



**ST. JAMES'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 30, 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!*

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

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| <i>Music Leader</i>             | Margot Chamberlain             |
| <i>Officiant &amp; Preacher</i> | Tamasin Milner-Wohlers         |
| <i>Readers</i>                  | Donna Thompson, Mary Buchinger |
| <i>Usher</i>                    | Nancy McArdle                  |
| <i>Welcomer</i>                 | Nancy McArdle                  |
| <i>Videographer</i>             | Michael Anthony                |

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**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

# Opening Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer

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1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me  
 3. view my home— and take my flight; This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, ——— sweet hour of prayer.  
 2. wait for thee, ——— sweet hour of prayer.  
 3. well, fare - well, ——— sweet hour of prayer!"

Words: William Walford Music: William Bradbury

## 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,  
and who with stead - fast love our lives will keep.  
17 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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Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

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.**

1. Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame - less from op - pres - sors' sword,  
2. Through the Red Sea safe - ly brought them, led a - long the wa - ters steep,

and with - stood, with signs and won - ders, rul - ers dread to serve the Lord.  
but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed, o - ver - whelmed them in the deep.

Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a - long her way,  
For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with one ac - cord:

she was blaze of stars in dark - ness and a shel - ter through the day.  
song - filled tongues of new - born peo - ple ut - tered Wis - dom's might - y word.

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A reading from the Gospel 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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**Thanks be to God.**



1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.  
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,  
 3. O men and wo - men ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;



Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.  
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.  
 let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.



Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -  
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -  
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -



alt the God who made you.  
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**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: In all our living

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are in Spanish and English.

System 1: Chords D, Em, A7, D. Lyrics: 1 Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Dios vi - vi - mos; 1 In all our liv - ing, we be-long to God; 2 God sent Christ Je - sus to be our sha-lom,

System 2: Chords Bm, Em, A7, D. Lyrics: y si mo - ri - mos, pa-ra Dios mo - ri - mos. and in our dy - ing, we are still with God; to show us mer - cy and heal - ing love;

System 3: Chords D, G, A, F#m. Lyrics: Se-a que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos, So, wheth-er liv - ing, or wheth-er dy - ing, So in our liv - ing, and in our dy - ing,

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so - mos del buen Dios, we be-long to God; Christ is our sha - lom; so - mos del buen Dios. we be-long to God. Christ is our sha - lom.

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## 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*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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:*

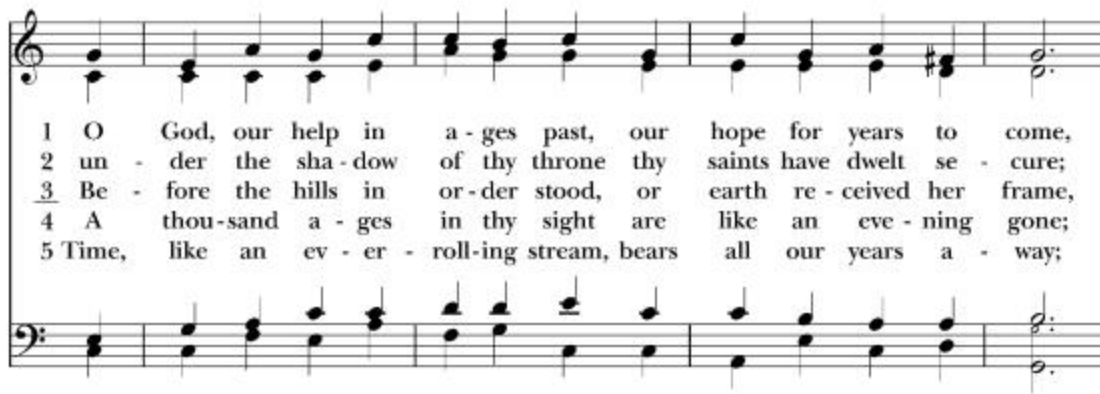
May God bless you;

May God keep you;

May God's love be with you;

May God grant you peace and wisdom;

May God ever be with you.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts Music: St. Anne, mel. William Croft, harm. William Henry Monk

## 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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         \_\_\_\_\_ seeking a new church home.      \_\_\_\_\_ to receive a call or email from St. James's.

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