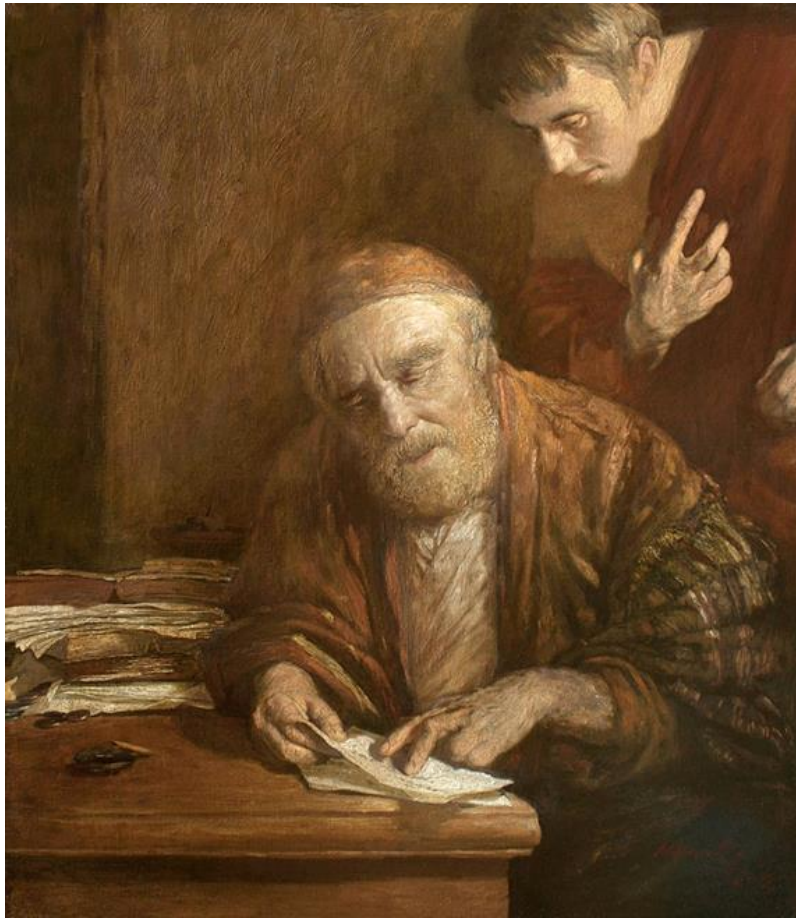


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"



Parable of the Unjust Steward
Andrei Mironov, 1975-

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025
(9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Children of every age are welcome here and are invited to join in the opening and closing processions. In the front of the church, on the left side, is a "soft space" where children can "be children" and watch the service up close. Canon Johnnie will invite the children to assist him with the final blessing. Children/Youth will be asked to come forward or to stand where they are seated during the blessing. Anyone, young or old who wishes to be part of the procession are welcome to grab a banner from up front and enter the procession into God's presence and toward the altar of God.

Please join your voice to the hymns and to the bolded portions of the liturgy (Book of Common Prayer-BCP)

Prelude

Priere

G. Senon

Welcome and Announcements

None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this space and at this time, because God is working in our lives – individually and corporately. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb.

Opening Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

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 forever.

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-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(You may be seated for the lessons.)

A Reading from the book of Amos (8:4-7)

Liz Findlay

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 113 (Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse)

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1-7)
Lilo Townsend

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (16:1-13)
Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,

people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Canon Johnnie

(You are invited to stand as you are able.)

The Nicene Creed

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

Barbara King

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, with hopes that divisions will cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread Love to all people in all places and at all times.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Kathy, our Governor, Donald, our President and all elected leaders.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, + *(pause for names either aloud or silently)*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those mentioned on our parish prayer list, and for those who we hold in our hearts, *(pause for names either aloud or silently)*

Silence

Presider:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and obligations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Set me as a Seal Upon Your Heart

D. Childs

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Old 100th

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for us, the beloved of God: Come to the Table of the Lord and be fed.

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 a clergy person. We distribute 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. All people will receive communion (or a blessing) from the main floor at the top of the main aisle. We do this so that everyone may receive communion together, as one family. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to the clergy person who will bestow God's blessing.

Communion Hymn 550

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

Communion Hymn 701

Jesus, all my gladness

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

Closing Hymn 345 *Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise*

Dismissal

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

D. Johnson

*****Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.*****

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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.

From John's Gospel: "Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord' "

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!

Closing Prayer

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

We thank Devin Vogel, trombone, for participating in worship today



The flowers on the Altar today are for the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Betty S. Coughlin

&

William L. Coughlin

Please take your bulletin home!!!

Please pray for those on our parish prayer List

Ed, Debbie, Anne & Don, Paul, Peggy, James, Wayne, Angelique, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Judi, Kim, Devon, Tim, Jean, Diane, Tom, Rich, Jane, Pearl, Bob, Sue, James, Bill, Chad, Jeff, Shirley, Judy, Lucas, Owen, Savannah, Nancy, Greg, Grace, Celentano family, Roger, Terry, Russell, David, Kennedy, Harrison, Margaret, Lucy, Sue, Brian, Jim & Marsha, Janice, Cal, Beverly, Missy, Jolene, Mary Annette, Lois, Sharon, Melinda, Dane, Blake, Erica, Debbie

Vestry Meeting Highlights

- Planning Stewardship campaign "Tell Out My Soul"
- Discussed new program year
- Outreach summary
- Outreach partnership with First Presbyterian
- New programs by Rupprecht Fund
- Search process underway
- Pledge payments ahead of last year by \$15K! Thanks!

Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will have a table at Convention to sell homemade cookies to the delegates. All the money received will go to Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. If you can bake us a batch of homemade cookies to sell it would be much appreciated. You can make them whenever you have time and drop them off in the freezer in the church kitchen. Just label them for Ukraine. All kinds are welcome, but avoid bar cookies. They don't package well. The deadline for dropping the cookies off is **Friday, October 9, at 9:00**. Thanks for your help. We have raised many hundreds of dollars in our previous cookie sales.

GET READY TO SHOUT!

Fall Community Dinner

Saturday, September 27

4:30 - 6:30 pm

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Delicious Dinner:** A warm & hearty meal.
- **Pumpkin Painting Fun:** Get creative.
- **Community Spirit:** Connect with friends.
- **A LITTLE BILLS TRIVIA!**
- **Show Your Spirit!** Come dressed in your favorite Buffalo Bills attire and you may get a special prize!

**THIS EVENT IS FREE
AND OPEN TO ALL!**

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Happy Birthday

Amy Burk & Breanna Pettys 9-22 Steve Rumery & Alexandra Belluscio 9-23
John Swartz Jr. 9-25, Lois Call 9-26

St. James Calendar

Sun, September 21	9:00 am - 9:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 10:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Sunday school Coffee Hour
Mon, September 22	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, September 23	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wed, September 24	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Office open Canon Johnnie in office Choir Rehearsal
Thu, September 25	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open Thrift store open
Fri, September 26		Office closed
Sun, September 28	9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Choir Rehearsal Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEIOWDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

First time here?

We welcome you and hope you have felt that welcome! If you'd like to learn more about St. James, please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office. Keep in touch, if you wish to be added to our mailing list fill out this form and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

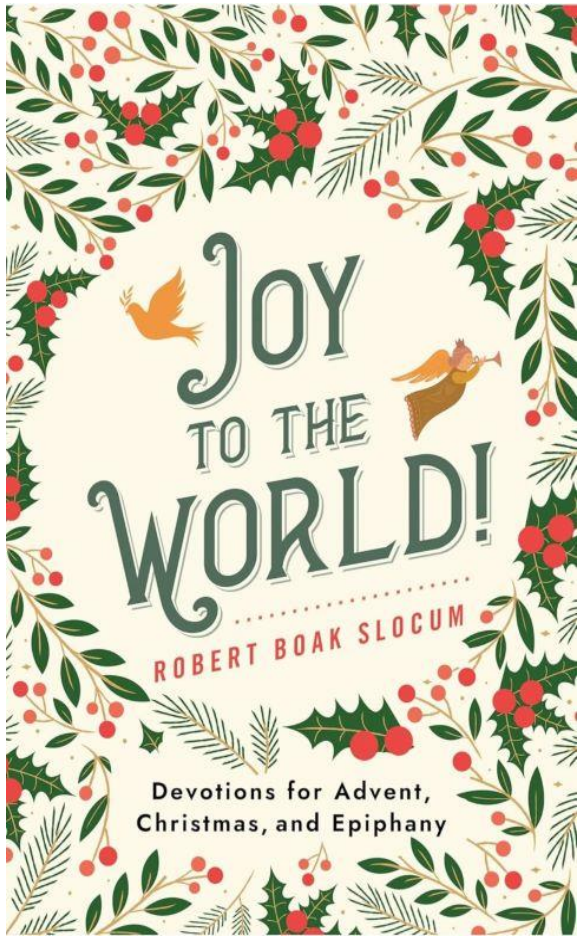
Bathrooms are located up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.

Name

Other family members

Here at St. James You are Welcome Regardless!

Book Study from Advent through Epiphany



From Advent through Epiphany, Canon Johnnie will lead a book study with us using this beautifully designed devotional by the Reverend Robert B. Slocum. Father Slocum is an Episcopal Priest who will offer us heartwarming devotions for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Our study will take us from the miraculous conception of Jesus to the visit of the Magi, as we experience Joy to the World! in the wonders of the God's coming to us. We will explore ways of how we can embrace the Incarnation and make it meaningful in our everyday life.

"Each devotion offers a passages from scripture, thought-provoking questions, and soulful prayers to help us contemplate God's steadfast presence and love in our lives."

You can order the book from Amazon yourself, or call the office where we will be placing a single order. This study will also be made available via Zoom for those who might find winter night driving a challenge. Funds are available for book scholarships, so please don't feel like you must be able to afford the book to attend the

study. Dates and times are currently being discussed, but it is safe to say they will occur in the evening on either Tuesday or Thursday night, beginning on either December 2nd or 4th. Specifics as to the precise date and time will be announced soon.



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