St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, NY

We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

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Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
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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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

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the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
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It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

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Doxology Old 100th
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

The Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures, here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

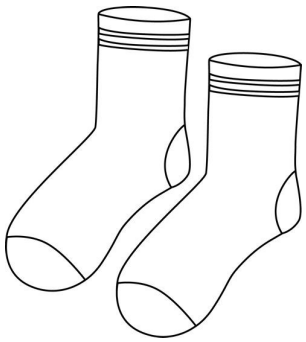
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 17	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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First time here? If you'd like to learn more about St. James, receive regular emails from the Church, or simply have your questions answered, then please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office at 585-343-6802.

Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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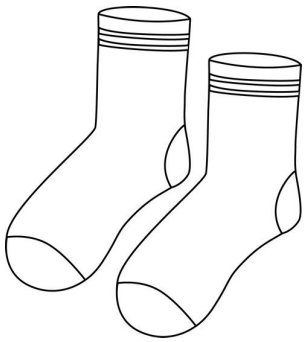
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

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These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

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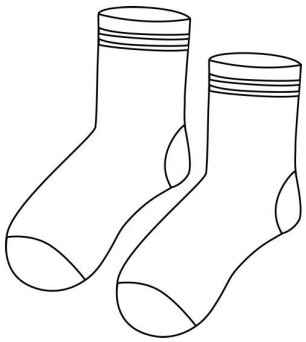
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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
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Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

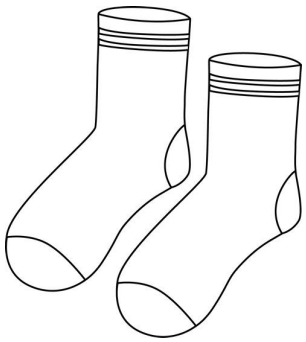
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 17	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Collect for Purity
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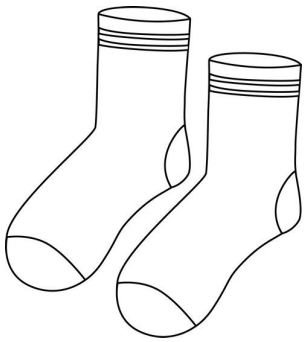
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
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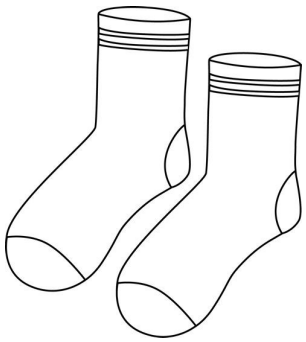
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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

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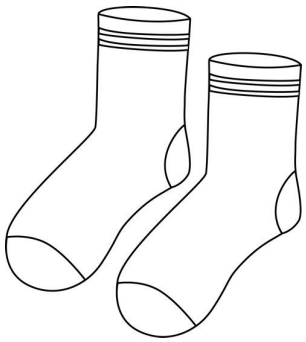
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
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The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

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Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

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On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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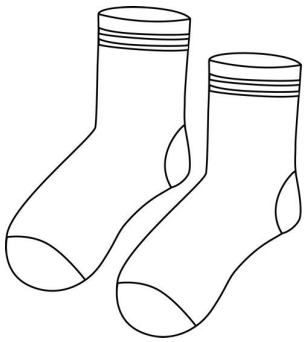
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
The Peace
"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

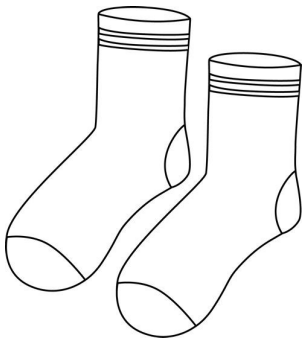
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IMPORTANT NOTE

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St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
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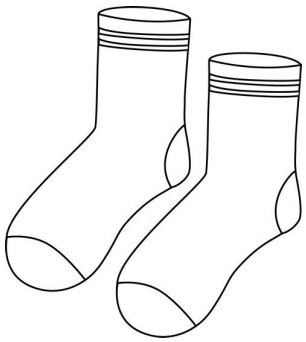
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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

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The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

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and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

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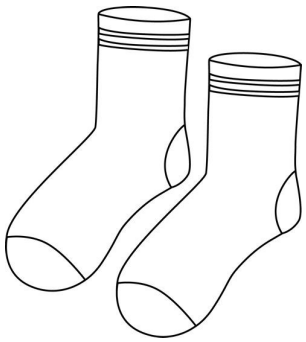
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

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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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
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Let us pray.

