



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
The Season of Creation - "Learn"**

**September 10, 2023
10:30 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!*

10:30 am The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Sage Binzen, Xenia Binzen, Patrick Wilmer
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mabel Moore-Pollard, Tamasin Milner-Wohlers
<i>Living Epistoler</i>	Alfred Ironside
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Tamasin Milner-Wohlers, Susan Rice
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Yoder, Alan Aukeman
<i>Videographer</i>	Dave Musser
<i>Welcomer</i>	Katherine Gilliland

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

H 8

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.
Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

Opening Acclamation

Presider This is the day the Creator has made.
People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Collect for Purity

All then pray

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.**

Song of Praise: O Beauty Ever Ancient

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Beauty Ever Ancient'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau - ty that is move - ment in li - quid line of grace,
4 O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!
 in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!
 in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!
 in gra - ti - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.
People And also be with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
 for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation,
 so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order;
 through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Tamasin Milner-Wohlens

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of

Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

(All together)

Descant:

Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing a new song! Hal - le - lu!

Congregation:

1. The LORD takes pleasure in his people! —
 2. The LORD adorns the poor with victory!

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1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

★ 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.

★ Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Tamasin Milner-Wohlers

From *The Art of the Commonplace* by Wendell Berry

What is good for the world will be good for us. That requires that we make the effort to know the world and to learn what is good for it. We must learn to cooperate in its processes, and to yield to its limits. But even more important, we must learn to acknowledge that the creation is full of mystery; we will never entirely understand it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence. For I do not doubt that it is only on the condition of humility and reverence before the world that our species will be able to remain in it.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Living Epistle

Alfred Ironside

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah, Amen

Scriptural Patrick Michaels

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men!' for the first system; 'Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! A - men, A - men!' for the second system; and 'Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men!' for the third system. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Stewart

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all that destroys.

Prayers of the People

Susan Rice

Let us pray for the Church and for all the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The community is invited to offer their prayers, aloud or in silence, at this time.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The community is invited to offer their prayers, aloud or in silence, at this time.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider then says

Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth.

We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

People We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for
granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Amen.

Presider God of compassion, heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the world you have
made. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for the harm we have
done and for what we have failed to do. Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God
in gratitude and praise.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: Lamb and Lion
The Adult Choir

Lorraine Lee Hammond

Presentation Hymn: How shall we love thee



How shall we love you, ho-ly hid-den Be-ing, if we love not the world which you have
made? Bind us in your own love for bet-ter see - ing: all life is ho - ly.
Pray as Je-sus prayed: your king-dom come, O Lord, your will be done.

Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.

Music: Langham, Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1843)

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer for Creation* (Rev. Nina Pooley)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider chants

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of Christ's incarnation you have gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, calling your people to be ministers of reconciliation and to proclaim the Good News to all creation. 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:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

The Presider then chants

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;
shower upon us your heav'nly grace
that we may be your people*

Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,
may your name always be hallowed by us.
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.
Save us also from all that is evil.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread (Silence is kept)

Fraction Anthem: Many and great (Vs. 2 only)

H 385

1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -

earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with — us;

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of — life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no — end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Anthem: Hey Ney Yana
The Greenleaf Choir

Brooke Medicine Eagle

Communion Hymn: When we give ourselves the privilege

SJS 127

Unison

1 When we give our-selves the priv - ilege of re -
2 When we sit down to the ta - ble and con -
3 When we're faith - ful to our call - ing to pre -

duc - ing our ex - cess we re - lease a heav - y
sume more than our share we can think of mil - lions
serve our plan - et, Earth, we can use re - sourc - es

bur - den, and more free - dom we pos - sess.
starv - ing, and eat less to show we care.
wise - ly that we hon - or na - ture's worth.

Harmony

We can live more with less.

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven
and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace
and you call us to friendship with one another.
You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you,
offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.
And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation.

As you have received freely, so give freely.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn in Procession: Seek Ye First

H 711

(All that are able follow the acolytes in the procession out to the Beech Street vestibule for the blessing of new artwork. Please bring your bulletin.)



1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

A Dedication of Church Artwork

Antiphon

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Presider The Word became flesh:

People And dwelt among us.

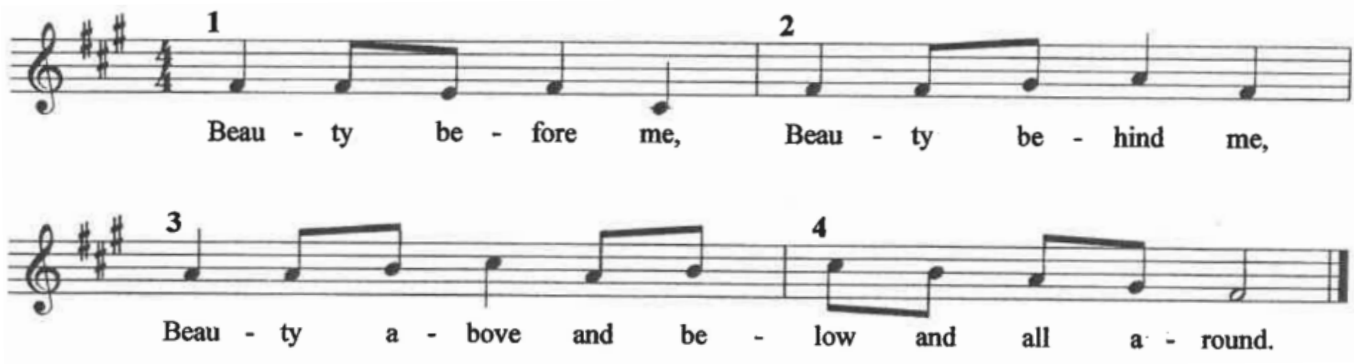
Let us pray.

(Silence)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and blessed the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen: Accept, we pray, these shells, symbol of St. James; and grant that as we look upon them, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Beauty before me

Kristopher E. Lindquist



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