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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16

August 23, 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

Opening Hymn

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

LEVAS II # 114

Opening Sentence

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

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

Trisagion *Holy God* 3x

Hymnal S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Exodus [1:8-2:10]

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the

Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiprah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

Psalms for All People V1.2

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
 who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.

New Testament Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [12:1-8]

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Taste and see

LEVAS II # 154

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [16:13-20]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Deacon Ken Citarella

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

Celebrant and People:

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 VI

BCP 392

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops; and for all bishops
and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. 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., Michael W., John C., Alan, Mike T., Janet, Mary Pat, Kathy, Bro, Jean, Rich
Sr., Susan, Paula, Mary Ellen, Sarah, Lorraine, Chris T., Stephanie B., Bob and Deb,
Venezuelan and Columbian people, Haitians and Syrians affected by TPS, those who have
lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben;**

Reader: 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.**

[People may add their own petitions]

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

[People may add their own thanksgivings]

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, especially Bartholomew, *Apostle* (1st Cent.); Louis IX, *King of France* (1270); Simeon Bachos, *the Ethiopian Eunuch* (1st Cent.); Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, *Priests* (1901, 1890); Augustine of Hippo, *Bishop and Theologian* (430); the Beheading of John the Baptist (1st Cent.); that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

[People may add their own remembrances]

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: 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: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *[Psalm 96:8]*

Offertory Hymn

Spirit of the Living God (2x)

LEVAS II # 115

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Deacon: 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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

LEVAS II # 254

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry 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.

Deacon-in-training: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

Celebrant: He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Deacon: 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."

Deacon-in-training: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Deacon: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Celebrant 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.

Deacon-in-training: 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

Deacon: And 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 Precious Lord, take my hand/Take My Hand, Precious Lord **LEVAS II # 106**

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**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: Bless us, O Lord, with your lamp of love which never grows dim, that it may shine in us and warm our hearts, and give this light of yours to others, blessing them with your lamp of love, and by its brightness may we all have a vision of the Holy City where the true and inextinguishable light shines, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Soon and very soon

LEVAS II # 14

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



Bartholomew is one of the twelve Apostles known in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke only by name. His name means "Son of Tolmai," and he is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip and "Israelite without guile," in John's Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man. There is a tradition that Bartholomew traveled to India, and Eusebius reports that when Pantaenus of Alexandria visited India, between 150 and 200, he found there "the Gospel according to Matthew" in Hebrew, which had been left behind by "Bartholomew, one of the Apostles." An ancient tradition maintains that Bartholomew was flayed alive at Albanopolis in Armenia.

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., 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, Ross, Abu, Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Kathleen, Biran, Annie, Bill, Claudia, Jeff, Chris



August 30: **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 17:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

September 6: **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 18:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

September 13: **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 19:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

September 20: **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 20:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

September 27: **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 21:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

The background of the poster is a classical painting depicting the mythological figures Venus and Adonis. Venus, on the left, is shown in a dynamic, dancing pose, wearing a blue dress with a flowing orange-red cloak. She has her hair adorned with flowers. Adonis, on the right, is lying face down on the ground, wearing a red cloak, with his head buried in the earth. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sky with swirling clouds.

The BLOOD of the ROSE

Experience the tragic love story of Venus and Adonis,
brought to life through a seamless curation of Baroque
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North Salem

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The Installation of

The Rev. Canon Sam Louis Owen

*Canon for Westchester and Putnam Counties and
Canon for Global and Local Organizing*

Sunday, September 20, 4pm

*St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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**The Rev. John Zahl, Preacher
The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, Celebrant**

Clergy are invited to process in Red Stoles

Reception to follow