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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Proper 17** **August 30, 2026, 10:00 AM**

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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

This is the day

LEVAS II # 219

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

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus [3:1-15]

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

have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine*

Psalms for All People V1.2

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *

and the place where your glory abides.

New Testament Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [12:9-21]

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are

thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

There is a balm in Gilead

LEVAS II # 203

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

[16:21-28]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Mrs. Pam Pooley

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: Ginny and family, Ann Marie and children, Marissa, Randy S., Michael W., John, Alan, Mike T., Janet, Mary Pat, Kathy, Bro, Jean, Rich, Susan, Paula, Maureen, Chris T., Stephanie B., Bob and Deb, those affected by the flood in Tibet and Nepal, 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.

Reader: Almighty God, send down upon Katherine Daniels, who is running for Town Supervisor, the spirit of wisdom, service, and justice; that with steadfast purpose she may hear your will and the will of the people of North Salem.

[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; we especially remember the life of Espedito Grimaldi.

[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 Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow and Anne Line, *Martyrs* (1588, 1586 and 1601); Aidan of Lindisfarne, *Bishop* (651); David Pendleton

Oakerhater, Deacon (1931); The Martyrs of New Guinea (1942); Phoebe, Deacon (1st Cent.); Paul Jones, Bishop (1941); Katharina Zell, Church Reformer and Writer (1562); and Espedito Grimaldi, Father of Dennis Grimaldi-Button (1959); 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 God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon-in-training: 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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *[Ephesians 5:2]*

Offertory Hymn There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place/Sweet, Sweet Spirit **LEVAS II # 120**

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-in-training: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: 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-in-training: 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-in-training: 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

Go, tell it on the mountain

LEVAS II # 21

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

Deacon-in-training: May God whom Jesus called Abba embrace you in love forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God the Servant bear your burdens with you.

People: Amen.

Deacon-in-training: May God the Paraclete grant you life in one another.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May the blessing of God: Abba, Servant, Paraclete be with you always.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon-in-training: Grace and peace remain with you, and keep you in the love of Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



Phoebe, Deacon (1st Cent.) appears once in Paul's letter to the Romans (16:1), where she is referred to as both a deacon in the church at Cenchreae, near Corinth, and a benefactor of Paul and others. The fact that Paul commends her to the Roman church at the end of the letter suggests the possibility that she was the messenger, which would speak highly of Paul's trust in her. There may even have been more to her mission, as Paul commands the Christians in Rome to help her in whatever she needs. It is unknown what other impact she had in the early church, but she is an example of the many early workers who supported Paul in the spreading of the Gospel, often personally carrying that message across the Empire. We may often think that Paul did it all himself, or at least with the help of only a few of the more prominent individuals such as Luke. But the brief mention of Phoebe gives us an example of the many women and men whose calling was to work faithfully in the background to ensure that the Gospel would spread throughout the world.

