

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Ante-Communion  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 12  
July 28, 2024

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## OPENING RITE

### Prelude: "Just A closer Walk With Thee"

- arr. Kenneth Morris

### Opening Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Acclamation

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## Song of Praise

*The congregation may sing the top or bottom part as desired*

**brightly**

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the

Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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## Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

**Reader:** A reading from the second Book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

**Psalm: 145:10-19**

**St. Helena Psalter**

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

- 10 All your works praise you, O God, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your realm \*  
and speak of your power,
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your dominion.
- 13 Yours, O God, is an everlasting reign; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 You are faithful in all your words \*  
and merciful in all your deeds.
- 15 You uphold all those who fall; \*  
you lift up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O God, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 You are righteous in all your ways \*  
and loving in all your works.
- 19 You are near to those who call upon you, \*  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21**

**Reader:** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Canticle: A Song of Creation**

*Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

**EOW 25**

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

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

**Gospel: John 6:1-21**

*The people stand as able during the reading of the Gospel lesson in a service of the Eucharist*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Janet Brown**

**The Nicene Creed**

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing as able and say together*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven,  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father, \*  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*The 1994 General Convention affirmed the intention of the Episcopal Church to remove the filioque clause at the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer. Using Enriching our Worship materials gives an opportunity to practice this intention.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*The People remain standing as able*

*Deacon*      Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor*   Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
 live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Intercessor*    Christ, have mercy

*Response*     Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Intercessor* Christ, have mercy

*Response* Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud from their seat or at a microphone if able, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

*Intercessor* Christ, have mercy

*Response* Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We remember and pray for All Saints Church, South Burlington; the Rev. Deacon Peggy Mathauer and their constellation partners, St. Paul's Vergennes in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for Thom Laidman and Carl Potter who are celebrating their birthdays this week and Dan and Jodie Chant who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

*Intercessor* Christ, have mercy

*Response* Hear our prayer.

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 Mitch; Grace; Connie; Kristen; Marie; Kevin; Bishop Tom Ely; Hisham Awartani; Evelyn Roehner; Sandra Ashley; Foster Borch; Jennifer Wilkins Borch; and Dave, friend of the Ogelby family. We pray for peaceful and just resolutions to the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, and Haiti.

I invite your prayers of intercession.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud from their seat or at a microphone if able, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

*Intercessor* Christ, have mercy

*Response* Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lisa Rees—a very dear friend of Kate Mitchell that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints



in your eternal realm. We remember especially Robert and Gertrude Rouleau with the gift of flowers in front of the altar this morning.

I invite your prayers for those who have died.

*During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud from their seat or at a microphone if able, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.*

*Intercessor* Christ, have mercy

*Response* Hear our prayer.

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

Most holy and loving God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit. *Amen.*

*Officiant*

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and make good our vows to the Most High.

*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: Break Thou the Bread of Life**

**LEVAS 146**

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,  
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;  
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;  
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;  
 2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,  
 3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!  
 2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.  
 3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Officiant*

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.

### **Community Announcements**

CLOSING RITE

## Blessing and Dismissal

*The priest blesses the people.*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The Deacon then dismisses the people*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

## Sending Hymn: Bread That Was Sown

Weston Priory vs 1-3,5

Refrain: Bread that was sown in our hills and valleys  
now harvested becomes one;  
from all the world gather your people, O God,  
into the feast of your love.

1. With grateful hearts, we sing our joy for knowing  
Spirit within, among us all;  
life and knowledge, revealed through your word:  
Jesus, the Christ Emmanuel. *Refrain*
2. Leaven and wheat: so let us be for others,  
nurturing good with earnest care,  
bringing to birth new life where hope has gone stale,  
faith-giving moments to share. *Refrain*
3. Planted, your name becomes our thirst for more being  
hope to be bread for others' lives,  
vision of what it means to give all that we are:  
this is the seed you have sown. *Refrain*
5. Harvest of peace where love can be the song  
that heals brokenness with listening;  
touching, perceiving in bread of Jesus' life,  
gift to become our flesh as well. *Refrain*

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## Postlude: "His Name Is Wonderful"

- Audrey Meier

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The flowers at the altar this morning are given  
to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert and Gertrude Rouleau.

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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.*

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## Proper 12—Year B

Welcome to St. James Church. Today we begin a five-week period in which the gospel readings each Sunday are from John and are focused on Jesus' feeding 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, the response of the disciples and the crowds, and Jesus' discourse on himself as the bread of life. It is from the apostolic memory of this event and the Gospel of John's exposition of its meaning that the early Church began to develop its understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist. Note that Jesus performed the Eucharistic actions with the loaves and fish; he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave. In a story strikingly similar to the feeding of the 5,000, the prophet Elisha shows God's generosity when a crowd is fed from a seemingly insufficient supply of food. Throughout the sacred story, God's care for us is described in miracles of feeding. In today's reading from Ephesians, the writer prays that the people may be strengthened by God's Spirit so that Christ may dwell in them and that we may find ourselves living in God and rejoicing in God's power working through us. We are met by God in the Eucharist. Our baptismal state is renewed. We remember what God has done for us in Christ. We remember who we are. We are filled once again with the Spirit. We are fed in the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood. We are reconstituted as God's People.

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**Preacher:** The Rev. Janet Brown

**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter

**Lector:** Jenny Ogelby

**Intercessor:** Denise Noble

**Musician(s):** Nancy Roff

**In-Person Ushers:** Paula and Bruce Morgan

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jenny Ogelby

**Minister of Technology:** Cathy Clark

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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer:** We remember All Saints Church, South Burlington; the Rev. Deacon Peggy Mathauer and their constellation partners, St. Paul's Vergennes in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

**We pray for those who are sick, who are recovering from injuries or surgery, or who have asked for our prayers:** especially Mitch; Grace; Connie; Kristen; Marie; Kevin; Bishop Tom Ely; Hisham Awartani; Evelyn Roehner; Sandra Ashley; Foster Borch; Jennifer Wilkins Borch; and Dave, friend of the Ogelby family. We pray for peaceful and just resolutions to the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, and Haiti.

**We pray for those who have died and those who mourn:** especially for Lisa Rees, a very dear friend of Kate Mitchell; those who have died in global conflicts, especially in Haiti, Ukraine, Sudan, Israel and Gaza; for those who have died in natural disasters and the extreme heat; for those who have died from gun and other violence; and for all the people who mourn these losses.

**Birthdays:**

Thom Laidman, August 3

Carl Potter, August 3

**Anniversary:**

Daniel & Jodie Chant, August 2



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