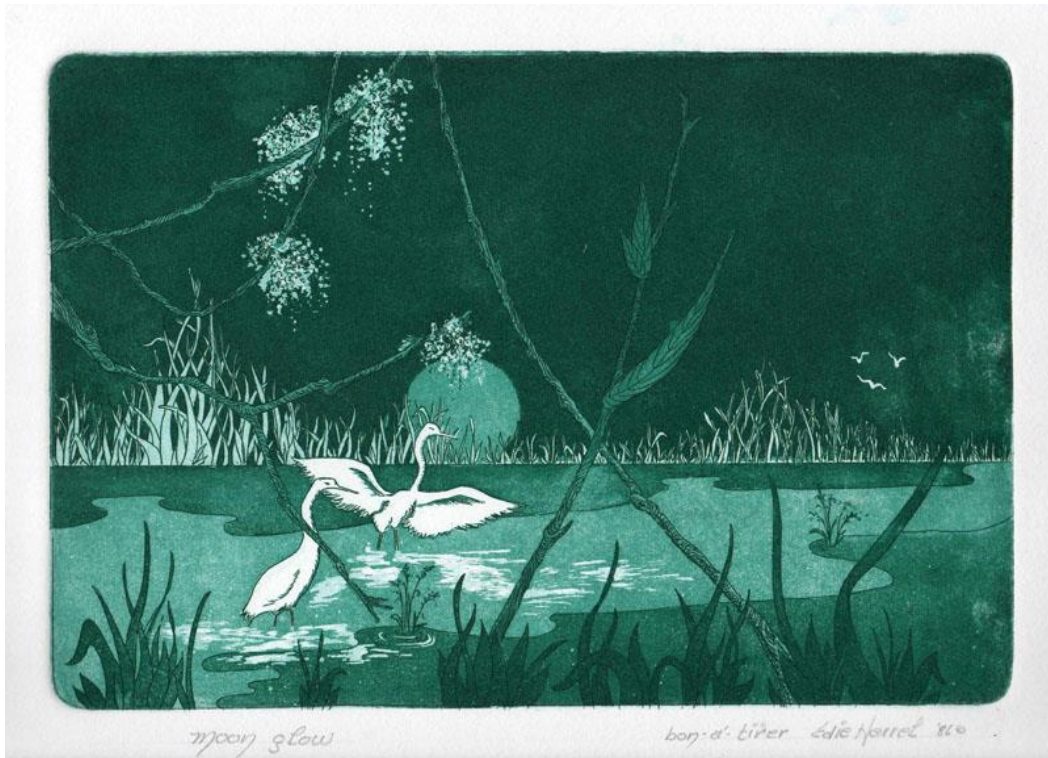


# St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Moon Glow  
Edie Mae Herrel*

**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**(9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

*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 invites everyone who would like to assist with the final blessing to stand in place and at the mention of the Trinity, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to gently raise your right hand, palm up.*

***Please join your voice to the hymns and to the bolded portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer-BCP, red book in the pew.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – *check out the announcements printed in this bulletin.*

*None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this time and space because God is at work in our lives – individually and corporately as the Church. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and here at St. James we do our best to practice that love. Please know that it is God who invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb – A God who welcome us and calls all of us into the divine service of discipleship!*

Opening Hymn 362      *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*



*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 give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.*

### The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentences

*BCP p. 355*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*A Reading from Genesis (1:1-2:4)*

*Lily Bringenberg*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that

it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

*Psalm 8 (Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.)*

1 O LORD our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses**

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;**

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

8 **All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 **O LORD our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13)*

Liz Findlay

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (28:16-20)*  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*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