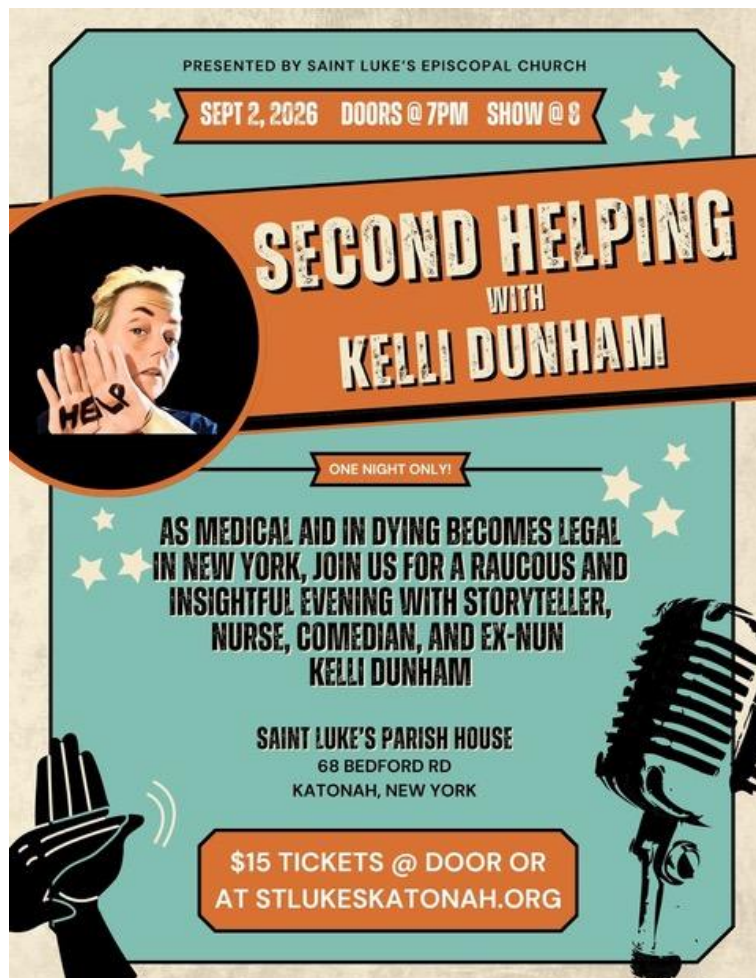
Continuing Prayer List

Bennett, Sara, Pam P., Kristin and family, Robert and family, Susan and Dan, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John, Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Ann, Joyce and Douglas, Betsy, John and Susan, Jeanette, Dean, 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, Rob K., Nina

Upcoming Services & Events



- 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
- October 4: **St. Francis of Assisi Day: Blessing of the Animals;** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- October 11: **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 23:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- October 18: **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 24:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- October 25: **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 25:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall



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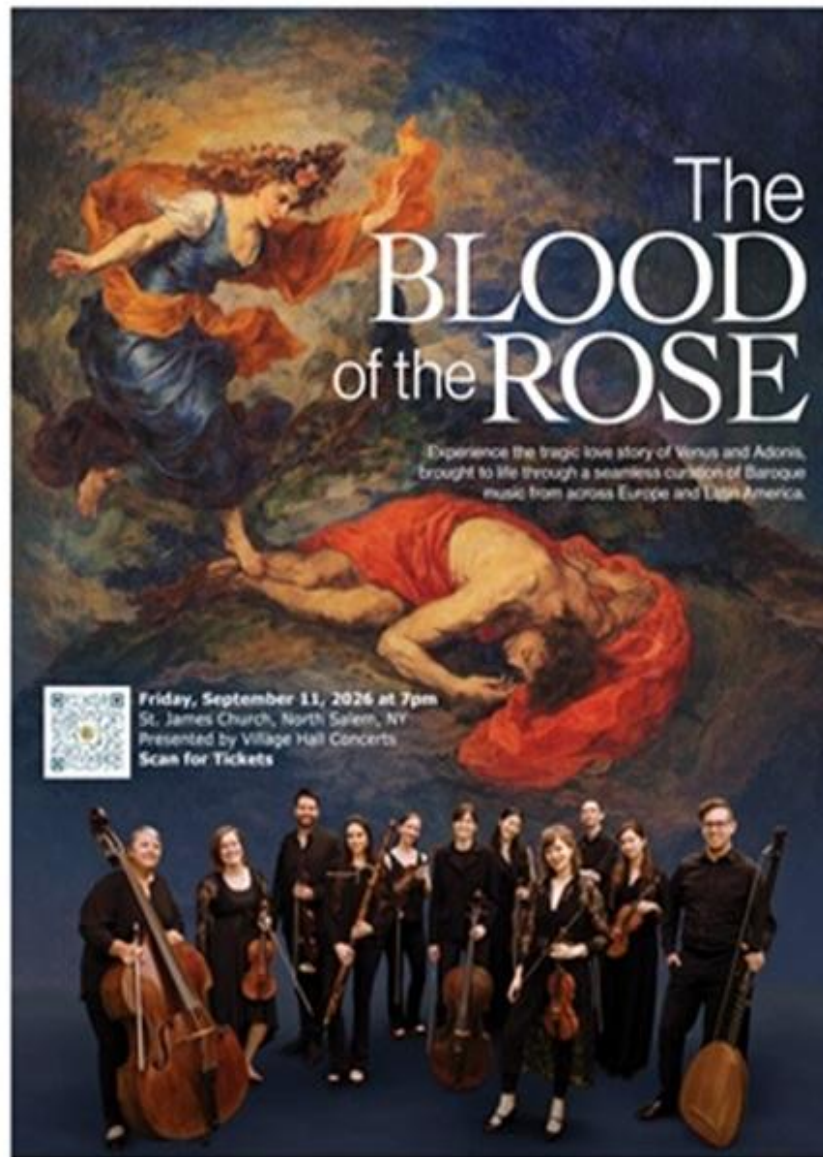
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The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, Celebrant

Clergy are invited to process in Red Stoles

Reception to follow