tamasin Milner-Wohlers

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn:

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Keep this nation under you care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant says

EUCCHARISTIC COLLECT HERE Amen.

Collect for Social Justice

The Officiant says

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

The Officiant says

O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. We, young and old, lay and ordained, ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness, through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture, that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the world. Then, God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us to serve with Christ, taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Benediction

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you;

May God keep you;

May God's love be with you;

May God grant you peace and wisdom;

May God ever be with you.

Closing Hymn: ????

The Peace

Officiant The peace of God be always with you.
People And also with you.

The community is now invited to greet each other and depart when they so wish.

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