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

*Refrain*

**God ever faithful,  
God ever merciful,  
God of your people,  
hear our prayer.**

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; (especially Steve, Cathy, Barbara, and Johnnie) for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who guide the nations of the earth; especially Kathy our Governor, Donald, our President, Members of Congress, the Justices of the US Supreme Court, and all elected leaders. For the Seneca Nation, their President, and the members of the Tribal Council- that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those whose seek and serve the common good and for the voters in this country; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair; that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the sick, the dying, and the dead, be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That the whole world may live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word; your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts; for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

Entrusting all we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

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*)

Celebrant will offer concluding prayer

### The Confession

*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 humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior 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.**

The Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you!*

**And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Micah 6:8

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

Old 100th

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer C

*BCP p. 369*

The Sanctus

*Hymnal S-128*

The Lord's Prayer

*BCP p. 364*

The Breaking of the Bread

*Hymnal S-154*

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. All people will receive communion (or a blessing) from the main floor at the top of the center 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 and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.*

Communion Hymn 405

*All things bright and beautiful*

Communion Hymn 385

*Many and great, O God, are thy works*

**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.*

Closing Hymn 432      *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height*

Dismissal

Postlude                                      *Toccata in Seven*                                      J. Rutter

**\*\*\*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 God all creatures, here below. Praise God 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.**

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

***Please take this bulletin home with you!***

**Please pray for those on our parish prayer List**

Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Cal, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Paul, Steve, Keith, Mike & Lisa

**Bobbi Jo will not be in the Parish Office from May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Call Canon Johnnie directly on his cell: (859)285-9361**

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE (PRIEST)**

The search committee has been meeting since last fall preparing the information required by the Diocese for the pastoral vacancy at St. James.

We have been very fortunate to have Barbara Price from the Genesee Deanery as our facilitator and liaison between St. James and the Diocese. The first step in the process was to update our Parish Profile. The profile will be viewed by prospective applicants to learn more about St. James, our congregation and community. The updated profile was officially submitted to the Diocese this past January.

The next step was to share with the Diocese how much St. James could afford for a new priest. After seeking input from Vestry and a review of our current and projected financial health. It was decided to develop a compensation package commensurate with a half-time position. This was submitted to the Diocese, via Barbara Price, on May 7th. The search committee believes this is the most prudent, fiscally responsible, and sustainable approach for St. James in the coming years.

At this time we are currently in a holding pattern while we wait for further direction from the Diocese. Our hope is the Diocese will "post" the St. James position this summer so that interviews can begin this fall.

There is some good news. Canon Johnnie has agreed to continue as our interim until a new priest has been called to St. James.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the search committee.

Tom Bringenberg, Liz Findlay, Rick Iannello and Tim Thomas

Thank You,  
Tim Thomas

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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 5:30-8:00 PM

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**OPENING  
CELEBRATION**

**5:30 PM**

**Flag Raising**

Batavia First Presbyterian  
Church  
300 E. Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

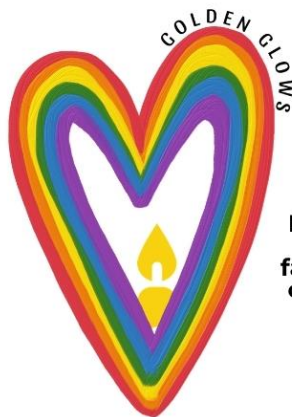
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Block Party**

Batavia First Presbyterian  
Church

Rain or shine!  
Events are free  
and open to the  
public.

For more  
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please visit  
[www.glowout.org](http://www.glowout.org).



Help us to kick off the  
Pride month with a  
family-friendly evening  
of **games, crafts, food,**  
**activities, and**  
**giveaways.**



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**St. James Calendar**  
**Happy Birthday!!**

John Wood 6-2, Tom Bringenberg & Tim Carney 6-4

Sunday May 31	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday June 1	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tuesday June 2	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday June 3	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday June 4	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday June 5		Office closed
Sunday June 6	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

**Zoom meetings use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFJlbnM4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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**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](mailto: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.*

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Name

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Other family members

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**Here at St. James You are Welcome Regardless!**



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