

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York



Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. James' Church!

A few notes about today's service

Hymns: Most hymns not printed in the bulletin are in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in your pew. Hymns marked “LEVAS” refer to the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, the book with a multi-colored cover and red binding.

Responses: Please join the congregation by saying the responses marked in **bold font**.

The Word of God

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing
Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

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.

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #S-280

Glory to God/ *Gloria in excelsis*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

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you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

You are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

You are loving to everyone, *

and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works praise you, O God, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your realm *

and speak of your power,

That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your dominion.

Yours, O God, is an everlasting reign; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You are faithful in all your words *

and merciful in all your deeds.

You uphold all those who fall; *

you lift up those who are bowed down.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

Lector A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #482 v. 1-3

Lord of all hopefulness

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

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At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #482 v. 4

Lord of all hopefulness

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

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BCP 358

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.

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon

We pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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 all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed [especially...] eternal rest.

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

Thank you for your offering to support the ministries of St. James' Church. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online (Paypal or Venmo @stjameshydepark) by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



OFFERTORY HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say
tune: *Kingsfold*



1. I heard the voice of Jes - us say, "Come un-to me and rest;"
2. I heard the voice of Jes - us say, "Be hold I free-ly give
3. I heard the voice of Jes - us say, "I am this dark world's light."



and in your wear-i-ness lay down your head u-pon my breast."
the. liv-ing wat-er thirst-y one, stoop down and drink and live."
look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Jes -us as I was, so wea -ry, worn and sad;
I came to Jes -us, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream.
I looked to Jes -us, and I found in him my Star, my Sun.



I found in him my rest -ing place and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re -vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil-grim days are done.

DOXOLOGY HYMN #380, VERSE 3

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS Wonder, Love, and Praise #858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Following the Sanctus, please stand or kneel as you are able.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

BCP 363

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE GREAT AMEN

BCP 363

Celebrant

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 363

And now 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, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

About Receiving Communion

Wherever you are in your journey with God, you are welcome to receive Communion. Simply come forward to the altar rail, where you may either stand or kneel, holding forward an open palm. The priest will place the communion wafer in your hand. **Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask.** Then, the deacon or server will bring to you the common cup of wine. You may either drink from the cup, or you may let the server take the wafer from your open palm, dip the wafer into the wine, then place the wafer on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest instead of communion, you may also come forward to the altar rail and hold your crossed arms over your chest.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Especially if you are worshiping via livestream, you are invited to pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Most holy Jesus, in you we are made one body and one spirit; may all that is in you flow into me this day, that I may grow more fully into your stature, bound to you in love within the communion of all the saints, and may this spiritual communion grant to me, in my earthly pilgrimage, a means of grace and a hope of glory; for your tender mercy's sake. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 366

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of **Christ our Lord.**
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #719

O beautiful for spacious skies

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go forth into the world in peace
bringing hope and love to our neighbors.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

HEALING PRAYER



Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback

Deacon

Wendy Urban-Mead

Musician

Jeff Crutcher and Anne McGrath

Ushers

Evan Hannon

Acolyte

Deirdre Mae Micker, Wilma Tully

Readers

Abel Ferreira and Betsy Porter

Pledge Clerks

Anne McGrath, Susan Gausepohl, Wendy Walrath

Altar Guild

Val Gaulin, Andy Hall

Livestream Production

Brian Rance, Anne McGrath

Coffee Hour

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