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Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 5

June 7, 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

Prelude by G.F. Handel

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal # 401

Opening Sentence

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

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

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 - mighty 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. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [12:1-9]

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you,

and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12 *Exultate, justi*

Psalms for All People V1.2

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
Play upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for the LORD a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all God's works are sure.
- 5 God loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 The LORD gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.
- 9 For the Lord spoke, and it came to pass; *
God commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD 's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of God's heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people whom God has chosen to belong to the Lord!

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [4:13-25]

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of

all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God himself is with us

Hymnal # 475

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [9:9-13, 18-26]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Nils Chittenden

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 IV

BCP 388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Let us pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops, Matt and Allen; our Guest Priest, Nils; our Deacon-in-training, Pam; and all our Wonderful Laypeople.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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,

People: 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;

Leader: and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the:

People: 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.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Melania the Elder, *Monastic* (410); Columba of Iona, *Monastic* (597); Ephrem of Nisibis, *Deacon and Poet* (373); Barnabas, *Apostle* (1st Cent.); and Enmegahbowh, *Priest and Missionary* (1902).

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant: 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: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. [*Psalm 50:14*]

Offertory

Hallelujah! Get Happy! by Charles Yannerella

The St. James Choir

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

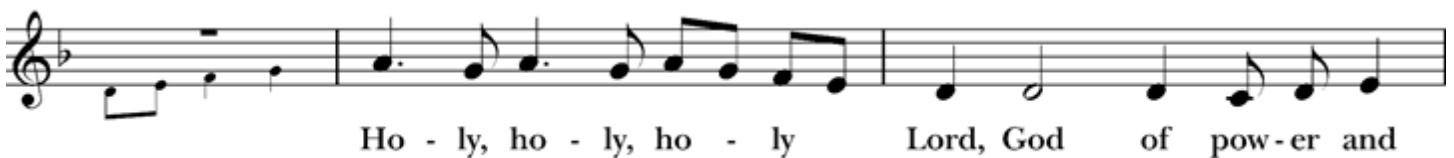
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129



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._____

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, and Jacob & Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Communion Music

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal # 686

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal # 493

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

I will arise and go to Jesus arr. Penelope Rodriguez

Michael Mulder



John Johnson Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary (1902) was an Odawa (Ottawa) Indian from Canada, born in 1807, was raised both in the Midewiwin traditional healing way of his grandfather and the Christian religion of his mother. He came into the United States as a Methodist missionary in 1832. At one point Enmegahbowh attempted to abandon missionary work and return to Canada, but the boat was turned back by storms on Lake Superior, providing him a vision: "Here Mr. Jonah came before me and said, 'Ah, my friend Enmegahbowh, I know you. You are a fugitive. You have sinned and disobeyed God. Instead of going to the city of Nineveh, where God sent you to spread his word to the people, you started to go, and then turned aside. You are now on your way to the city of Tarsish . . .'" Enmegahbowh invited James Lloyd Breck to Gull Lake, where together they founded St. Columba's Mission in 1852. The mission was later moved to White Earth, where Enmegahbowh served until his death in 1902. Unwelcome for a time among some Ojibway groups because he warned the community at Fort Ripley about the 1862 uprising, Enmegahbowh was consistent as a man of peace, inspiring the Waubesa (Chief White Cloud) mission, which obtained a lasting peace between the Ojibway and the Dakota peoples. Enmegahbowh ("The one who stands before his people") is the first recognized Native American priest in the Episcopal Church. He was ordained as a deacon in 1859 and as a priest in the cathedral at Faribault in 1867. Enmegahbowh helped train many others to

serve as deacons throughout northern Minnesota. The powerful tradition of Ojibway hymn singing is a living testimony to their ministry. His understanding of Native tradition enabled him to enculturate Christianity in the language and traditions of the Ojibway. He tirelessly traveled throughout Minnesota and beyond, actively participating in the development of mission strategy and policy for the Episcopal Church. Enmegahbowh died at the White Earth Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota on June 12, 1902.

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:** **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

New York's Climate Law

Governor Hochul's budget has taken a big, disappointing step back from New York's historic climate law. In the short time left in the session this spring, we can still urge our legislators to pass these bills, which would

- Place a temporary moratorium on data center construction in New York State and
- Speed up the permitting for plug-in solar.

I invite you to join me in writing your representatives, and to share widely. In a national time of widespread attacks on environmental protections and green energy, we can still mitigate the situation significantly on the state level. Here is a link from our friends at New York Renews:

<https://act.nyrenews.org/2026-climate-jobs-justice-agenda>

We are a sanctuary diocese. Every day our congregations welcome everyone, including our neighbors who are immigrants.

Detainees have been beaten and tear-gassed this week. Faith leaders and community organizers standing vigil outside have been attacked, too. We can help. We're inviting the entire Diocese to join those inside the facility in a solidarity fast by contributing what you would spend on food in one day to support the families of those who are detained. (For example, if you spend \$40/day on food - donate \$40). You can donate here.



Our goal is to provide 300 families with at least one day's food. Donations will go to family members whose lives have been devastated by having a loved one (sometimes a breadwinner) detained. The families have asked for support for groceries, rent, and other basic needs.



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!