

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Last Judgement
Rubens, Peter Paul 1577-1640*

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

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

*Summer services are all scheduled for outside through the end of August.
The hope is that the weather will be a little more tolerable. Please
remember that children are a joyful addition to the worship experience and
are to sit up close in "soft space" provided for their comfort.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

We are not gathered here by accident. Each one of us is here because God is working in our life. No matter where we are along faith's journey, here Everyone is Welcome Regardless... and everyone is loved.

Opening Hymn 217

He's got the whole world in His hand

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his

most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

Liz Findlay

23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalms 82

We read the psalm responsively by half verse

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Sequence Hymn 218 *Jesus loves me! this I know*

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Canon Johnnie Ross

Please stand as you are able

**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/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:

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 221 *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*

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 August 17, 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, Melinda, Dane & Blake

Priest in Charge Search

The Search Committee representing St. James for our next rector has been established. Representing our congregation will be: Rick Iannello, Tim Thomas, Liz Findlay, and Tom Bringenberg. They will be joined by several representatives from other churches in our deanery. The priest selected will mainly serve our congregation but will also manage the other churches in the Genesee Regional Initiative. This committee has a very important responsibility. We thank them for their offer of the time and commitment needed for this task. Their work begins in September. Please keep them in your prayers.

Basket Raffle and Pie Sale

While you are out and about this summer, please remember the basket raffle and keep an eye out for good deals. It can be an excellent time to buy things on sale, i.e. pots, pans (cooking/baking), kitchen utensils, small kitchen appliances, pet stuff, spa things, paper supplies, etc. No need to limit yourself to these ideas, just think about what you would enjoy winning!

School Supplies

Once again St. James will be gathering school supplies to donate to neighboring schools in Batavia. Wal Mart and Target are already running sales with greatly reduced prices. Teachers need the usual items such as crayons, folders, markers, colored pencils, and glue. The item most in demand is glue sticks. Backpacks are expensive but sometimes you might find a good sale. There is a box in church to leave donations.

A Quick Note from your Priest in the Interim

I am pleased to have been called to be your priest until a more permanent arrangement is made. I am also very excited about the time we will spend together. I am already at work for a very special Advent, working with John Novack in that planning. My door is always open to you and I mean always! If you happen to be in the church and want to poke your head in just to say hello, do it. My personal cell line is also available - (859) 285-9361. Please don't hesitate to give me a call should you need anything, or just want to chat. The schedule for services will remain the same. I will be leading worship three Sundays a month (typically the first three) and the Zoom Gatherings at 9AM Sunday on those days. The Zoom Gatherings will also happen on the Sundays when Morning Prayer is taking place in the nave. The group as a wonderful bunch of lay leaders who are happy to meet, pray, and discuss scripture without me present. Liturgy of the Word at St. James will continue to be our practice on the fourth Sunday of each month. Most importantly, St James remains an important member of the GRI and our attendance at the Jubilee services remain a top priority of mine and the Church Leadership. I want to encourage you to participate in both and that I plan to be present when my schedule allows. During those times when I am present, I would like to be among you as one who worships from the pew, not to evaluate the service, nor do I expect to offer any leadership unless specifically invited to do so by the presider. I would further suggest that on those occasions my leadership be limited to the absolution and blessing - barring some last minute emergency. When present on the Fourth Sunday, I am content to participate from the pew, lending my voice to that of the congregation. My personal cell is (859)285-9361 and my email address is canonjohnnie@gmail.com. Again, please feel free to contact me directly by phone, text, or email. Whichever you choose your communication will be treated as confidential within the understanding of what that means for a priest, I will hold that confidence. Bobbi Jo has graciously agreed to be the keeper of the appointment calendar, making appointments for my scheduled office days of Wednesdays and Thursdays. This does not mean that these will be the only days and times I will be available for appointments. If you cannot make, or simply prefer another day or times outside those scheduled, let her know that and we will make the necessary adjustments to make the appointment work for you. Finally, we expect discussions around the Search Process will begin this Fall and I bid your prayers for that process.

Blessings & Peace,
Canon Johnnie+

Happy Birthday

Jenna Carney 8-19, Bill Coughlin & Dorian Ely 8-23

St. James Calendar

Sun, August 17	9:00 am - 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Mon, August 18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tue, August 19	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wed, August 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Thu, August 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open Thrift store open
Fri, August 22		Office closed
Sun, August 24	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

ECW – The Episcopal Church Women

The National Board of the ECW will be meeting in Rochester in late September. Canon Johnnie has agreed to host and ECW gathering at his home in Caledonia for those St. James Women that might be interested in knowing what is going on nationally with ECW and how that ministry might be used locally in our own community. Please watch this space for further information.

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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