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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21 September 27, 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

Prelude

Lift him up arranged by Carl Maultsby

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Hymnal # 450

Opening Sentence

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

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

Gloria

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,



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

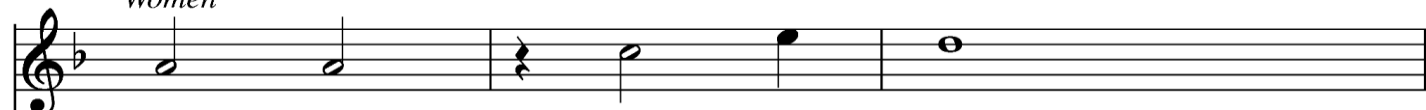


glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



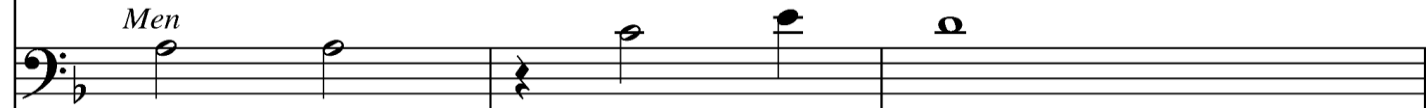
praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 [17:1-7]

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

Psalms for All People V1.2

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works God has done.
- 12 The Lord worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 The Lord split open the sea and let them pass through; *
and made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 God led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 God split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 God brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

New Testament Reading**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [2:1-13]**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn**Lift Him Up****LEVAS # 159**

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
[21:23-32]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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*

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 I

BCP 383

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the towns of North Salem and Brewster, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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:

People: Mary Pat, Randy, Michael, Ginny and family, Marissa, Rich, Janet, Kathy, John, Ann Marie and children, Alan, Jean, Paula, Bob and Deb, Rich, Maureen, Jeff, Bro, Susan, Sarah, Chris T., Family and friends of Claudia, 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;

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, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: In the communion of blessed St. James; Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, *Monastic* (Fifth Century); Paula and Eustochium of Rome, *Monastics and Scholars* (404, c. 419); Michael and All Angels, *Archangel and Host of Heaven*; Jerome, *Priest and Scholar* (420); Thérèse of Lisieux, *Monastic* (1897); Remigius of Rheims, *Bishop* (c. 530); John Raleigh Mott, *Ecumenist and Missionary* (1955); and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

[Revelation 4:11]

Offertory Hymn **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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.



Deacon-in-training: 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.

Celebrant: 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Deacon-in-training: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Deacon-in-training: 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

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

St. James Choir

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: O Lord, let your arm grip us, lift us, land us safe home. Bring us to Jerusalem that is yours, and set us with your blessed ones, with all your people; the way ended, the peace unending, the perfect and pure for ever imperishable, and you all in all.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal # 435

Postlude

Postlude in A Minor by J.P. Rameau

Michael Mulder

Dismissal

Deacon: 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!



John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary (1955): A dedicated missionary for the worldwide spread of the gospel, John Raleigh Mott connected ecumenism and evangelism as related tasks for modern Christianity. John Mott was born in Livingston Manor, New York, on May 25, 1865, and moved with family to Iowa in September of that same year. After graduating from Cornell University in 1888, Mott became student secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA and chairman of the executive committee of the Student Volunteer Movement. In 1895, he became General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, and, in 1901, he was appointed the Assistant General Secretary of the YMCA. During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson appointed him to the National War Work Council, for which he received the Distinguished Service Medal. His ecumenical work was rooted in the missionary slogan "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." Convinced of the need for better cooperation among Christian communions in the global mission field, he served as chairman of the committee that organized the International Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, over which he also presided. Considered to be the broadest gathering of Christians up to that point, the Conference marked the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement. Speaking before that Conference, Mott summed up his view of Christian missions: "It is a startling and solemnizing fact that even as late as the twentieth century, the Great Command of Jesus Christ to carry the Gospel to all mankind is still so largely unfulfilled...The church is confronted today, as in no preceding generation,

with a literally worldwide opportunity to make Christ known." Mott continued his involvement in the developing ecumenical movement, participating in the Faith and Order Conference at Lausanne in 1927, and was Vice-President of the Second World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh (1937). He also served as Chairman of the Life and Work Conference in Oxford, also held in 1937. In 1946, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in establishing and strengthening international organizations which worked for peace. The World Council of Churches, the founding of which was largely driven by Mott's efforts, elected him its life-long Honorary President in 1948. Although Mott was a Methodist, the Episcopal Church recognized his work by making him an honorary canon of the National Cathedral. Mott died in 1955.

Continuing Prayer List

Jackie, Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Morgan, Jeanette, Dean, Bennett, Ann, Joanne and Marie, Sue, Robert and family, Sister CG, Stephanie, Will and family, Kristin and family, Ben, Rob K., Sheryl and family, Sara, Walter and family, Eileen, Barry, Ross, Annie, Bill, Kathleen, Robert, Lee, John, Pam, Joyce and Douglas, John and Susan, Abdul and Mohammed, Nina, Ann and family, Biran, Chris, Betsy, Abu, Jeffrey



- 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
- November 1: **All Saints' Day: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 26**:
 Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
 Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- November 8: **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 27**: Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
 Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- November 15: **Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 28**: Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
 Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- November 22: **Last Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 29**: Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
 Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall
- November 29: **First Sunday of Advent**: Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
 Sunday School at 9:50 am in Village Hall

Dick Button Pet Adoption Day
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
115 June Road, North Salem
(lower barn entrance, at “Dig Farm”)

Pet adoptions in connection with
ROAR–Ridgefield Operation Animal Rescue



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 10:00 AM

Blessings of the Animals

Bring your: dog, cat, horse,
hamster, frog, fish, turtle, bird...