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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

### Proper 14

**August 9, 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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| LECTOR:                | Pat Hartwell              |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: | Josh Leicht               |
| USHER:                 | Suzanne Volpe             |
| ACOLYTE:               | Jeremy Zhang-Rhizor       |
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# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

## WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn**

We praise thee, O God/Revive Us Again

LEVAS II # 157

**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.

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 [37:1-4, 12-28]**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to

pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 85** *Benedixisti, Domine*

**Psalms for All People V1.2**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
**for God is speaking peace to faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to the Lord.**
- 9 Truly, salvation is very near to those who stand in awe of God, \*  
**that the glory of the Lord may dwell in our land.**

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before God, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for the Lord's feet.**

### **New Testament Reading**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [10:5-15]**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." **For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.** For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

Come, Thou fount of every blessing

**LEVAS II # 111**

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

[14:22-33]

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" **Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,** saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon-in-training: 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 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., Fawn, Michael W., John C., Alan, Mike T., Mary Pat, Janet, Kathy, Bro,  
Jean, Rich Sr., Jeffrey W., Susan, Paula, Chris, Mary Ellen, Sarah, Lisa R., Lorraine, Chris T.,

**Venezuelan people, Haitians and Syrians effected 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 Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), *Philosopher, Monastic, and Martyr* (1942); Laurence of Rome, *Deacon and Martyr* (258); Clare of Assisi, *Monastic* (1253); Florence Nightingale, *Nurse* (1910); Jeremy Taylor, *Bishop and Theologian* (1667); Jonathan Myrick Daniels, *Martyr* (1965); and Mary, Mother of Jesus (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: 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.

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

**Offertory Hymn**

One bread, one body

**LEVAS II # 151**

**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.

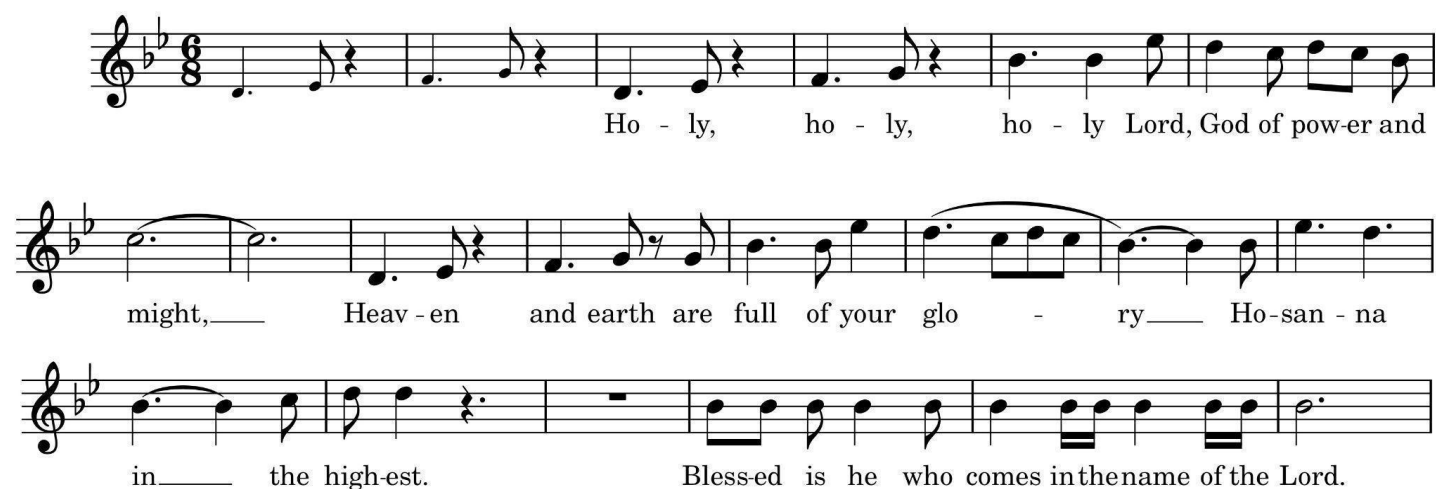
**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 for 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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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!**

Celebrant: 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

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

**LEVAS II # 101**

## 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: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** Out in the highways and byways of life/Make Me a Blessing **LEVAS II # 158**

## Dismissal

Deacon-in-training: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



**Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)**, *Philosopher, Monastic, and Martyr* (1942): was born into a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany, in 1891. A brilliant philosopher, she studied with Edmund Husserl and received her doctorate at the age of 25. She subsequently taught at the University of Freiburg. Edith became a Christian in 1921 after encountering the autobiography of Teresa of Avila. She was dissuaded by her spiritual advisers from pursuing a monastic vocation so soon after her baptism. Instead, she spent several years teaching at a Catholic school and doing intensive study of Catholic philosophy and theology, particularly that of Thomas Aquinas. In 1933 she was forced to leave her teaching position as a result of the anti-Semitic policies of the German Nazi government, and thus she entered a Carmelite community in Cologne where she took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In an effort to protect both Edith and her sister Rosa (who had also converted to Christianity and entered the convent) from the Nazis, the nuns transferred both of them to a convent in the Netherlands. Even there they were not safe after the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands. In July of 1942, the Dutch Bishops Conference issued a statement condemning Nazi racism as incompatible with Christianity, which was read in every parish church. In retaliation, the Nazis ordered the arrest of 243 Dutch Christians of Jewish origin, including both Edith and Rosa. Both sisters were killed in the gas chambers of Auschwitz within days of their arrest. Back in 1933, Edith had written forcefully to the pope, beseeching him to condemn the actions of the Nazi government. *"Everything that happened and continues to happen on a daily basis*

originates with a government that calls itself 'Christian.' For weeks not only Jews but also thousands of faithful Catholics in Germany, and, I believe, all over the world, have been waiting and hoping for the Church of Christ to raise its voice to put a stop to this abuse of Christ's name. Is not this idolization of race and governmental power which is being pounded into the public consciousness by the radio open heresy? Isn't the effort to destroy Jewish blood an abuse of the holiest humanity of our Savior, of the most blessed Virgin and the apostles? Is not all this diametrically opposed to the conduct of our Lord and Savior, who, even on the cross, still prayed for his persecutors? And isn't this a black mark on the record of this Holy Year which was intended to be a year of peace and reconciliation? We all, who are faithful children of the Church and who see the conditions in Germany with open eyes, fear the worst for the prestige of the Church, if the silence continues any longer." Her letter received no response. Edith Stein was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in 1998.

### Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Kate C., 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



- August 16:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 15: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am  
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- August 23:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 16: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am  
Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- 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 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**

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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.*