



Pentecost 3
Holy Eucharist Rite II
June 29, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Shorter Summer Bulletins! We will use the red Book of Common Prayer, found in your pew.

Welcome

Prelude

“Simple Gifts”
Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

arr. by Aaron Copeland

Processional Hymn *(stand)*

“Be thou my vision”

Hymn 488

Opening Sentences

BCP p. 355

Song of Praise *(stand)*

“Glory to God”

Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day *(stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

All

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Lesson *(sit)*

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Nicholas Dropkin

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

The Psalm *(sit)*

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Nicholas Dropkin

*The leader may choose for all to read in unison,
or responsively by verse or breaking at the asterisk.*

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.

- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Second Lesson (*sit*)

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Bridget Stapleton

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *(stand)*

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

*vss. 1-3 before Gospel,
vss. 4-5 after*

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old the(a) - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest-less sea; day by day his
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
vain world's gold-en store, from each i - dol
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

sweet voice sound-eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
cares and plea-sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
thine o - be-dience, serve and love thee best of all.

The Holy Gospel *(stand)*

Luke 9:51-62

*Gospeller
People*

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Invitation to Holy Communion

Please follow the ushers' guidance to receive Holy Eucharist at the altar.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will bless you. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may touch the base of the chalice as the words are spoken, or request grape juice from the server.

If you prefer intinction as we share the common cup, you are invited to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharist Minister when they offer the wine, and they will dip it for you. Having only one person instinct keeps the cup more sanitary for all of us.

If you are uncomfortable partaking of wine or juice, you may abstain. To honor the Blood of Christ, you are welcome to touch the chalice as the wine is offered. Communion in one kind (bread only) is full communion.

Communion Music *(sit)*

"At the River"

arr. by Aaron Copeland

Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

Communion Hymn *(sit)*

"Will you come and follow me"

John Bell, Scottish Traditional



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?____ Will you
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?____ Will you
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?____ Will you
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?____ Will you
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.____ Let me



go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?____ Will you let my
care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?____ Will you risk the
set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?____ Will you kiss the
quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?____ Will you use the
turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.____ In your com - pa -



love be shown,____ will you let my name be known?____ Will you
hos - tile stare____ should your life at - tract or scare?____ Will you
lep - er clean,____ and do such as this un - seen____ and ad -
faith you've found____ to re - shape the world a - round,____ through my
ny I'll go____ where your love and foot - steps show,____ thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?____
let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?____
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?____
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?____
move and live and grow in you and you in me.____

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

You are invited to bring your concerns to the altar rail for prayer and the laying on of hands.

“O Lord hear my pray’r” *Psalm 102, Jacques Berthier, Taizé*



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Post Communion Prayer (*stand*)

BCP 366

The Blessing (*stand*)

Recessional Hymn (*stand*)

“O Jesus, I have promised”

Hymn 655

Dismissal (*stand*)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

“The Promised Land’s A-Comin’”
Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

arr. by Aaron Copeland

All are invited for fellowship in the parish hall immediately following the service. **Newcomers, welcome!** Please introduce yourself to the clergy and learn about the ways God is working at St. James’.

“The Sacred Ground Experience” Forum Today In the parish hall following 10:30 worship

As a parish, nearly 30 of our parishioners have journeyed through Sacred Ground in the three circles we have convened over the past five years! This forum is an opportunity to hear reflections from participants, learn more about the program curriculum, and connect with the ministries that have grown out of our collective learning.

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.



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The Mission of St. James' : *To bring people together to be transformed by and to proclaim Christ's love through worship, spiritual formation, and service.*

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St. James' has discerned a call to mental health ministries. If you are ever in crisis, a 24-hour response is offered at the Montgomery County Crisis Center: 240-777-4000. OR call the National Crisis Hotline: 988