

Pentecost 14
Holy Eucharist Rite II
August 30, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Today is our Sunday School Harvest Day!

Welcome and Prelude

Processional Hymn (*stand*) “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”
Hymns led by Lori Minasian

Hymn 448
vss. 1, 4-6

Opening Sentences

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

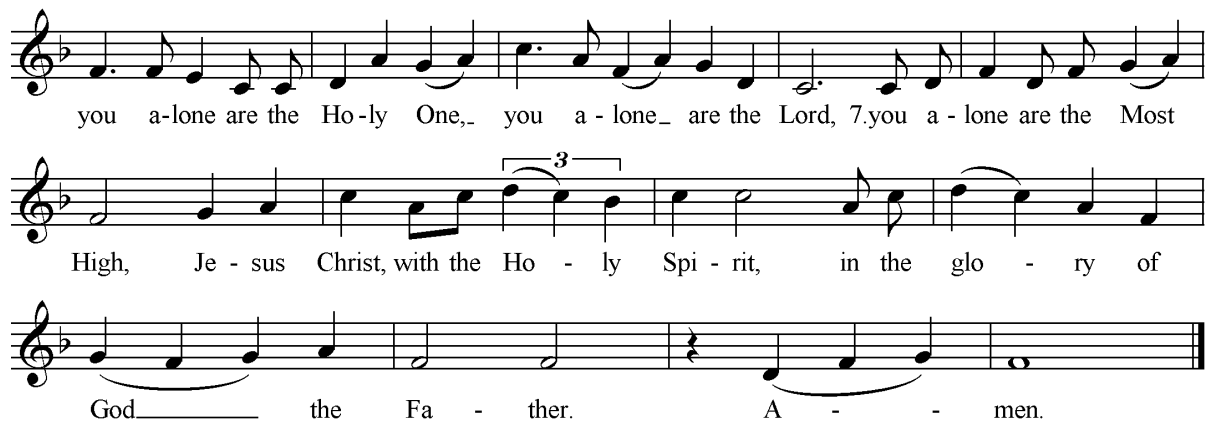
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



Collect of the Day *(stand)*

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

Let us pray together.

All **Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things;
 Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;
 nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good
 works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *(sit)*

Exodus 3:1-15

Jennifer Gartin

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Jennifer Gartin

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

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. 45 Hallelujah!

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(stand)*

"Take up your cross"

Hymn 675

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

The Holy Gospel *(stand)*

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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)*

Kara Smigel

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 pastoral care team; St. James' Children's School; the Bishop Walker School; and our partner church and school in Haiti, Bon Samaritain Parish, L'Acoul, 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.

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.**

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 and Harvest Day Celebration *(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)*

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"
Sung by Lori Minasian

Arr. by Jeffrey Honoré

Presentation Hymn *(stand)*

"Doxology"

Hymn Tune 400

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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.

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

The 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.

Communion Hymn

"Take my life"

Frances Ridley Havergal
and H. A. Cesar Milan

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ted, Lord to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver - and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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)*

"Lift high the cross"

Hymn 473

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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About Today's Music

by Newton Lewis, St. James' Music Director

The text of "Take up your cross, the savior said" was written by a 19-year-old Charles Everest, who went on to become an Episcopal rector in Connecticut. The poem was first published in an 1833 collection entitled *Vision of Death, and Other Poems* (Hartford). The text found its way over to England, first in the *Salisbury Hymnal* (1858) and then the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). It wasn't until the present *Hymnal 82* that it was included in an Episcopal hymnal.

In *Hymnal 82* the text was combined with the tune Bourbon, also making its first appearance in our hymnal. The tune first appeared in a collection of shape note tunes called *Beauties of Harmony* (Pittsburgh, 1814). The tune continued to be very popular and was used in several shape note tune books of the 19th century Appalachian mountain tradition. The name likely refers to Bourbon County, Kentucky. The county is known more for its corn whiskey distilling process which oddly enough was invented by a Baptist preacher, Rev. Elijah Craig.

Worship Music Calendar

September 6 – St. James' Singers choir

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



Ministry Minute: Pastoral Care

St. James' is blessed with a loving community that provides care to its members during times of need or crisis. This includes our prayer and healing ministry, our prayer shawl ministry, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, our grief ministry, and our meals ministry.

If you would like to help with any of our pastoral care ministries, please contact the parish office, office@stjamespotomac.org.

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Introducing our New Fall Sunday School Program

St. James' Kids Begins September 13!

For children ages 2 - grade 6 during 10:30 worship

Sunday School will be held during 10:30 a.m. worship in the church lower level. Kids may be dropped off at 10:20 a.m. downstairs and will return to their families in church for communion at 11:15.

This autumn's term is called "Following the Fire," after the pillar of fire that went ahead of the Israelites at night. Over twelve Sundays the children travel the whole way out of Egypt — leaving in September, wandering through October, and arriving in November.

- They will cross the sea in the dark.
- They will be hungry in the wilderness and find bread in the morning.
- They will build something beautiful and have to take it down.
- On All Saints' Sunday they will light candles and say aloud the names of people they have loved and lost.
- And every single week, at 11:15, they will come up the stairs to you and to the altar, carrying something from the hour to show what they've learned.

RSVP so we'll have sufficient supplies for all kids!

Contact office@stjamespotomac.org or use the code at right.





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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