

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" arr. by Aaron Copeland

Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

Processional Hymn (stand) "Be thou my vision" Hymn 488

Opening SentencesBCP 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 People The Word of the Lord. **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.

- I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 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.
- I will remember the works of the LORD, * and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.
- Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?
- You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

- By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.
- The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;
- The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.
- 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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel (stand)

Luke 9:51-62

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. People 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.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

The Sermon (sit) The Rev. Catherine Manhardt

The Nicene Creed (stand)

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People (stand) Form I, BCP p. 383

The Leader prays and the People respond: "Lord, have mercy." Led by Brad McCullough

The Confession and Absolution (kneel)

BCP p. 360

The Peace (stand, remaining at your pew)

Announcements (sit)

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence (sit)

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Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Music (sit) "Zion's Walls" arr. by Aaron Copeland

Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

Presentation Hymn (stand) "Doxology" Hymn 380

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 (stand) Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361-364

Sanctus (stand) Hymn S-125

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 erson 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"

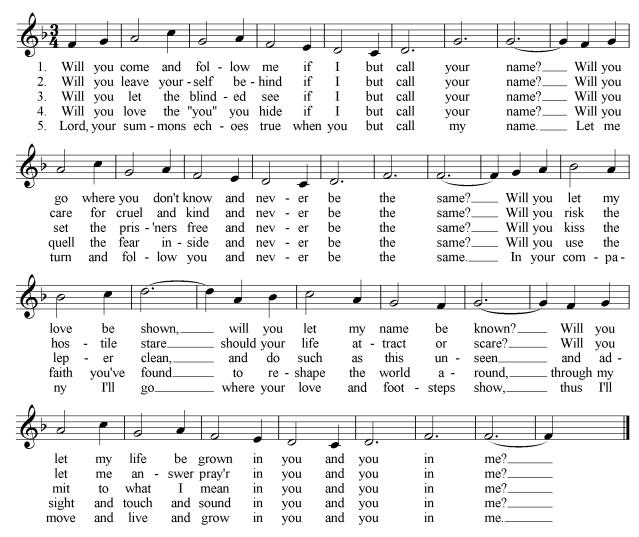
Aaron Klaus, trumpet; Newton Lewis, piano

arr. by Aaron Copeland

Communion Hymn (sit)

"Will you come and follow me"

John Bell, Scottish Traditional



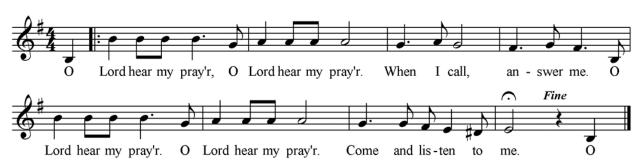
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Prayers of Comfort and Healing

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 Christs' 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