

Pentecost 15
Holy Eucharist Rite II
September 6, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Welcome and Prelude

Processional Hymn (*stand*) “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”
Hymns led by Dylan Nohilly

Hymn 376

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”

William Matthias

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; you are

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 **Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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)*

Exodus 12:1-14

Yemi Agboola

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take

some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

The Psalm (*sit*)

Psalm 149

Yemi Agboola

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

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(stand)*

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Hymn 674

vss. 1-2 before Gospel, vss. 3-4 after

The Holy Gospel *(stand)*

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon *(sit)*

The Rev. Catherine Manhardt

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)*

Tracy Lively

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 ushers; St. James’ Children’s School; the Bishop Walker School; and our partner church and school in Haiti, Bon Samaritain Parish, L’Acul. For those called to serve as Lay Eucharistic Visitors, that they will be filled with God’s life-giving Spirit so that those to whom they minister may experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament they share; 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.**

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)*

"Not Unto Us, O Lord"
St. James' Singers

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

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

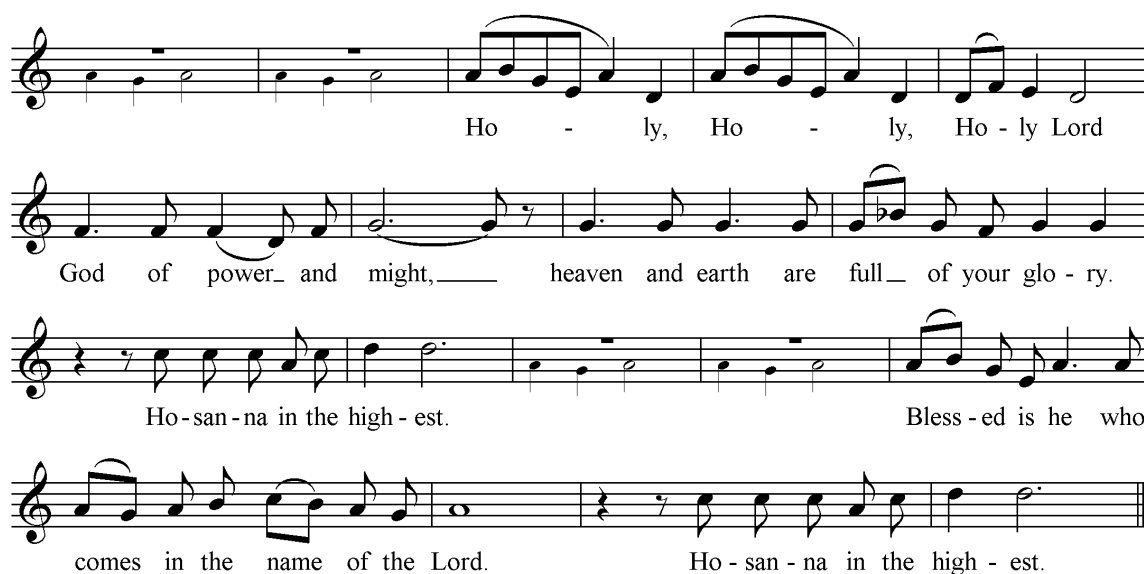
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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:



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.

The people stand or kneel

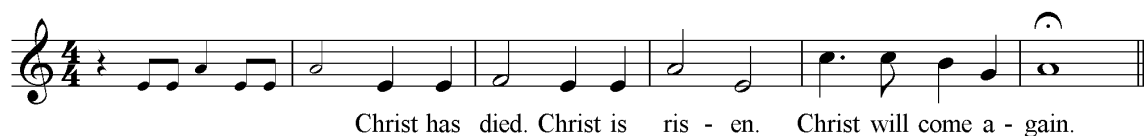
Celebrant

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:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

Celebrant 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.



