

# St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Complete Joy  
Lauren Wright Pittman*

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10<sup>th</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.***

Prelude

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*arr. D. Wood*

Welcome and Announcements

*None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this space and at this time, because God is working in our lives – individually and corporately. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and that love is practiced here at St. James. Also know that it is God who invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb – A God who welcome us all!*

Opening Hymn 400 *All creatures of our God and King (verses 1,4,5,7)*

**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 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 prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles (17:22-31)*

*Barb King*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

*Psalm 66: 7-18 (Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse)*

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.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 **If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.**

*A Reading from the first letter of Peter (3:13-22)*

*Lily Bringenberg*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal

to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 409 *The spacious firmament on high*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (14:15-21)*

**Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Anne Iannello

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

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, that our divisions may cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread God's love to all people, in all places, and at all times. **That we all may be one.**

Leader: We pray for our church, for our diocese, clergy and people in the Genesee Cycle of Prayer, and for St. Paul's in Stafford  
God of Light and Life, **Hear our Prayer**

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, especially Kathy, our Governor, Donald, our President and all elected leaders.  
**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,+, (pause for names either aloud or silently)  
**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.

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*)

Silence

Celebrant will offer concluding prayer

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

*Christ Hath a Garden*

*G. Near*

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 593      *Lord make us servants of your peace*

Communion Hymn 513      *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

**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*

Closing Hymn 705      *As those of old their first fruits brought*

## Dismissal

Postlude

*Prelude in a Classic Style*

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

***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 & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave & Paul

## **St. James Scholarship**

- Scholarships are available for any post-high school education, including college, trade school, or any career preparation with certification.
- Applications from individuals who are affiliated with a church in the Genesee Regional Initiative, but not members of St. James, must include a recommendation from their priest, vestry member, or warden.
- Questions can be directed to: Diane Skelton at 716-474-2765

The deadline to file an application is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Applications are available on the Church's website [www.sjecbataviany.org](http://www.sjecbataviany.org) or you can pick one up at the Church office during business hours.

## **United Way Day of Caring**

United Way Day of Caring activities are scheduled for Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers will be onsite to complete spring cleanup, a little gardening and perhaps some painting. The event runs from 9:00 until about 2:30 and Parishioners are encouraged to participate as they are able. The Outreach committee will provide lunch for all at midday. Please contact Gregg Ely with questions. 5Geep6@gmail.com.

## **Day of Caring set up Schedule**

Wednesday, May 20, 9 am till done Set up and prep.

Thursday, May 21, 9am till 2pm

Serving and clean-up

Needed:

Table setter, sandwich makers, turkey carvers, turkey salad makers, servers and cleanup crew.

Also needed: Cookie, cupcake donations

For any questions, contact any outreach committee member:

Jo-Ann Bestine, Diane Cox, Dorian Ely, Kim Isaac, Terry McGuire, Jim Neider, Diane Skelton

If you can't help any of those times but want to, let us know. We'll find a job for you! Help us show hospitality!

Terry, 585-356-4375

### **FREE Community Lunch May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please join us for a FREE event of community and connection on May 21st, 12:00 PM (until gone) in the St James Parish Hall. Come together with your neighbors and friends for a delicious meal and great company! This event will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and strengthen bonds within our community. We will also be providing lunch for the volunteers of the 2026 Day of Caring. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, and a drink for eat-in or take-out will be available! There is no need to RSVP.

**Let's Build a Stronger Community Together!**

### **Hats and Mittens**

The stores have started marking down their winter hats and mittens. We plan to once again collect such items for our area school children who come to school without proper winter gear. We bring the items to both the elementary and middle schools so all sizes are needed. We already have a bin started here at church to collect and save the hats and mittens until next winter. If you run across a bargain, scoop it up and bring it to church. We'll store it until next season.

# GLOW OUT! | PRIDE ROOTED IN RESISTANCE 2026



*Grown from a brick by T.R. Larnell*

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

MONDAY, JUNE 1

**OPENING  
CELEBRATION**

**5:30 PM**

**Flag Raising**

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

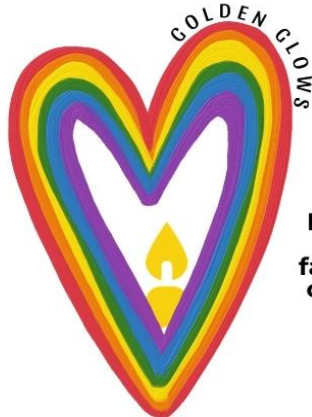
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Block Party**

Batavia First Presbyterian  
Church

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

For more  
information  
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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Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council



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

Ron Fancher 5-11 & Diane Cox 5-12

Sunday May 10	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 May 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tuesday May 12	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday May 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday May 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday May 15		Office closed
Sunday May 17	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

**Zoom meetings use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

[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.

**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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