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Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

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the song of the ruthless was stilled.

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The Word of the Lord
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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

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Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

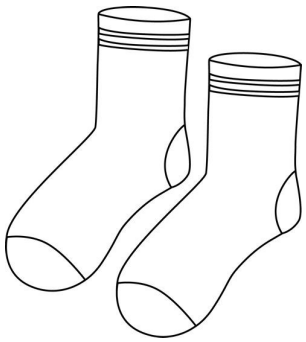
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

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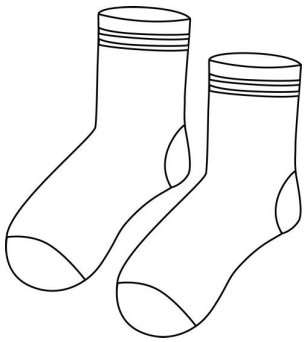
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
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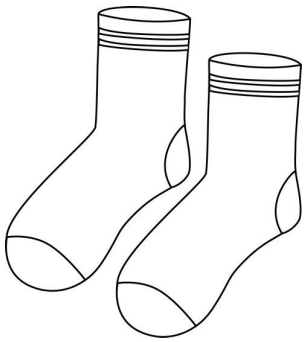
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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The Word of the Lord
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Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
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Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

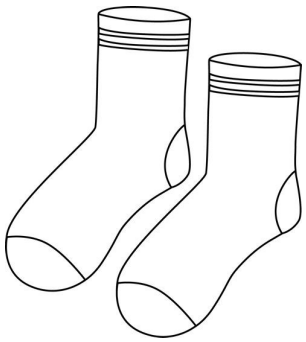
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

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Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

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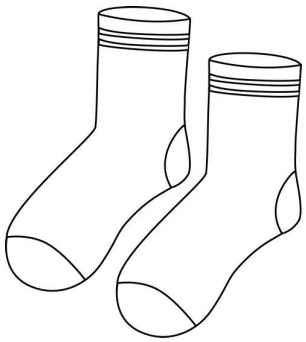
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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Let us pray.

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I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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The Gospel of the Lord.
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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

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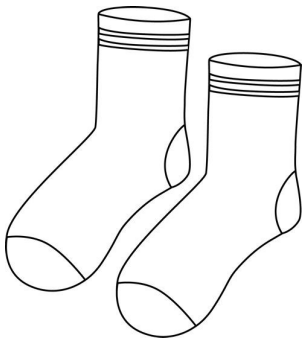
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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

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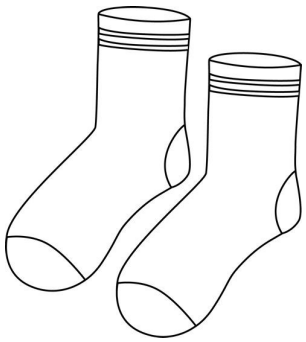
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OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
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Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
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Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

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The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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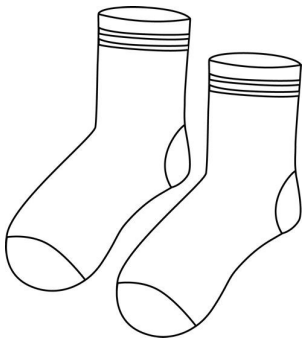
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
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Please take your bulletin home with you!

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PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

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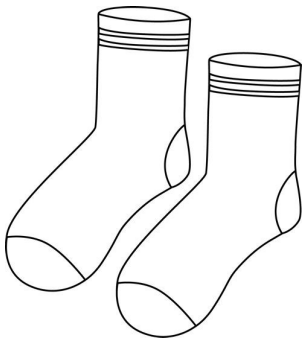
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
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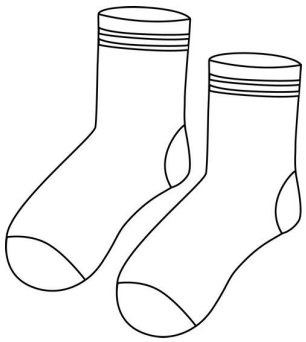
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The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

comfortable to you. The table of Holy Communion is open to everyone who believes called by God to eat of this divine meal. If this is your first time, please sit and enjoy the service, let the bulletin be your guide and not your boss. For any assistance, questions, or needs, please reach out to your nearest pew neighbor, speak to an usher, or corner a member of the clergy after the service. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping with you today.

Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

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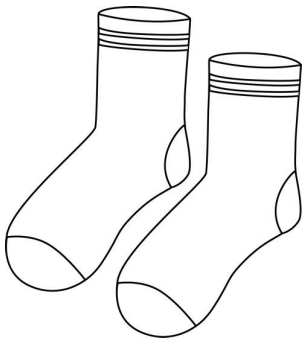
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
The Peace
"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

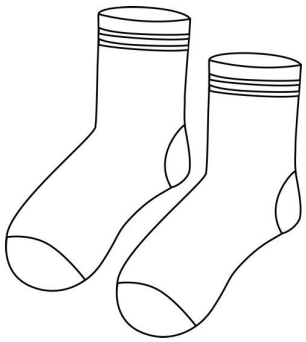
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

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IMPORTANT NOTE

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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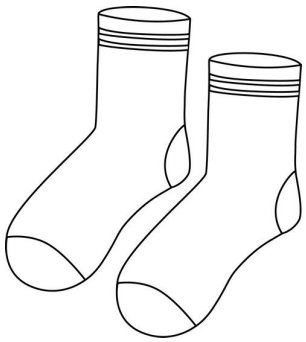
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Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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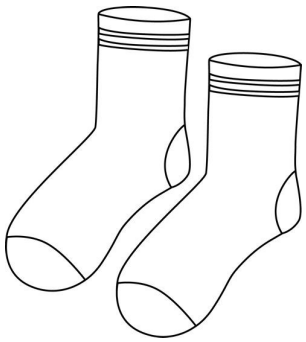
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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
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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.***

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O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

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Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

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On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

The Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures, here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

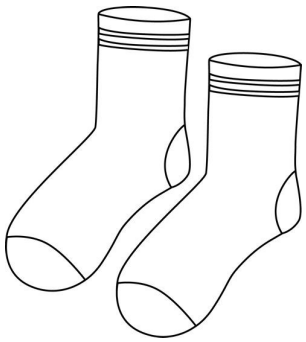
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 17	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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First time here? If you'd like to learn more about St. James, receive regular emails from the Church, or simply have your questions answered, then please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office at 585-343-6802.

Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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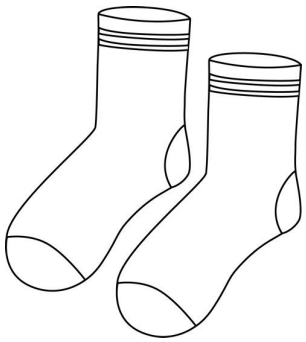
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

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Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

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These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

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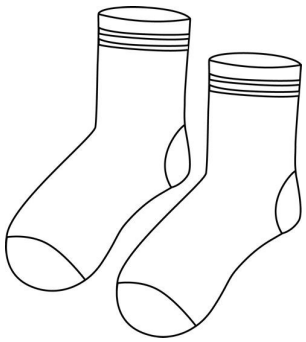
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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
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Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

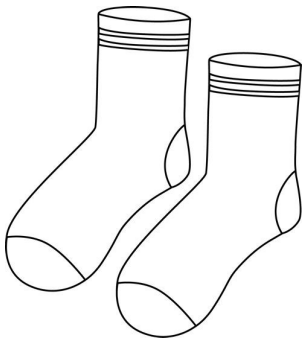
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 17	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Collect for Purity
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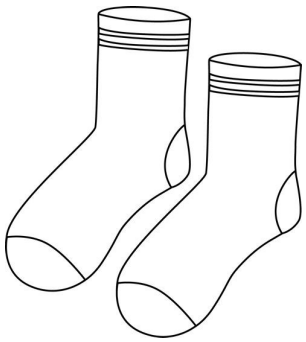
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
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He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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The Word of the Lord.
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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
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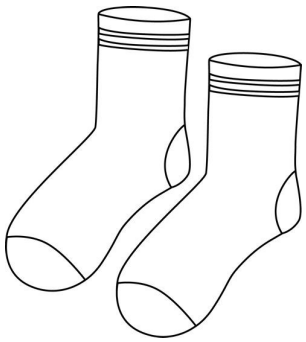
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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