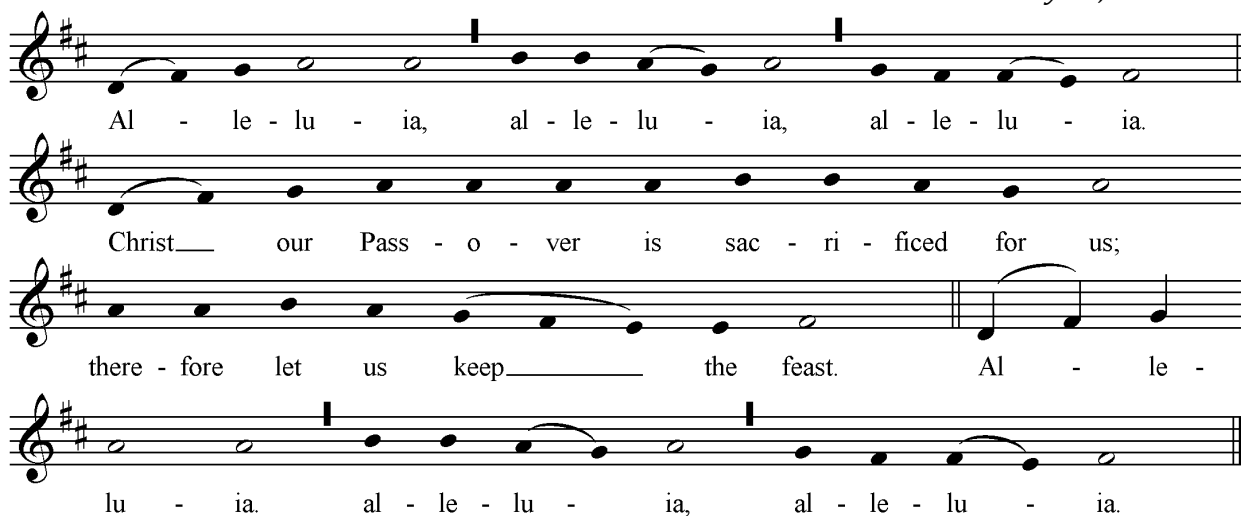
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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



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

"Draw us in the Spirit's tether"

Text: Percy Dearmer (1931
(Matt. 18:21)

Music: Harold Friedell, 1957
Tune: Union Seminary



1. Draw us in the Spir - it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in thy name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

thou art in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup. Al - le - lu - ia!
we may true dis - ci - ples - be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

