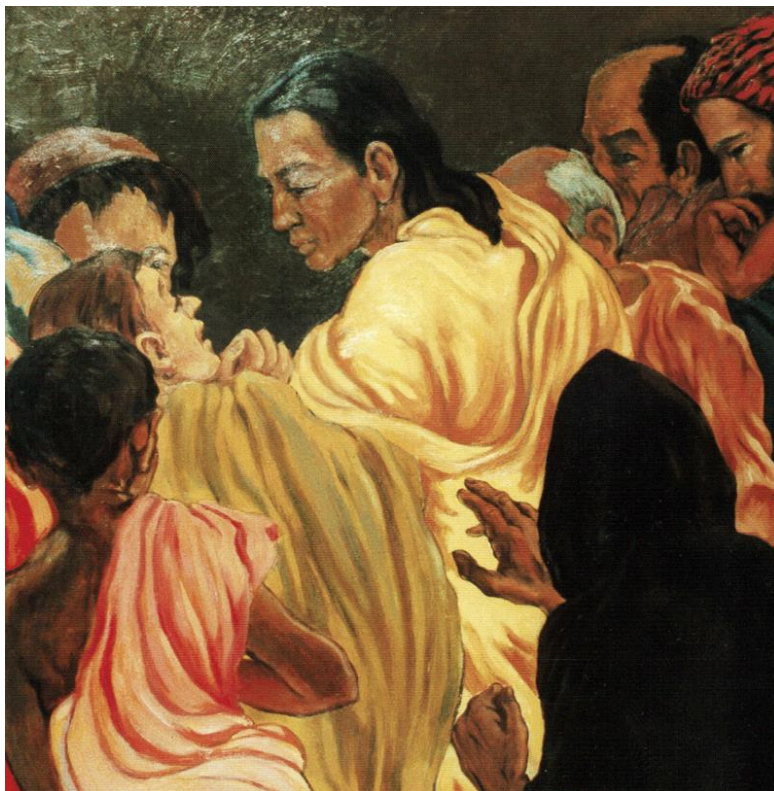


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Woman with the Flow of Blood
Frank Wesley 1923-2002*

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7th, 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.

Prelude

Nettleton

arr. C. Phillips

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 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*



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

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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-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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Genesis (12:1-9)

Liz Findlay

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 33:1-12

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

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the LORD with the harp; play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 **For the word of the LORD is right, and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 **Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 **The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 **Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (4:13-25)

Barb King

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants,

not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 660 *O Master let me walk with thee*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
(9:9-13,18-26)

Glory to you Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them,

suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district. 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

Jim Neider

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 701

Jesus, all my gladness

Communion Hymn 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

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 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Dismissal

Postlude

Finale

G. Young

*****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



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

Charmaine Swartz

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, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Paul, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and ,Joanne and Cal

Did you know that the loose offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the Priest's Discretionary Fund. The national Canons of the Episcopal Church dictates that one Sunday each month be set aside for this purpose. The purpose of the Priest's Discretionary Fund is to confidentially assist with needs that arise from time to time where direct access to funds are necessary. While this fund never has a huge balance, it helpful in conducting ministry in your name without the restrictions that typically address budgetary items.

Last quarter the Clergy Discretionary fund was tapped to: provide food beyond that available from our pantry for a family of 2, and a family of 3, over the counter hygiene and medical supplies for an adult female, paid for prescription medicine and medical supplies for a 5-year-old, and provided food for a lunch meeting with the priest. Your donations to the Clergy Discretionary Fund is the only financial support it receives and is a way the priest can confidentially provide ministry in your name to both members of the church and in the community. The current balance is less than \$75.

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

St. James Calendar
Happy Birthday!!

Don Wolff 6-13 & Evelyn Skelton 6-14

Sunday June 7	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 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tuesday June 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday June 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday June 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday June 12		Office closed
Sunday June 14	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

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.

Worship, Wine, and Lemonade on the Lawn will begin on the first Sunday in July, the 5th at 10AM and will continue through August 30, 2026. If you have a favorite hymn, please give this information to John Novak and we will do our best to include it in a Sunday services.

We would also encourage you to bring a lawn chair to these services, as your lawn chair will be much more comfortable than the folding chairs that will be provided. If you would like to supply lemonade and cookies for the summer fellowship after the service, please see Jo-Anne Bestine or call the office and speak with Bobbi Jo.

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!



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