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Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 2026, 10:00 AM
Join the Path Forward

Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance by Leon Boellman

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

I bind unto myself today

Hymnal # 370

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: **Father**, **Son**, and **Holy Spirit**.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Deacon: We look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen;

People: **for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.**

[2 Corinthians 4:18]

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry,

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 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

you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O **Father**; who with the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit** live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [1:1-2:4a]

Lector: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said,

People: “Let there be light”;

Lector: and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said,

People: “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

Lector: So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said,

People: “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”

Lector: And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said,

People: “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.”

Lector: And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said,

People: “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.”

Lector: And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said,

People: “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

Lector: So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying,

People: “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

Lector: And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said,

People: “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.”

Lector: And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said,

People: “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

Lector: So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them,

People: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Lector: God said,

People: “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

Lector: And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

People: So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Psalms for All People V1.2

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What are humans that you should be mindful of them? *
Mere mortals that you should care for them?
- 6 You have made us but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn us with glory and honor;
- 7 You make us stewards over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under our feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

New Testament **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [13:11-13]**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another

with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**, the **love of God**, and the **communion of the Holy Spirit** be with all of you.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Holy God we Praise thy Name

Hymnal # 366

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [28:16-20]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Judy Ferguson

Profession of Faith (South Indian), *said together, standing*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops: Matthew and Allen; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress;

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially Justin Martyr, (167); Blandina and Her Companions, *the Martyrs of Lyons* (177); The Martyrs of Uganda (1886); John XXIII–Angelo Giuseppe Ronalli, *Bishop of Rome* (1963); and Boniface, *Bishop of Mainz and Missionary* (754).

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Mackenzie, Marissa, Randy S., Fawn, Logan, Michael W., John C., Alan, Mike T., Larry D., Mary Pat, Jeff, Roman, Ewa, Jacob, Doreen, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn

People: but the sword of righteousness,

Reader: no strength known

People: but the strength of love:

Reader: So mightily spread abroad your **Spirit,**

People: that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,

Reader: as children of one **Father;**

People: to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Hymn to the Trinity by Hildegard of Bingen

The St. James Choir

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, **Father** Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal **Son** and **Holy Spirit**, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Spirit**. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129





Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

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

**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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Holy **Father**,

People: you sent your **Son** to bring us truth

Celebrant: and your **Spirit** to make us holy;

People: open our hearts to exalt you,

Celebrant: open our lives to reveal you,

People: our one true **God**,

Celebrant: **Father**, **Son** and **Holy Spirit**.

People: Holy God our **Creator**, **Redeemer** and **Giver of life**. Amen.

Trinity Sunday Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen**.

Deacon: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen**.

Celebrant: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen**.

Deacon: The Lord God Almighty, **Father**, **Son**, and **Holy Spirit**, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City,

Celebrant: where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn**Holy, holy, holy****Hymnal # 362****Dismissal**

Deacon: Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love,

People: defend us on every side,

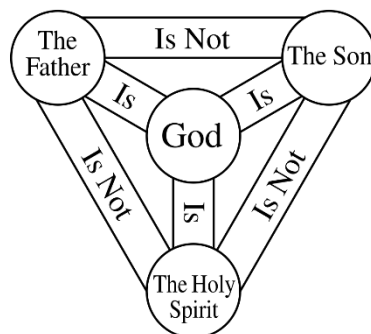
Deacon: to proclaim the word and works of God;

People: and guide us in truth and peace, so we may serve others who search for you.

Deacon: Confirm us in this mission. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude**Postlude by Leon Boellmann****Michael Mulder**

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome: Born in Northern Italy in 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was trained in Roman Catholic schools from an early age. After service in the military, Roncalli was ordained as a priest in 1904. His passion for social justice for working people and for the poor was formed early and remained an important commitment of his ministry. Roncalli often received complicated assignments. He was made an archbishop in 1925 and sent as the papal envoy to Bulgaria, where he was responsible for reducing the tensions between Eastern Rite and Latin Rite Catholics during a difficult period. Some years later, he was the papal representative to Greece and Turkey when anti-religious sentiments were running

high. His leadership in Turkey anticipated on a local scale some of the developments of later decades on a universal scale: putting the liturgy and the official documents of the church in the language of the people, and opening conversations with Orthodox Christians and those of other faiths. While serving as the papal nuncio in Turkey, Roncalli actively aided Jews fleeing Nazi persecution and encouraged priests under him to do the same. Near the end of the Second World War, he was made the papal nuncio to Paris with the task of trying to heal the divisions caused by the war. In 1953, at the age of 72, he was made a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice, the first time he had ever been the bishop ordinary of a diocese. In 1958, Cardinal Roncalli was elected Pope and took the name John XXIII. After the long pontificate of Pius XII, it was widely assumed that John XXIII would be a brief “placeholder” pope of minor consequence. During the first year of his pontificate, however, he called the Second Vatican Council for the purpose of renewing and revitalizing the church. The work of the Council transformed the church of the twentieth century, not only for Roman Catholics, but for all Christians. With its emphasis on liturgical renewal, ecumenism, world peace, and social justice, the legacy of the Council continues to inspire the mission of the church among Christians of all traditions. John XXIII died on June 3, 1963.

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, John W. and Susan, Jeanette, Dean W., Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Robert, Sue, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Bro, Kathleen, Janet, Biran, Annie, Bill, Claudia, Maisie M.



Upcoming Services and Events

- June 7: **Second Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 5:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- June 7: **Auction kickoff/planning meeting** after the service
- June 14: **Third Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 6:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- June 21: **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 7:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- June 28: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 8:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- July 5: **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 9:** Morning Prayer II at 10 am
- July 12: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 10:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- July 19: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 11:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- July 25: **St. James' Summer Auction 10 am - 2 pm**
- July 26: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 12:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

SATURDAY / **JULY 25, 2026** / 10AM–2PM

SAVE THE DATE!
ST. JAMES
67TH AUCTION
& *Community Fest*

We're having a kickoff/planning meeting next Sunday 6/7 after service, please join!

Mark your calendars for the **67th Annual St. James Auction & Community Fest on Saturday, July 25, 2026**—a cherished tradition and a highlight of our summer together. To make this year's event one of our best yet, we need your help!

We'll kick things off with a **Volunteer Kickoff Meeting on Sunday, June 7, immediately after the service in the church hall**—a great opportunity to learn more, get involved, and connect with others helping to make the event a success.

Donations will be accepted starting **July 1st on Wednesdays (7–9 PM) and Saturdays (9 AM–12 PM)**. Your generosity helps bring the auction to life.

We are looking for **volunteers across a wide range of roles**, including **Live Auction, Silent Auction, Grill, and more**. There are so many ways to help—and we need all the support we can get!

Ready to lend a hand?

- Attend the **Kickoff meeting on June 7th** to learn more and sign-up for your favorite volunteer opportunity
- If you can't make this, **please reach out directly to thomas_stratman@yahoo.com** and let us know how you can help
- And **gather those treasures to donate** during the July donations days!

With your support, we're confident this will be one of our best Summer Auctions yet. Thank you for being such an important part of the St. James community!