

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer  
Proper 27  
November 9, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome. If you are with us on Zoom and would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usber a chat message, or email [office@stjamesvt.org](mailto:office@stjamesvt.org) with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep microphones muted. If you are reading a lesson or adding a prayer aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself, then mute again. In person, sitting distances may be observed and masks may be worn. Please be mindful of the comfort of others.

## Prelude: Intermezzo

- Alexander Borodin

## Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham

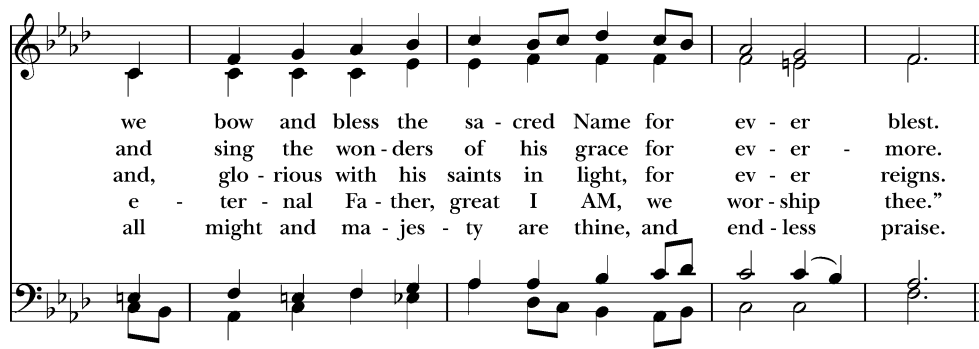
Hymnal 401



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant* God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. *Amen.*

## Prayer for Forgiveness

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
*People* And your glory all the day long.  
*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst:  
*People* O come let us worship.

**Invitatory Psalm**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

**St. Helena Breviary**

*Read in unison*

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.  
For you, O God, are a great God; \*  
you are great above all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.  
The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before God, our Maker,  
For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

**Antiphon**

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst:  
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## The Appointed Psalm

### Psalm 17:1-9

St. Helena Psalter

*Read in a manner chosen by the Presider: direct recitation (unison), antiphonally (side to side) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating either by verse or at the asterisk.*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, \*  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

**Lector:** A reading from the book of Job.

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Canticle 16    The Song of Zechariah**    *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

**EOW 27**

*Said in Unison with the Officiant leading*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
    you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
    born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
    and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous before you,  
    all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet  
    of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
    and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

**Lector:** A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through

belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem: God Cares For Me**

**- L. McGlohon**  
**Jenny Ogelby, soloist**

*In the service of Morning Prayer, all sit for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Gospel: Luke 20:27-38**

**Deacon or Officiant:** A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

**Deacon or Officiant** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

**Frances Huessy**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**EOW 41**

*All standing as able and say in unison*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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* Hear our cry, O God.  
*People* And listen to our prayer.  
*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.

## **Suffrages**

*The Suffrages are said responsively.*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

## **Enriching Our Worship 42**



V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **The Collect of the Day**

## **St. Helena Breviary**

*All are invited to say the Collect of the Day together.*

O God, who sent Jesus into the world to destroy the powers of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may grow in holiness of life; and that, when Christ comes with power and great majesty, we may share in the glory of all the redeemed; this we pray in the name of the Trinity, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

## **Thanksgivings and Intercessions**

*The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists. All may sit.*

We remember and pray for St. Mary's in the Mountains Church, Wilmington; the Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks and pray for John Heermans and Cheyenne Garland who are celebrating their birthdays this week. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

*The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by guiding first, the in-person group and after that, the online worshippers.*

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially Grace; Kristen; Marie; Tyler; Kelly; Foster Borch; Neil Eklund; Connie; Laurie Rheame; Carl Runge; John Koier; and John Grau (friend of Peggy Bonesteel). I invite your prayers of intercession.

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*The Officiant concludes with the following Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people's offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers to be offered to God. All stand as able.*

## Offertory Hymn: Blessed assurance

LEVAS 184

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, \_\_\_\_\_ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. bove \_\_\_\_\_ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. bove, \_\_\_\_\_ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. \_\_\_\_\_

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, \_\_\_\_\_ Prais - ing my  
 sav - ior all the day long; \_\_\_\_\_ This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 song, \_\_\_\_\_ Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

*Please continue to support our parish life and ministries by sending your offering to:  
 St. James Episcopal Church, 4 St. James Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452.*

*You may also give online by visiting: [stjamesvt.org/giving](http://stjamesvt.org/giving)*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*The Officiant and People say together*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our

desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Community Announcements

### Dismissal

*The Deacon or Officiant says*

**Deacon or Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

### Concluding Sentence

*The Officiant says*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## Sending Hymn: Praise to the living God

Hymnal 372

*All stand as able.*

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise to the living God'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: '1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name', '2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;', '3 His Spi - Rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:', '4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;', 'who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.', 'ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.', 'in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.', and 'his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.'

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

## Postlude: Postludium

-Georg Muffat

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*Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.  
 And please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*



**Officiant:** Jenny Ogelby  
**Preacher:** Frances Huessy  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter  
**Lector:** Molly Rudgers  
**Intercessor:** Neal Robinson  
**Musicians:** Carol Reichard; St. James Choir; solo: Jenny Ogelby  
**In-Person Ushers:** Karen and Neal Robinson  
**Minister of Technology:** Helen Donahey  
**Digital Usher:** Peggy Bonesteel

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer:** We remember and pray for St. Mary's in the Mountains Church, Wilmington; the Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

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### **Birthdays:**

John Heermans, November 9  
Cheyenne Garland, November 14



## **ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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