

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York



Holy Baptism

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

October 4, 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

Pastorale on Buinessan, David Barton

ENTRANCE HYMN #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7-14

St. Helena Psalter

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

**show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

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You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #405

All things bright and beautiful

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

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They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate, parents and godparents stand before the Celebrant.

Parent and Godparents

I present Teresa to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parent and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parent and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parent and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

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Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do. *The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant

Let us join with this child who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The candidate, parents, and godparents move to the font.

All children in the congregation are invited to come up front for a clear view of the baptism.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Water is poured into the font. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water upon the child, saying

Teresa, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Teresa, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The parents of the newly baptized are now given a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle represents the new life in Christ that we share through Baptism.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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!



CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, thou fount of every blessing

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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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, & 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.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

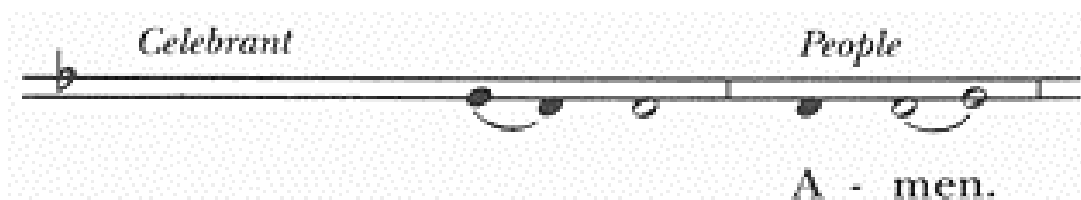
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 e - ver. **AMEN.**



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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then follows

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Wonder, Love, & Praise #876

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord _ Je - sus _ in the break - ing.

Fine Verses

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al-le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al-le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
ia, for though _ ma - ny we share one _ bread.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

As Communion is distributed, we sing:

COMMUNION HYMNS

#294	Baptized in water
#307	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor
#313	Let thy Blood in mercy poured

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.

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 #316 This is the hour of banquet and of song

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Plein Jeu a la Couperin, Gordon Young

HEALING PRAYER

Will be offered by our ministers following the postlude. If you desire a prayer of healing for yourself or any person or situation, please stand or kneel at the altar rail following the service.



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

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