

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Man with a withered Hand
Tissot, James, 1836-1902*

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 (9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)

We attempt to have our summer services outside, where the weather is a little easier to bear. If we are inside please remember that children are a joyful addition to our worship, we invite all children to sit up close, we even have a "soft space" up front, just for the kids!

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

Welcome and Announcements

We at St. James believe that no one is here by accident. You are here because God is working in your life. Wherever you are in your walk of faith, you are welcome here.

Opening Hymn 8

Morning has broken

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and 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

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure

affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah

Anne Iannello

66:10-14

Thus says the LORD: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 66:1-8

We read the psalm responsively by half verse

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *

sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, *

and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;*

let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

Sequence Hymn 533 *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Canon Johnnie Ross

Please 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

Rose Rumery

Deacon/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.

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, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*

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.

Especially those on our parish prayer list and others we now name

Silence

Priest:

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 your 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.**

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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 oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

The Holy Communion

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 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with James, Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

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

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this altar is God's 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. 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.

Post Communion Prayer

From Enriching Our Worship

Let us pray

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. 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

Closing Hymn 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Dismissal

*****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 Luke's Gospel: Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

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 your bulletin home!!!

Announcements for July 6, 2025

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

Transitional Priest in Charge

The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross has agreed to be our interim priest until the next priest is called. The schedule of services will remain the same, he is leading worship three Sundays/month and have office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. His personal cell is (859)285-9361 and his email address is canonjohnnie@gmail.com Please feel free to contact him directly by phone, text, or email. Bobbi Jo will be keeping his appointment calendar so please contact the church office to make those arrangements. Liturgy of the Word will continue to be our practice on the fourth Sunday of each month and/or attend the Jubilee services held by the Genesee Regional Initiative(GRI).

St James will remain a member of the GRI. Discussions about the Search Process will begin in the Fall.

Outdoor Services

This Sunday will be the beginning of our summer church services. While our choir is on vacation we will hold our Sunday worship outside. Remember to bring a lawn chair along. Even though many are busy with summer activities they still like to take the opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners after the service. There is a sign up chart in the Parish Hall if you would like to help out. We'll be skipping the coffee during these hot months and offering lemonade or iced tea. Just a simple cookie or two will help eliminate the need for silverware and dishes. See you all on Sunday.

Scholarship

We have three students this year who are receiving a scholarship from St. James.

- LeRoy graduate, Beckett Swanson who will be attending the Air Force Prep Academy in Colorado
- Batavia graduate, Abby Bestine who will be attending Buffalo State University
- Byron Bergen graduate, Isabelle Best who has been accepted at Brockport State University

We wish all three continued success as they pursue their degrees in higher education.

Memorial Garden

The Missy Smith memorial flower garden is in bloom and needs volunteers to help water it this summer. No special skill required. Please contact Gregg Ely at email 5Geep6@gmail.com or text 716-432-7731 if you have an interest.

Happy Birthday!
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St. James Calendar

Sun, July 6	9:00 am - 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Mon, July 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, July 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wed, July 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open Canon Johnnie in office
Thu, July 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open Thrift store open
Fri, July 11		Office closed
Sun, July 13	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>
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 at saint.james2@sjecbataviany.org or call the office. We'd love to 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

Anything else you'd like us to know?

Again, St. James Episcopal Church Welcomes You!



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