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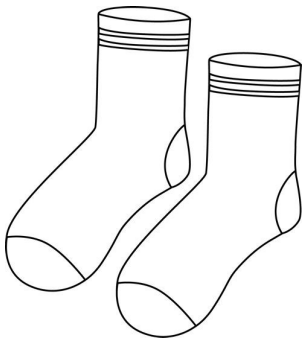
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
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The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
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Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
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On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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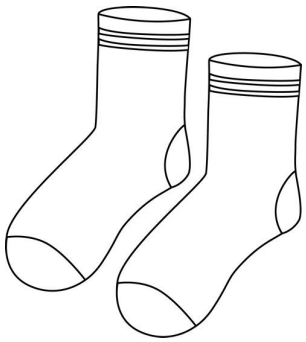
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The Collect for Purity
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
The Peace
"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

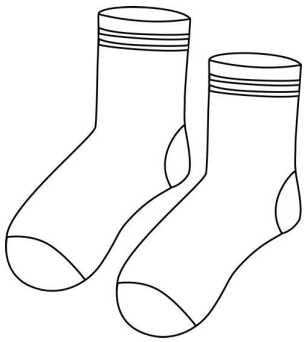
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

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IMPORTANT NOTE

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St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
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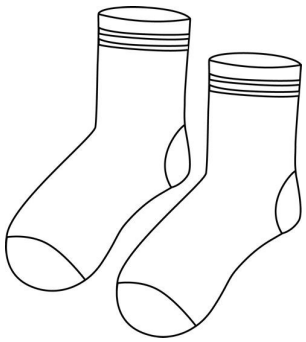
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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

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and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

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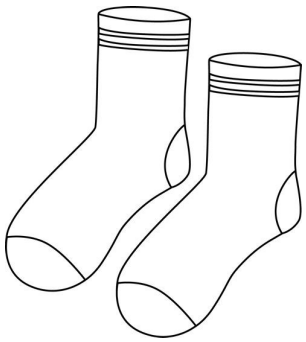
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

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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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
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Let us pray.

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Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

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the song of the ruthless was stilled.

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The Word of the Lord
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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

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Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

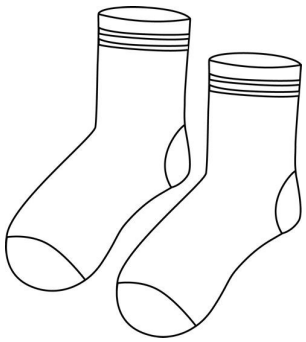
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

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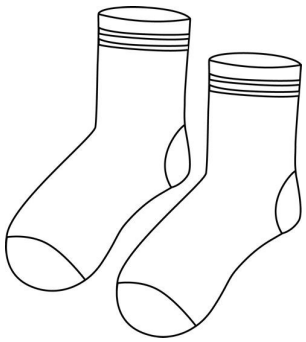
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The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

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The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
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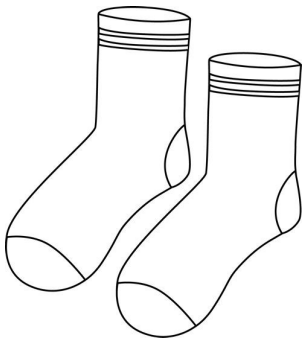
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
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Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

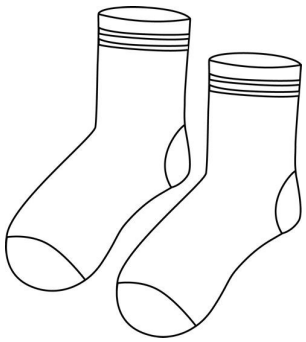
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 17	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

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Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

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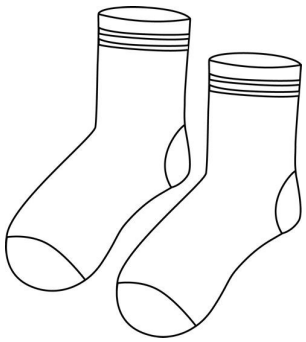
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
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I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

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For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

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The Gospel of the Lord.
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The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

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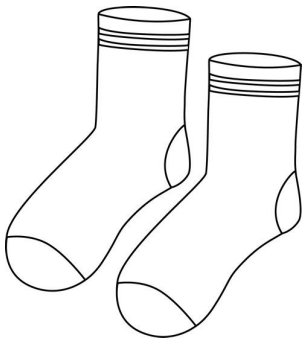
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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

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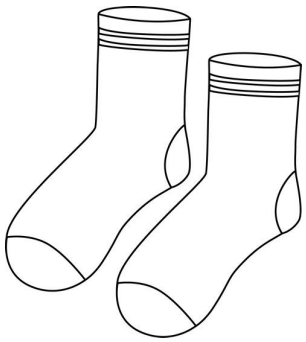
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OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
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Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send $600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.

