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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24 October 18, 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

Tis' a gift to be simple arr. Penelope Rodriguez

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

Tis the gift to be simple

Hymnal # 554

Opening Sentence

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

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

Glory to God *Gloria*

LEVAS II # 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,

Unison

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. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 [33:12-23]

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have

not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

Psalms for All People V1.2

1 The Lord is reigns; let the people tremble; *

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *

The Lord is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess the Name, which is great and awesome; *

The Lord is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before God's footstool; *

the Lord is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among the priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon God's Name, *

they called upon the Lord, who answered them.

7 The Lord spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept God's testimonies and the decree that God gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship the Lord upon God's holy hill; *

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

New Testament Reading A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [1:1-10]

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be

among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal # 594

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

[22:15-22]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Ms. Susannah Leighton

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 II

BCP 385

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: Pray for those who have died.

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Luke, *Evangelist* (1st Cent.); Henry Martyn, *Priest and Missionary* (1812); Cornelius the Centurion, *First Gentile Christian* (1st Cent.); and James of Jerusalem, *Brother of Jesus Christ and First Bishop of Jerusalem* (1st Cent.).

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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, Jeff, Randi, Connor, Doug, Ana, Lisa, Bro, Susan, Sarah, Chris, John, Howard, Wynne, 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: I ask your prayers for 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. **Amen.**

Reader: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and our local communities in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; 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: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Lay Reader: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Deacon-in-training: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Lay Reader: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

LEVAS #254

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deacon-in-training: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lay Reader: After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Deacon-in-training: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Lay Reader: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

O let the Son of God enfold you LEVAS #118

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 God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

I want Jesus to walk with me

LEVAS # 70

Postlude

Postlude by J. S. Bach

Michael Mulder

Dismissal

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

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



James of Jerusalem: In the Gospel according to Matthew and in the Epistle to the Galatians, the James whom we commemorate is called the Lord's brother. Other writers, following Mark's tradition, believe him to have been a cousin of Jesus. Certain apocryphal writings speak of him as a son of Joseph's first wife. Whatever his relationship to Jesus—brother, half-brother, or cousin—James was converted after the resurrection. Eventually, he became Bishop of Jerusalem. In the first letter to the Corinthians (15:7), Paul says that James was favored with a special appearance of the Lord before the ascension. Later, James dealt cordially with Paul at Jerusalem, when the latter came there to meet Peter and the other apostles. During the Council of Jerusalem, when there was disagreement about whether Gentile converts should be circumcised, James summed up the momentous decision with these words: "My judgment is that we should impose no irksome restrictions on those Gentiles who are turning to God" (Acts 15:19). Eusebius, quoting from an earlier church history by Hegesippus, declares that James was surnamed "the Just." He was holy, abstemious, did not cut his hair nor oil his body, and was continually on his knees in prayer, interceding for his people. "As many as came to believe did so through James," says Hegesippus. James' success in converting many to Christ greatly perturbed some factions in Jerusalem. According to Hegesippus, they begged him to "restrain the people, for they have gone astray to Jesus, thinking him to be the Messiah . . . We bear you witness that you are just . . . Persuade the people that they do not go astray . . . we put our trust in you." They then set James on the pinnacle of the temple, bidding him to preach to the multitude and turn them from Jesus. James, however, testified for the Lord. Thereupon, they hurled him from the roof to the pavement, and cudgeled him to death.

Continuing Prayer List

Jackie, Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Morgan, Jeanette, Dean, Bennett, Ann, Joanne and Marie, Sue, Maureen, 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, Mike T., Betsy, Abu, Jeffrey, Chris T.



October 25: **St. James of Jerusalem (trans); Proper 25:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
November 1: **All Saints' Day:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
November 8: **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 27:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
November 15: **Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 28:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
November 22: **Last Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 29:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am
November 29: **First Sunday of Advent:** Holy Eucharist service, 10 am



Knitters Needed!

Do you know how to knit or want to learn? Susannah Leighton, Deacon-in-training, and Carolyn Young, are looking for help in knitting hats, scarves and cowls as Christmas gifts for seamen and seawomen. Please contact Susannah, [917-541-4812](tel:917-541-4812); susannahleighton@gmail.com. If you know any knitters in the area please let them know about this outreach opportunity.

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Commemorating the International Day of Tolerance

November 18th, 2026 at 7:00PM

**Hammond Museum
28 Deveau Rd. North Salem, NY**



**Our Special guest speaker Irene Dorzback -
Retired Associate Dean, New York University School of Law will present her talk:
"From Victim to Victory: How My Mother's Expulsion from Germany
Became a Legacy of Connection"**

**We will also celebrate this year's local "Unsung Hero of Human Rights"
Anna Tosini of The Hillside Food Outreach Program**

**Local students present creative works to honor
their favorite "Unsung Heroes" past and present.**

The evening will feature Celtic Harp music performed by Janette Devine

Refreshments will be served following the presentation!

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