# St. James Episcopal Church
# Batavia, NY

*We're glad we're here*.



Masaccio, 1401-1428

## 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24

### *October 18, 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.*

Prelude *Peace Abiding* G.F. Handel

***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.*

***Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP) The people's response are printed in BOLD PRINT.***

Opening Hymn 373 *Praise to the living God!*

*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

Opening Sentences *(BCP p.355)*
*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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (45:1-7) Joan Ellison

*Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--*
*and the gates shall not be closed:*

*I will go before you and level the mountains,*
*I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,*
*I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,*
*so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.*
*For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.*

*I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.*
*I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.*

*The Word of the Lord*
**Thanks Be to God**

Psalm 96:1-9, **(**To be read responsively by half verse.)

*Sing to the Lord a new song; **
**sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

*Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; **
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

*Declare his glory among the nations **
**and his wonders among all peoples.**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; **
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

*As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; **
**but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

*Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!* *
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

*Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;* *
**ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;* *
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;* *
**let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-10) Lily Bringenberg

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*The Word of the Lord.*
**Thanks Be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 391 *Before the Lord's eternal throne*

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*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
*The prayers of the People is Form VI, found on page 392 BCP or on the Yellow Sheet found in the pew.) Let us pray for the Church and the world.*
The Prayers Larry Belluscio
The Absolution
The Peace

"The Question in the Box"

**Zoom attendees turn to page 7**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

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. 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 684 *O for a closer walk with God*
Communion Hymn 689 *I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew*

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 those present to join him for the Final Blessing by extending your right hand up shoulder high and over the people as he prayers.)

Recessional Hymns 718 *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand*

Dismissal
Postlude *Trumpet Tune* N. Bowden

**<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

***<u>Please take your bulletin home with you!</u>***
**<u>Announcements for October 18, 2026</u>**

## Happy Birthday

October 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

**This Tuesday, October 20th**, we will be making apple pies in the church kitchen. We'll meet around 9:00 and just work for half a day. Needed are both apple peelers and crust rollers. The pies will be frozen and distributed to some of our fellow parishioners for Thanksgiving. If you have a few hours free, just show up. All ingredients needed will be there.



**Please mark your calendars for November 1 and invite your friends and family** attend the service and hear Perry Ground, a member of the Turtle Clan, of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Perry has been a storyteller for over 25 years where his lively, engaging, inclusive, cultural and historical presentation have informed audiences young and old. Perry's stories come to life with dynamic movement and dramatic voice. He will be asking us to Re-Think Thanksgiving based on the only primary source document that chronicles the "First Thanksgiving." You will be presented with accurate and culturally appropriate information about the English settlers at Plymouth and the Wampanoag, the Native people who inhabited that area. It is a special thanksgiving treat you do not want to miss.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| **Sunday October 18** | **9:00 am – 9:30 am**<br>**10:00 am – 11:15 am** | **Zoom Service**<br>**Eucharist & Coffee Hour** |
| **Monday October 19** | **10:00 am – 1:00 pm**<br>**6:30 PM** | **Office Hours**<br>**Genesee Chorale** |
| **Tuesday October 20** | **10AM – 1PM**<br>**Out of the office** | **Office Hours**<br>**Canon Johnnie** |
| **Wednesday October 21** | **10AM– 2:00PM**<br><br>**6PM**<br>**6:30 PM** | **Office Hours**<br>**Canon Johnnie**<br>**Al-Anon**<br>**Choir Rehearsal** |
| **Thursday October 22** | **10:00 am – 2:00 Pm**<br>**11:00 am – 1 pm** | **Office Open**<br>**Thrift Store** |
| **Friday October 23** | | **Office Closed** |
| **Sunday October 25** | **9:00 am – 9:30**<br>**10:00 am – 11:15 am**<br>**11:15 am** | **Zoom Service**<br>**Liturgy of the Word**<br>**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.*

*Resource Materials are located on the welcome table in the back of the church.*



**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.

**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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