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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18 September 6, 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

What a Wonderful World by Weiss and Thiele

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

Come, ye disconsolate

LEVAS # 147

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus [12:1-14]

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a **lamb** for each family, a **lamb** for each household. If a household is too small for a whole **lamb**, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the **lamb** shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your **lamb** shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it

from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the **blood** and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the **lamb** that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The **blood** shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the **blood**, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 149 *Cantate Domino*

Psalms for All People V1.2

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing praise to God in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in its Creator; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their Sovereign.
- 3 Let them praise God's Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to the Lord with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in the people of Israel *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their rulers in chains *
and their royalty with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all the faithful people of God. Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [13:8-14]

Owe no one anything, except to **love one another**; for **the one who loves another** has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**" **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and

drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal # 174

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [18:15-20]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member **listens** to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not **listened** to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to **listen** to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to **listen** even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.**

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: Ginny and family, Ann Marie and children, Marissa, Randy, Michael, John, Alan, Mike T., Janet, Mary Pat, Kathy, Bro, Jean, Rich, Susan, Paula, Sarah, Maureen, Chris T., Stephanie, 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;

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; Hannah More, *Religious Writer and Philanthropist* (1833); Élie Naud, *Huguenot Witness to the Faith* (1722); Kassiani, *Poet and Hymnographer* (865); The Martyrs of Memphis: Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons and Louis Schuyler (1878); Alexander Crummell, *Priest* (1898); John Henry Hobart, *Bishop* (1830); 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of people wise, the mind sound, and the will righteous; to the honor of 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: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

[Romans 12:1]

Offertory Hymn

How can I keep from singing? Arr. Craig Courtney

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.

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 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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: 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."

Deacon-in-training: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Deacon: 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: 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

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

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: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal # 376

Postlude

Variation 18 J. S. Bach

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!



Élie Naud (also known as Elias Nead) was a French Huguenot (French Reformed) born in 1661. It was an era when French Roman Catholicism was increasingly dominant and the persecution of Protestants was becoming more violent. Naud fled France and landed in England, where he sojourned briefly before settling permanently in New York City. During his early years in New York, he traveled frequently to Europe to raise money for Huguenot causes, having to take passage in steerage because he was not a Roman Catholic. His unwillingness to renounce his French Reformed faith resulted in his imprisonment for nearly two years in the infamous Chateau d'If. In New York City, Naud became a member of L'Eglise du Saint Esprit, a French-speaking parish which eventually joined The Episcopal Church, and later of Trinity Church, Wall Street, where he served for fifteen years as a catechist among slaves and Native Americans, preparing them for baptism. Naud founded a school for the children of the poor and for the children of slaves. Upon the recommendation of the Rector of Trinity Church, the Bishop of London, acting for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), licensed Naud as a missionary "to slaves and ragged people in the New World." Naud also worked to influence Parliament for the passage of British laws that would demand Christian instruction for the children of slaves and Native Americans and schools for their education. Only through these means, he believed, could an equal and free society be created. During the New York City slave riot of 1712, Naud remained faithful to his vision despite threats of death from those who believed education of slaves fueled such uprisings. Naud continued to write hymns and poetry in his native French throughout his life. He died on September 7, 1722, and was buried in the churchyard at Trinity Church, Wall Street.

Continuing Prayer List

Bennett, Sara, Pam, Kristin and family, Robert and family, Morgan, 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 11: Concert in the Village Hall at 7 pm – **The Blood of the Rose**
- 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

The Croton Falls Fire Department

Invites Everyone To Join Them For

A Special 25th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11th



Friday, September 11, 2026

Time: 6:00pm sharp

Place: 301 Titicus Road
 (the firehouse across from Saint James Church)

The intention for this gathering is for our community to come together in a respectful, peaceful atmosphere to remember those who gave and those who lost their lives that day.

