

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits
Luke the Cypriot 1594*

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22nd, 2025 (9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10 am Liturgy of the Word

We welcome children at St James. All children who wish to 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.

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

Prelude

Prelude in G Major

Wm. Harris

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn 420

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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. 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

Hymnal S-278

**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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 first book of Kings

Jim Neider

19:1-4, 5-7,8-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the

sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 42

We read the psalm responsively by half verse

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians
3:23-29

Joan Ellison

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Sequence Hymn 371 *Thou, whose almighty word*

Please be seated

A Reading from Luke

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment

me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Sermon by The Rev. James Liggett

Read by Jim Ellison

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Larry Belluscio

Deacon/Priest:

Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! So, let us pray to our Lord saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**"

Intercessor:

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave and offer redemption and freedom. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we

go.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Incarnate Love, bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Living Savior, you hold the future. Bless and restore our families, communities and our world, especially those places overcome by violence and oppression.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus the health of the world, pour out your love on those in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and others we now name

[PAUSE]

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

By your resurrection we all rise in glory. We give thanks to you for the lives of those who now reside in the nearer presence of God including those we now name: [PAUSE]

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider

Creator God, keep us always in the miraculous light of the resurrection of your Son. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Silence

The Confession and Absolution

The Officiant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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.**

The officiant (still sitting or kneeling)says
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord always be 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.

Please be seated

Offertory Anthem

Healer of Our Every Ill

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.**

The Prayers

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious
resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through
our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 594

God of grace, and God of glory

Choral Benediction Old Irish Blessing

D. Agay

The Dismissal

Our worship has ended, our service continues.
Go in Peace. **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

G. Young

Announcements for June 22, 2024

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

Vestry Meeting notes

- Noted that the Letter of Agreement appointing Canon Johnnie Ross as the St. James Transitional Priest in Charge has been signed.
- Noted that the Standing Committee will announce a Provisional Bishop on July 1st.
- Discussed further Outreach opportunities and voted to fund the Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children with \$1500
- Approved the new 12-year maintenance plan as recommended by the Property Committee
- Recognized that pledge payments are ahead of the past two years - Thank you very much!

Jubilee Sunday

On the 29th we will be worshipping with the other churches in the GRI at Trinity Church in Warsaw. This gives us an opportunity to meet up with some others we don't get to see often. Two of the churches have outreach projects that they have actively supported for years. The parishioners at Perry collect aluminum can tabs which they donate to Shriners Hospital. The folks at Warsaw have an active pet food pantry. If you have any tabs or pet food that you would like to contribute, bring them along on the 29th. Can't make it that day? Drop them off at St. James and we'll get them to the people who are organizing those outreach projects.

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.

New office hours

Please note the Parish office hours have changed. The office will be open Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. going forward into the summer. If you have any questions feel free to call Bobbi Jo at (585)343-6802 or email to saint.james2@sjecbataviany.org. Thank you, have a great summer!

Happy Birthday!

Jane Draycott & Keith Price 6-24, Lenora Shepard 6-28

St. James Calendar

Sun, June 22	9:00 am - 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour
Mon, June 23	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, June 24	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wed, June 25	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 10:00 am	Office open Canon Johnnie in office
Thu, June 26	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open Thrift store open
Fri, June 27		Office closed
Sun, June 29	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am	Zoom Service Flash Mob at Trinity

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 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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