

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.



Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

KFC: Kids for Christ! Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

Parking is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church. St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

### HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

BRUNCH WITH BISHOP MELLO: Join us in the Parish Hall after the service today for brunch with the bishop. There is plenty of food and all are welcome!

PRELUDE Chorale & Variations on "Veni Creator" Op. 4

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Maurice Duruflé stands as one of the great composers of the French organ tradition, heir to the symphonic legacy of Vierne and Widor but uniquely shaped by his lifelong devotion to Gregorian chant. His Veni Creator variations (1930), written for the Prix de Rome competition, demonstrate both his mastery of counterpoint and his sensitivity to chant as a living, malleable musical material.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones Lasst Uns Erfreuen

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S236

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people sit

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's

house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17 (sung by the choir)

Domine, probasti

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; \* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \* your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, \* while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; \* they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \* to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLE Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love~ and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the

gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, `This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit

#### THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

The people stand

THE NICENE CREED

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

### That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

# That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Donald, the president of the United States.

# 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.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them. We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. 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;

### Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially The Rt. Rev. Tom Ely and Jonathan Stone who both died this past week. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Riley Morriss.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you. We greet one another in the name of Christ.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.* 



# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners Willametta Spencer (b. 1927)

Williametta Spencer is an American composer, organist, and musicologist who holds degrees from the University of Southern California and the Eastman School of Music. She is particularly admired for her sensitive choral writing and her studies on Renaissance and Baroque repertoire. This setting of "Holy Sonnet VII" by John Donne (1572-1631) is a dramatic vision of the Last Judgment. Spencer matches Donne's vivid imagery with apocalyptic grandeur contrasted by hushed pleas for mercy, as the poem moves from awe into humility, in discernment about what it means to be disciples of Christ.

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

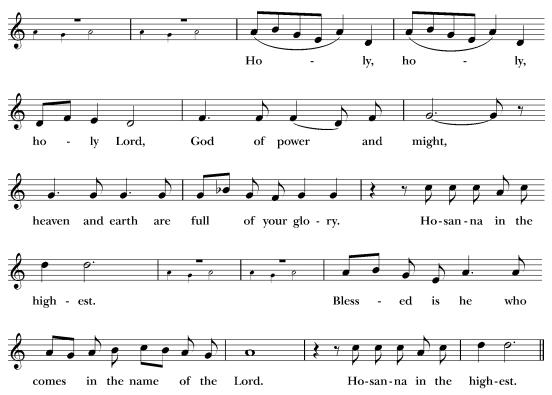
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)
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#### Celebrant continues:

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.** 

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

### THE FRACTION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Harold Friedell was a leading American church musician, serving at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City and teaching at Union Theological Seminary as well as The Juilliard School. His anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, written 1 year before his untimely death, was set to a text by Percy Dearmer and is his most beloved work—cherished for its lyrical beauty and its reflection on Christ's presence in the gathered community.

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

# THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

### THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Veni Creator" Op. 4 Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

# PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello
ASSISTING CLERGY - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
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BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN - Milton Gilder
THE ST. JAMES'S ADULT CHOIR
ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Michelle Horsley
CHALICE BEARERS - Priscilla Thomas, John Wadsworth
LECTOR - Ted Newton
INTERCESSOR - Elizabeth Gallegos
ACOLYTES - Ryder Morton, Camden Jacob, Walter Bowman
USHERS - Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis, David & Virginia Kramer
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD - Kim Hart-Kindelberger

# PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: <a href="info@stjameswh.org">info@stjameswh.org</a> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Don, Charlie & Jean.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially The Rt. Rev. Tom Ely and Jonathan Stone who both died this past week. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs. Those involved in the ministry in Christian Formation in parishes; church school & youth group directors, teachers, & mentors; for adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students & those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

**BIRTHDAYS** Riley Morriss.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service on **Sunday**, **September 14** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: <a href="mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com">cheriev98@gmail.com</a>.

#### **NURSERY CARE**

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at <u>education@stjameswh.org</u> with any questions.

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The regular Sunday service schedule will resume on **Sunday, September 14** with the 8:00 service in the chapel and the 9:30 service in the church followed by coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

#### COFFEE HOUR RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 14

September 14 marks the return of our Coffee Hour fellowship. Volunteers are needed that Sunday, and throughout the school year, to prepare the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite a spouse, partner, or friend to join you and make it a team effort. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked good, fruit, or other food item. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Any questions, contact Mary Goeldner at <a href="marykirkg@gmail.com">marykirkg@gmail.com</a>. Sign up at <a href="marykirkg@gmail.com">www.stiwh.org/coffee</a>.

#### **GOOD NEWS GARDEN**

Good news garden team has been affected by surgeries and travel plans and really needs more volunteers for both 9 am Wednesday harvest/weeding and Sunday checking water systems/light harvesting before or after church. Please contact Cheryl Wadsworth at (860) 810-4357 if you're available.

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tom Rouse, <a href="mailto:thomasarouse@yahoo.com">thomasarouse@yahoo.com</a> or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

#### ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193).

#### **CHEF MINISTRY**

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. <a href="mailto:mach1goon@gmail.com">mach1goon@gmail.com</a>, 978-505-1333.

#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (please notice additions)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door. Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

#### **CLERGY VISITATION**

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at <a href="rector@stjameswh.org">rector@stjameswh.org</a> or <a href="assistant@stjameswh.org">assistant@stjameswh.org</a>.



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# SERVICE SCHEDULE

# SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel 9:30 a.m. in the church

#### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel (Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



Make a pledge to St. James's

CLERGY		
The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III		
The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg Assistant Rector		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke		
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James		
The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman Priest Associate		
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr Priest Associate		
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	Marilyn Tomlinson	Susan Ritz

We are a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...

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