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.**

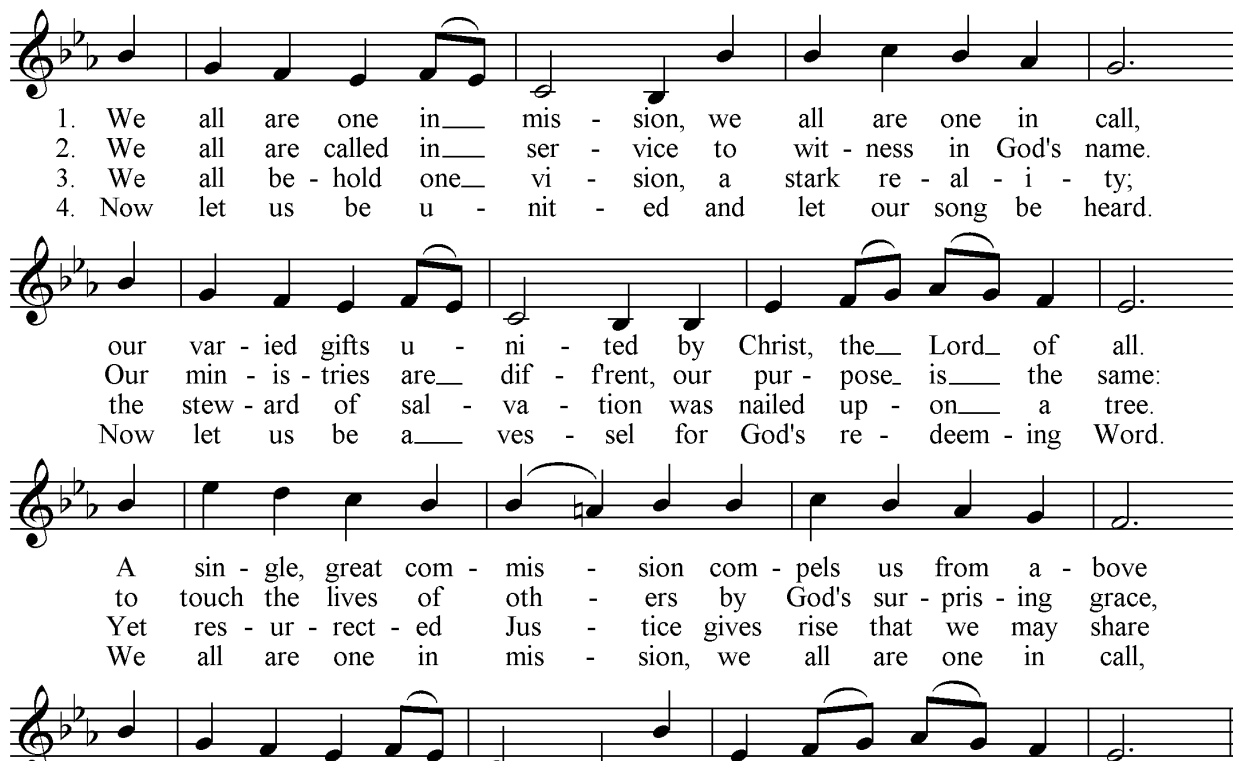
Blessing *(stand)*

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)*

"We all are one in mission"

Finnish folk song



1. We all are one in__ mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called in__ ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one__ vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - ni - ted by Christ, the__ Lord__ of all.
Our min - is - tries are__ dif - frent, our pur - pose__ is__ the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion, was nailed up - on__ a tree.
Now let us be a__ ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may__ know__ Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all__ na - tions may feel God's warm__ em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i__ a - tion and hope a - mid__ de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the__ Lord__ of all.

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: Ushers Needed at St. James'!

St. James' ushers are the friendly faces greeting newcomers, and helpful ministers during the offering and communion. Anyone who can pass an offering plate can begin serving as usher! We invite older children and teens to offer their help with the offering collection when they are in church. We are in need of a couple more ushers to serve once a month.

What ushers do: Ushers arrive early at worship to unlock the church doors and distribute bulletins. They help visitors find seats, guide parishioners to the communion rail, count attendance, and collect the offering. After worship, they tidy up the pews and lock up the church. Our experienced ushers are happy to guide new servers! Want to try it out? Speak to an usher or contact the parish office, office@stjamespotomac.org.

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About Today's Music

by Newton Lewis, St. James' Music Director

While on a preaching visit to Williams College in 1907, Henry van Dyke presented the text of "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" to the president of the college as the two were eating breakfast. "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains [the Berkshires] were my inspiration. It must be sung to the tune of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy.'" That tune, of course, is in the glorious culmination of Beethoven's ninth symphony.

Under the influence of Lowell Mason, a prominent Boston music educator, making hymns using great European masters played a large role in nineteenth century American hymnody. Edward Hodges adapted the choral ode from Beethoven's symphony, probably for use at Trinity Wall Street, back in 1846 where he was organist. He published his version in *The Trinity Collection of Church Music* (New York 1864).

The van Dyke text we use today was meant to be an adaptation of the Friedrich Schiller text used in the symphony, making it a more overtly Christian message. While van Dyke wrote his text with the Hodges version in mind, the *Episcopal Hymnal 1940* assigned the text to another tune. Finally, in a supplement to the 1940 hymnal published in 1976, the text and tune were reunited and remained so in our present hymnal.

Worship Music Calendar



September 13 – St. James' Singers

September 20 – Dylan Nohilly solo

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



St. James Kids

KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN

Following the Fire • Fall 2026

Introducing our New Fall Sunday School Program

St. James' Kids Begins September 13!

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

Dear Families,

This fall, Sunday mornings at St. James' are going to be different for our children.

We are calling it "St. James Kids — Knowing and Being Known." Those four words are the whole purpose. A child should leave here knowing God and knowing that they themselves are known.

Beginning Rally Day, September 13, children ages two through sixth grade will spend the formation hour living inside the same Scripture the rest of the parish is hearing upstairs. Not hearing about it — living in it.

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 — sometimes an object, sometimes a question, sometimes just a sentence they cannot stop saying.

This is not childcare during the service. It is formation, built on things we want every child at St. James' to know:

***God loves you, and God is real.
This is a place where you are known by name.***

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