

**St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, New York**



The Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids by Eugène Burnand, 1850 – 1921)

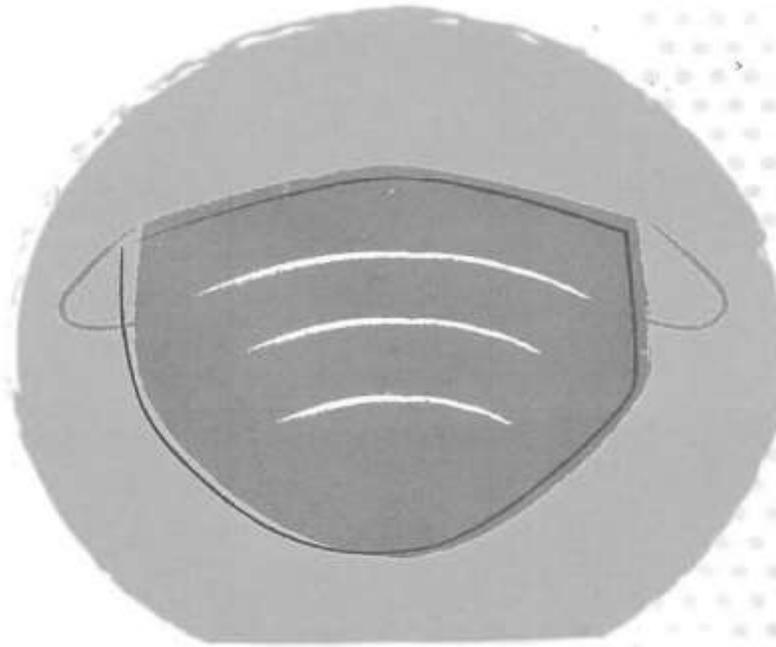
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

Whether at home, or gathered at church, you are an important part of the St. James Community and we know that we are united in love.

*"BCP" refers to "Book of Common Prayer"
Please join your voice in responses printed in bold*

Masks and Social Distancing
are required at all times



EXCEPT FOR COMMUNION

Today we honor those who have served in the military to secure our freedoms. We remember their service and sacrifice and that of their families.

James Neider US Army 1968-1970

William B. Pierce (LCDR USN)

Kenneth Alton

Donald E. Delbridge (WWI)

Lyle G. Mark (WWII)

Lawrence Belluscio

Garnet Wood

William Wood

Don Valentine

Jim Ellison

Harry Simmons

John Ellison

Anthony Gugino

Christopher Maher

Angela Ellison

David Ellison

Paul Ellison

Eli Hammond

Hazel Hammond

Bill Hammond

The Word of God

Please stand.

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his 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.**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to his 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

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Reading of the Names of those who have served, or are currently
serving in the military to secure our freedoms.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

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1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
**and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

25:1-13

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And

while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon "You can borrow a cup of Oil, but you can't borrow a cup of Calm"

Mother Bonnie Morris

Please stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread,
and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Diana:

We come to you with humble hearts ready with our prayers for those we love and those we are working at loving. Give us open minds and hearts Lord, to listen to your words only, so that we can act with love as you act towards us. Challenge us to be more than we think we can be.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

Intercessor:

We lift up the names of our leaders: Donald our president, Andrew our Governor, and the Batavia Council, that were elected to be our voice in decisions that affect not only our lives today, but the lives of our children, grandchildren and future generations. We pray that they govern with wisdom and hearts for the people they represent.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We pray for a peaceful election. We pray that no matter the outcome, we as Christians know that it is God we worship and that we are commanded to only respond to others with love.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We pray for those serving our country in many capacities or put in harm's way, **Especially Eric, David, Paul, Brandon, Michael, Alex, Chad, Jim, Devyn and Trevor.**

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We pray for Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Sean, and the leaders of this diocese that they may continue to lead, encourage and challenge us to embrace the changes we are experiencing within the country, the Episcopal Church, and our two dioceses,

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

And we lift up all those in our deanery, that they find ways to share their gifts and abundance with each other, bring hope to those in our neighborhoods who are hungry for the love of God, and be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit as a transforming agent during this time of change.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We lift up St. James as this congregation continues to discern the direction in which they need to move as they answer God's call to be a visible symbol of hope in Batavia.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who are in need of healing, especially:

Especially, Tim, Carolyn, Douglas, Aiden, Gabriella, Carla, Venus, Beth Ann, Cathy, Wendy, Evan, Travis, Pat, Nicholas, Bob, Charlene, Brian, Rita, Garth, Jessica, Mark, Steve, Lew-Ann, Joanne, Donna, Jenett, Richie and *(pause for people to include other names)*

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We pray for the members of the vestry, that they make decisions with eyes that can see God's vision for the congregation and hearts that act with love.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

We pray for the all the Baptized of this parish as they continue to live out their vows to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, for Mother Bonnie, who shepherds and feeds the congregants, and Deacon Diana who calls people to action.