The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*

- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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We're glad we're here.



20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

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Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

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The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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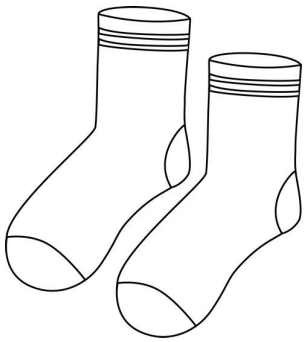
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The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
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"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
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Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
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Please take your bulletin home with you!

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October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

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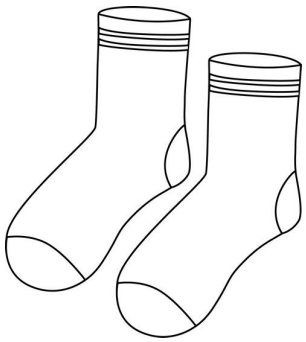
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
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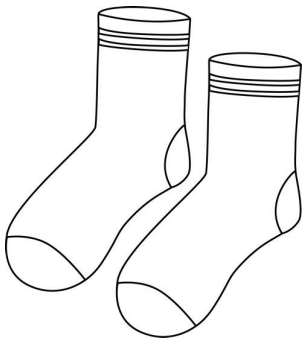
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The Open Shell *Parish Pearls*



UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*

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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

comfortable to you. The table of Holy Communion is open to everyone who believes called by God to eat of this divine meal. If this is your first time, please sit and enjoy the service, let the bulletin be your guide and not your boss. For any assistance, questions, or needs, please reach out to your nearest pew neighbor, speak to an usher, or corner a member of the clergy after the service. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping with you today.

Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

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for the Lord has spoken.

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This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
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Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

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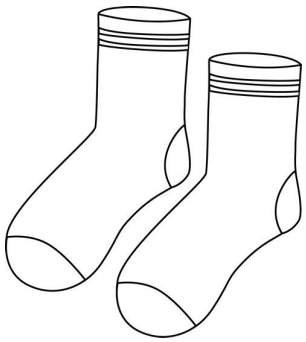
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20th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 11, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Chapel Widows* C. Phiilips

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most

comfortable to you. The table of Holy Communion is open to everyone who believes called by God to eat of this divine meal. If this is your first time, please sit and enjoy the service, let the bulletin be your guide and not your boss. For any assistance, questions, or needs, please reach out to your nearest pew neighbor, speak to an usher, or corner a member of the clergy after the service. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping with you today.

Opening Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (verses 1-5)*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.***

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (25:1-9) Barb King

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm **23** (To be read responsively by half verse.)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *(4:1-9)* *Anne Iannello*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
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Sequence Hymn 7 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not

come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

The Nicene Creed (You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

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.

The Prayers of the People *Rose Rumery*

Deacon/Presider:
Let us pray for the Church and the world.
Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)
The Absolution
The Peace
"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo *Lead Me, Lord* S. S. Weasley

Doxology Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal S – 128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 321 *My god, thy table now is spread*
Communion Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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 (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*
Dismissal
Postlude *Prelude in a Classic Style* G. Young

<u>*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.***</u>**

The Doxology
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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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The Fraction
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
The Blessing
The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!

Announcements for October 11, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger,15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

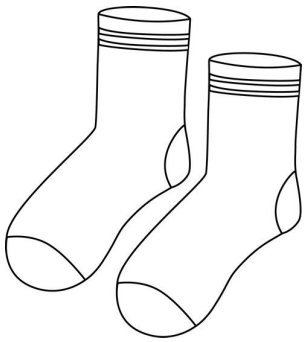
Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

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- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. James Outreach Committee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 11	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday October 12	**Indigenous People's Day** **6:30 PM**	**Office Closed** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 13	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 14	**10AM– 1:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 15	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday October 16		**Office Closed**
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Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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