

Pentecost 8
Holy Eucharist Rite II
July 19, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Thanks to Jeanne, John, and Karl Lehning for providing music today while Newton Lewis is on vacation.

Welcome and Prelude

Processional Hymn (*stand*)

"Come, labor on"

Hymn 541, vss. 1, 2, 4, 5

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

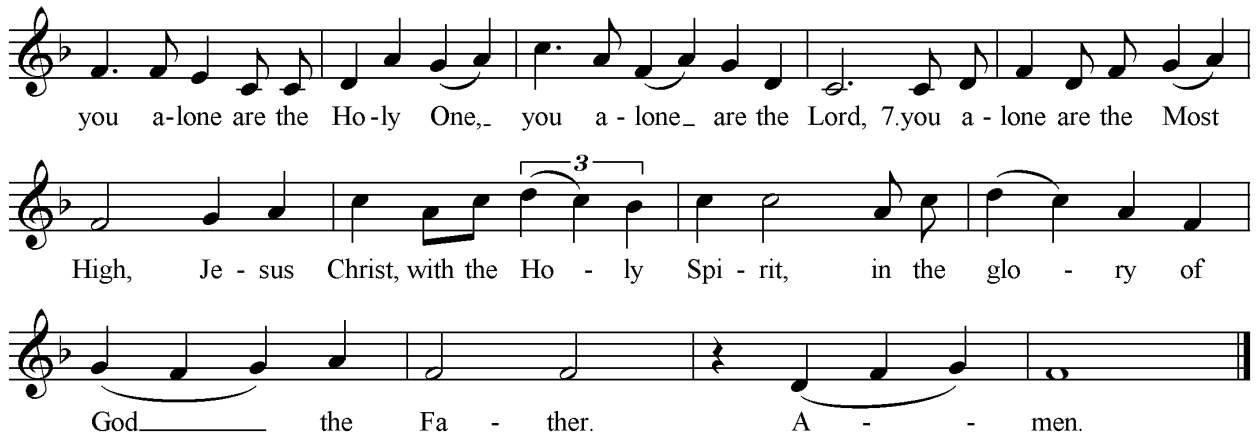
Song of Praise (*stand*)

"Glory to God"

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y 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

Music continues on next page



Collect of the Day *(stand)*

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

Let us pray together.

All **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *(sit)*

Genesis 28:10-19a

Ann Venton

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

The Psalm (*sit*)

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Ann Venton

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

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(stand)*

“One bread, one body” *vss. 1-2 before Gospel, vs. 3 after*

Corinthians 10:16,17, 12:4
Galatians 3:28, The Didache 9

Music by John Foley, SJ
Text ad. John Foley, SJ

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, One cup of
bless-ing which we bless. And we, though man-y,
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this
one Lord. Lord. Last

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one, for all.

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The Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Sermon (*sit*)

The Rev. Catherine Manhardt

The Nicene Creed *(stand)*

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.

Prayers of the People *(stand)*

Carolyn Ragland

Adapted from Form I, BCP p. 383

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; Meredith, James, and Catherine, our priests; for this gathering; and for all who minister in God's Church, let us pray to the Lord;
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this community and our parish ministries, including our Facilities team, St. James' Children's School, the Bishop Walker School, and our partner church and school in Haiti, Bon Samaritain Parish, L'Acul, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them. We pray for people living with mental illness and those who love them; we pray for all on our parish prayer list, and those we now lift in prayer, silently or aloud.

We pause so the people may add their own petitions.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering or reproach, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant O Lord, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *(kneel)*

BCP p. 360

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

All **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(stand, remaining at your pew)*

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Announcements *(sit)*

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence *(sit)*

Ephesians 5:2



Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

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Offertory Music *(sit)*

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

John and Karl Lehning, clarinets

Presentation Hymn *(stand)*

Hymn 380 vs. 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 *(stand)*

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, pp. 361-363

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

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God 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. 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, Richard Proulx

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

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn, David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -
 lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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 intinct 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.

Post Communion Prayer *(stand)*

Celebrant Let us pray together.

All **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 Gracious God, 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.**

Blessing *(stand)*

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *(stand)*

"At the Name of Jesus"

Hymn 435 vss. 1-4

Dismissal *(stand)*

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

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

Postlude

All are invited for fellowship immediately following the service. Newcomers, welcome!

Please introduce yourself to the clergy and learn about the ways God is working at St. James'.

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Ministry Minute: Facilities Team – Handyperson Needed!

The Facilities Commission oversees maintenance and work on the parish hall, the church building and grounds, and the Memorial Garden. We occasionally offer workdays for painting, cleaning, and garden care. Anyone may adopt a section of the property for ongoing care or volunteer for other one-time or ongoing property maintenance tasks.

Can you recommend a good "handyperson" who can do minor repairs, change bulbs, etc.? Share your knowledge and help keep our repair costs down. We also need whatever skills YOU can bring, from simple yard work, touch-up painting, gardening and trash removal to more complex projects. If you have expertise on issues like electrical, plumbing, property management, engineering and construction, let us know!



Share your talents using the QR code, contact Jr. Warden Adam Govia, or email the parish office at office@stjamespotomac.org to let us know how you'd like to help.

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About Today's Music

by Newton Lewis, St. James' Music Director

The text of "At the Name of Jesus" was written by Caroline Maria Noel. She was born in Kent, England in 1817. Her father was an Anglican clergyperson and hymn writer. While she wrote a dozen texts in her teens, she abandoned the endeavor. She suffered frequent bouts of illness and lived many of her days in pain. Eventually she became an invalid. To give herself encouragement, as well as others who were ill or incapacitated, she wrote a collection of poems entitled *The Name of Jesus and Other Verses for the Sick and Lonely* published in 1861. From time to time the collection would be expanded and by 1878 it contained 78 texts. They were intended as private devotions but some were suitable for public use, such as today's hymn text.

"At the Name of Jesus" was intended as a processional for Ascension. It first appeared in the Anglican hymnal *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1875) and then made its way to the Episcopal *Hymnal* 1892. The present tune was composed in 1925 by Ralph Vaughn Williams. He composed it specifically for this text and for the 1925 hymnal *Songs of Praise*. Given the composer's extensive work with folk tunes, it's easy to think that this is a folk tune and not an original composition. The tune was named KING'S WESTON after a village and manor house near Bristol, England.

Worship Music Calendar

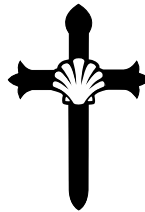


July 26: St. James Day! Brass ensemble
with Aaron Klaus and Louis Levine on trumpets;
Doug Elliott and Derek Crosier on trombones

Want to sing or play an instrument at services? Contact Newton Lewis: newton@stjamespotomac.org.



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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