Lord, hear our prayers and show us the way of love.

Presider

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior, whose arms of love embrace us all. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The deacon bids us to confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

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 Presider stands and says:

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

Please stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory 'Sortie'

Nicholas Jaques Lemmens

The offertory plates will not be passed through the congregation.

They are placed at the side and back of the nave.

Please stand.

Doxology (spoken)

**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.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim in resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, 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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Let us now offer this prayer for Spiritual Communion together, as One Body, with our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us in person.

Dearest Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament, and that you fill us at all times with your holy, healing, and life-giving Presence. I love you above all else, and my desire is to always welcome you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in consecrated bread and wine, help me to know your Presence spiritually in my heart. I embrace you, knowing that you are already here, and I unite myself wholly with you. Never let me feel separated from you or from your love. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please remain in your places. A minister will bring Communion to you.

Communion Anthems

'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'
'We Lift Our Hearts to Thee'

Let us pray.

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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'

Thank you for joining the St. James community.



Happy Birthday!

Dean Perry 11/09, Phyllis Draycott 11/13



Thanksgiving Pie Sale and Basket Raffle



**St. James
Episcopal Church**
405 E. Main St., Batavia

Friday, Nov. 20
4-6 pm

Saturday, Nov. 21
10 am—2 pm

- Pie Sale
Pumpkin & Apple
- Basket Raffle
Need not be
present to win
- Masks & Social
Distancing
- FREE ADMISSION



Preorder pies by texting: 585-356-5359

Apple (baked or frozen unbaked)

Pumpkin (baked, frozen or not)

\$9 for a 9" pie, pay at pick-up on Nov. 20 or 21

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: canned pumpkin (not the pumpkin pie filling, just regular old pumpkin), evaporated milk, apples, flour, and sugar.

And, all sorts of items for baskets – seasonal décor, small kitchen/home appliances, pamper items, things for pets, themed dinner fixings, sweet and savory treats, toddler books/toys, etc.

Thank you! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Missi Smith or Dorian Ely

PRISON MINISTRY

Items are requested for male inmates at Gen County Jail:

- Cheater Readers (glasses 1.0, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 2.0, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00)
several pairs of each strength please
- Deodorant for men
- *Grease for dark skin /hair
- *Vaseline
- *Shampoo/ conditioner
- Breathe Right strips
- Sugar free cough drops
- *Body lotion ex: Eucerin, Cerave
- Toe and finger nail clippers
- Poly grip for dentures
- Dental Floss
- *Large containers/tubes are acceptable; I will dispense into medicine cups for management. Inmates are issued: toothbrush, toothpaste and basic soap. Diane Cox

AS IN THE PAST, WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR THE MIGRANT WORKERS IN OUR AREA

The following is a list of needed items:

Socks (must cover the ankle)	Ball Caps (new or clean used)
Toothpaste	Toothbrush
T-shirt (large or XL, short sleeve)	Disposable Razors
Shaving cream	Shampoo
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Towels (terry)	Plastic shopping bags
Bar of soap	

DON'T FORGET!

RETURN CANS AND BOTTLES TO BATAVIA RECYCLE
East Main Plaza

BRING IN THE ALUMINUM PULL TABS FROM CANS
PUT PAPER IN THE RECYCLE BIN IN THE BACK PARKING LOT
PUT LOOSE CHANGE OR QUIET MONEY IN THE PAINT CANS
Pennies make dollars

November 8th Through November 14th

Nov 8 **Please reserve your spot at our service at Signup Genius:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ea9ae2aa3fe3-service>

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church and on Zoom

To join Zoom go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89810857988>

Or join by phone: (646) 558-8656, and use code 898 108 57988

11:15 a.m. Our Faith Discussion Class in the Music Room and on Zoom

To join Zoom go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89810857988>

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Nov 9 **Finance Team Meeting in the Music Room and on Zoom**

3:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960235378>

Nov 10 **Vestry Reports Due.**

1:00 p.m. Send via email to saint.james2@outlook.com

5:30 pm. ECW Board Meeting in Guild Room and on Zoom

Nov 11 **Bible Discussion Group in Music Room and on Zoom**

12:00 p.m. To join go to <https://zoom.us/j/579180457>

or join by phone: (646) 558-8656 and use code 579 180 457

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer with the Genesee Deanery

To join go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459547624>

or join by phone: 1-929-205-6099, and use code: 88459547624

Nov 12 **Thrift Shop Open**

9:00 a.m. thru 2:00 p.m.

Nov 15 **Please reserve your spot at our service at Signup Genius:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ea9ae2aa3fe3-service>

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10:00 a.m. Join Bishop Sean in a Zoom Worship at 10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/127336938?pwd=cm8zUWh0Y2loTjYyKy91YURsTVBCQT0>.

If you are asked for a password, use **lakeerie**.

To join by phone instead of video, dial 646-876-9923 and use code 127336938#



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**Check out our website and Facebook for
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Everyone is Welcome!

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