

# St. James Episcopal Church



Sunday, July 5, 2026  
Morning Prayer  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 9, Year A

# MORNING PRAYER

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The officiant says to the people*

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 Names. Amen

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All Stand

Officiant: Lord, Open our lips

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

## VENITE PSALM 95:1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

**PSALM 145:8-15**

- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.  
<sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;  
<sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.  
<sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and  
will be forever. Amen

**FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12**

- <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free  
from the waterless pit.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH --- *SUNG BY OFFICIANT*

Surely it is God who saves me: Trusting him, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.  
So, rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring:  
In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples tell out his exalted Name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; All his works his might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell, In you very midst the great and Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:15-25A  
*The First Nation's Version of the New Testament*

15 I do not understand why I do the things I do. I want to walk in a good way, but I end up doing the things I hate.

16 And if I hate doing wrong, then it is a good thing for me to agree with the law that these things are wrong. 17 So the part of me that hates doing wrong is not to blame. It is the broken ways that have taken root in the heart that hold me to this wrong path.

18 I can now see that there is nothing good in this weak part of me that gives in to wrong desires, for it keeps me from doing what I know to be right. 19-20 But since I want to do what is right but keep doing what is wrong, then it is not I but the broken ways within me that keep me doing wrong.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**A SONG OF PRAISE**

**CANTICLE 2**

**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE**

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

### THIRD READING MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

### HOMILY

#### THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Officiant: Let us pray.

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you:  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, Keep us from all sin today:  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

### COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### PRAYERS FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you: bring the nations into your fold: pour out your Spirit upon all flesh: and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

At this time, I ask for intercessions and thanksgivings.

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and the People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness

To us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

And all the blessings of this life:

But above all for your immeasurable love

In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

Not only with our lips, but in our lives,

By giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** (Romans 15:13)

### *Ministers of the Liturgy*

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|----------------|------------------------|
| Officiant      | Laura Learned          |
| Lector         | Janet Drasil           |
| Ushers         | Dennis & Betsy Breckow |
| Tech           | Paul Drasil            |
| Vestry on Duty | Dennis Breckow         |
| Altar Guild    | Team A                 |
| Coffee Hour    | Newlin & Liz Hastings  |
| Counters       | Newlin & Liz Hastings  |

### *Birthdays*

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up when *she* falls; and in *her* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### *Anniversaries*

O God, you have called us into faithful friendship with you and each other: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*



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