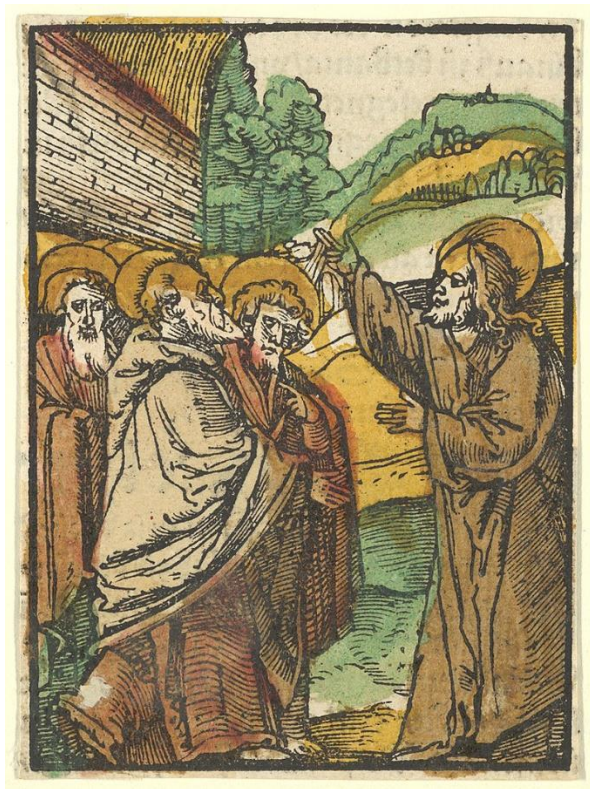


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*Christ Teaching the Disciples
Hans Schaufelein 1517*

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14th, 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.

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 535

Ye servants of God



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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, *one God*, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (18:1-15, 21:1-7)

Joan Ellison

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself,

saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 **How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has
done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his
people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

14 **O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of
your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name
of the LORD.

16 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his
people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-8) Anne Iannello

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 455 *O Love of God, how strong and true*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (9:35-10:8-23)

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross

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

Presider: 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 Absolution

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

With a Voice of Singing

M. Shawn

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 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Communion Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Post Communion Prayer

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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 539

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Dismissal

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

N. Bowden

*****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

J.D. and Shirley LeSeur

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 Peter, Joanne and Cal

A Note from Bobbi Jo

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Parish Administrator here at St. James. I'm so very grateful to have gotten to know so many of you over the last four years. It is with sadness and a heavy heart that June 22nd will be my last day as your Parish Administrator. I will be in the office Monday – Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm this week if you need anything. Please stop by or email/call me. Thank you!

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 service.

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-Ann Bestine.

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!!

Harold Odell & Tim Thomas 6-15, Steve Hawley & Gary Hammond 6-16
Betsy Dexheimer & Jackie Skelton 6-17

Sunday June 14	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
Monday June 15	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tuesday June 16	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	5:00 pm	Recital rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday June 17	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
Thursday June 18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday June 19		Office closed
Sunday June 21	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
	3:00 pm	BHS Student Recital

Zoom meetings use the following link:

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

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.

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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