St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, NY

So happy to be worshipping with you today!



Fortt, Annette Gandy

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 28

9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".

Just as Jesus welcomed the little children without hesitation, we gather today in the embrace of a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. Here, there are no barriers to belonging. People of every age, background, identity, and tradition are welcome—whether you carry steadfast faith, honest doubt, or simple curiosity. Your unique story enriches our community and helps reveal the fuller image of the Divine. Please participate in whatever way feels most comfortable to you. Thank you for the privilege of sharing this sacred time together.

A Note for Families & Children *- Children are a joyful part of our worship! All little ones are invited to sit up close in our* ***"soft space"*** *at the front of the Nave, designed especially for them. During special moments like baptisms and confirmations, children are welcome to gather as close to the action as they feel comfortable.*

Please remember that children are meant to act like children, not little adults—wiggles, whispers, and wonder are always welcome here. Children are also warmly invited to participate in Communion.

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth *arr. D. Wood*

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

Opening Hymn 551 Rise up, ye saints of 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. AMEN.

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah *(1:7,12-18)* Lily Bringenberg

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *(To be read responsively by whole verse.)*

Lord, you have been our refuge *****
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 1 Thessalonians *(5:1-11)* Lilo Townsend

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

Sequence Hymn 9 Not here for high and holy things (verses 4-6)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Zoom attendees turn to page 8

Offertory Sentence

Offertory For the Autumn Sky *R. E. Schram*

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 died and 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 624 Jerusalem the golden
Communion Hymn 623 O what their joy and their glory must be

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 Hymn 561 Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Dismissal
Postlude March Grand Choeur in C Major *T. Salome*

<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 November 15, 2026

Happy Birthday

November 19th Terry McGuire, 19th Jane McKeehen, 19th Cillian Burk, 22nd Joanne Fleming and 27th Rose Rumery

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.

After today's service we will be gathering in the kitchen to put together sandwiches for the unhoused who come to the Cathedral for lunch. If you have a little time after the service to help, just meet us in the kitchen. Barb King is coordination and has all the necessary ingredients. If more people help out we can construct these sandwiches in a short time, Hope to see you there.

Although we are not having our usual pie sale this year, we are still bringing pies to our homebound parishioners. We made 30 apple pies which are presently in the freezer. We need to get these pies delivered to people. If you are not in rush after service today by the Parish Hall and pick up a pie or two to drop off on your way

home. It is so important that all members of St. James know they are being thought of this holiday season and who doesn't welcome a homemade apple pie.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 15	**9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service Eucharist & Coffee Sandwich Making**
Monday November 16	**10 am to 1 pm 6:30 PM**	**Office Hours Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday November 17	**10AM – 1PM**	**Office Hours**
Wednesday November 18	**10AM– 1:00PM 6PM 6:30 PM**	**Office Hours Al-Anon Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday November 19	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm 11:00 am – 1 pm 6:30**	**Office Open Thrift Store Community Thanksgiving Interfaith**
Friday November 20		**Office Closed**
Saturday November 21	**7:00 pm**	**A Sovereign Sound**
Sunday November 22	**9:00 am – 9:30 10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service Jubilee Sunday Christ Church Albion, NY**

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.*

Your Location is:
Saint James Episcopal Church
405 E Main Street
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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.*


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BATAVIA INVITES YOU TO
A SOVEREIGN SOUND:
Organ Masterworks on the King of Instruments
JOHN NOVAK, ORGAN
A concert of masterworks by J.S. Bach and César Franck, along with great hymns celebrating the feast of Christ the King, performed on the mighty Southfield pipe organ at St. James Episcopal Church
All are welcome!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 PM
405 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020
No admission fee;
donations for organ preservation gratefully accepted;
reception to follow

Rights of Nature WNY

Nekanęhsakt
Friends of Ekwehowey

WNY ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

Lift Up Your Hearts

SIERRA CLUB
Niagara Group



Interfaith Climate Justice Community

Witness to Injustice: KAIROS Blanket Exercise

Sunday December 6, 1:00 - 3:30p

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Our lands, waterways and communities continue to be assaulted by harmful development in the name of 'economic development.' Projects such as STAMP in Genesee County override the rights of communities to protect their livelihoods. This is not a new phenomenon; it is a continuation of the harms inflicted upon indigenous people starting at European settlement.

Join us as Nekanęhsakt facilitates The Witness to Injustice: KAIROS Blanket Exercise, a unique 3 hour interactive experience that shares the disturbing history of what Indigenous Peoples have experienced through colonization.

The program seeks to foster truth, understanding, and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the part of the world now known as the United States; especially in the territory stewarded by people of the Onöndowa'ga:' Nation and other Haudenosaunee peoples.

Learn more and RSVP:
shorturl.at/lEOz4

This event is being co-sponsored by the Diocese of Western New York



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