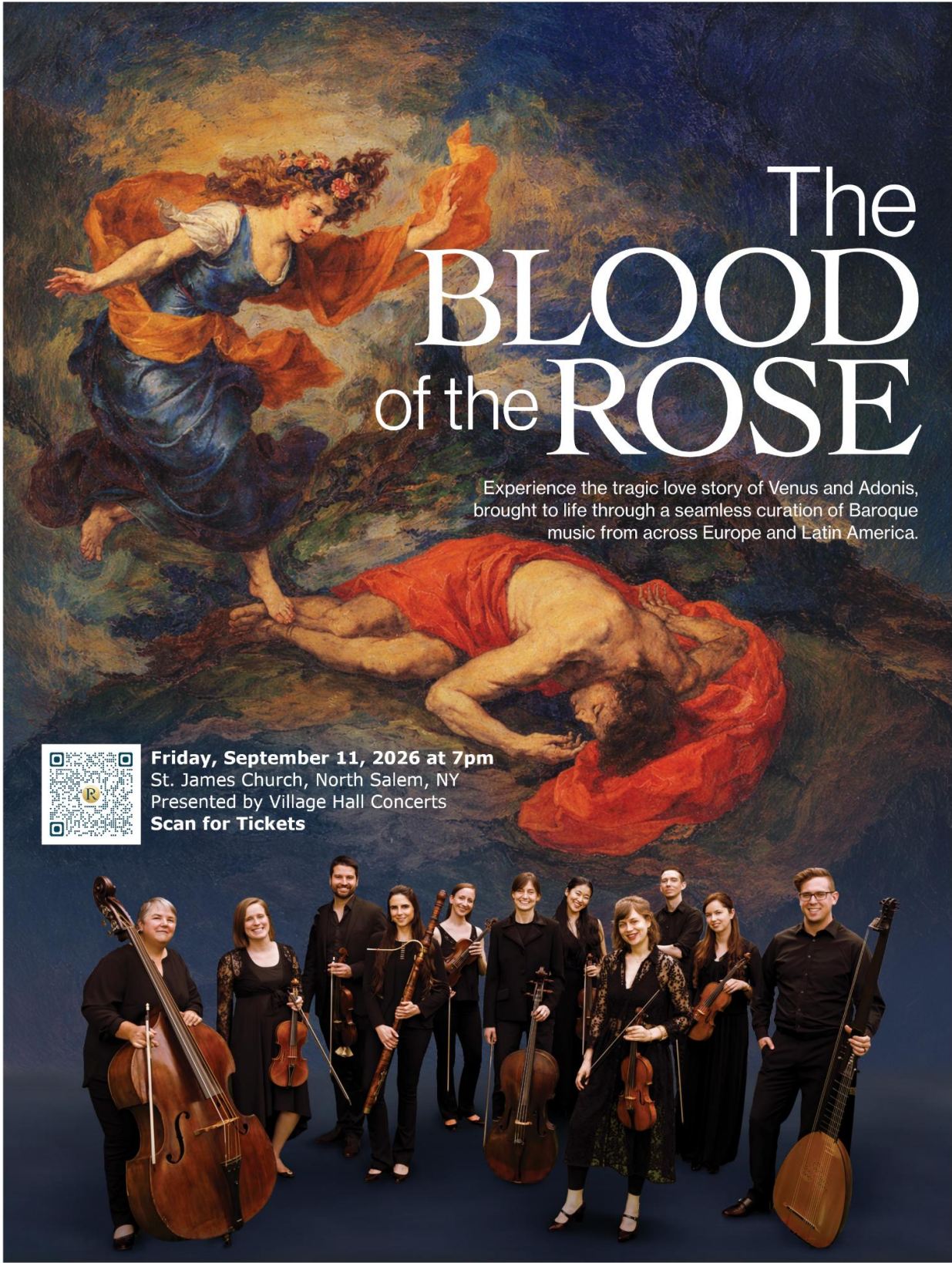
The ceremony will be led by officers of the Croton Falls Fire Department and clergy from our local houses of worship.

There will be no political speeches.

There will be refreshments served in the firehouse following the ceremony. Take this time to visit or reacquaint yourselves with neighbors and friends.

Parking will be available in the general area.

Please drive slowly and be considerate of those walking on the road and those directing traffic for this service.



The BLOOD of the ROSE

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brought to life through a seamless curation of Baroque
music from across Europe and Latin America.



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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
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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

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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