

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



October 27, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25
Morning Prayer

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 with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep microphones muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself, then mute yourself again. In person, sitting distances are observed and masks may be worn. Please be mindful of the comfort of others.

Prelude: Canto

- Lani Smith

Opening Hymn: Just as I am

LEVAS 137

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

Opening Sentence

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

Deacon or Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and 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 Name. Amen.

Officiant

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Enriching Our Worship 20

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.

Officiant God is the Rock of our salvation:

People O come let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Said in Unison with the Officiant leading

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!

-St. Helena Breviary

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The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 126

-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 When God restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“God has done great things for them.”
- 4 God has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O God, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Lector: A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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: Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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People *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

-Mark Bevan

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel in the service of Morning Prayer.

Deacon or Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

Kathy Rouleau

The Apostles' Creed

EOW 41

All standing as able, the creed is said 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 God 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.

Suffrages

The Suffrages are said responsively

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through 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. James Church, Woodstock; the Rev. Amy Spagna in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Scottish Episcopal Church in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks and pray for Sandy Jones and Nathaniel Garland who are celebrating their birthdays this week and Beth and Brian Garland who are celebrating their anniversary 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 Mitch; Grace; Kristen; Marie; Kevin; Bishop Tom Ely; Hisham Awartani; Evelyn Roehner; Foster Borch; Jennifer Wilkins Borch; Dave, friend of the Ogelby family; and Becca Dourmashkin. We pray for peaceful and just resolutions to the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, and Haiti. We pray for those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

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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 have died, especially for those who have died in global conflicts, including in Haiti, Ukraine, Sudan, Israel and Gaza; for those who have died in natural disasters, especially Hurricane Helene; for those who have died from gun and other violence; and for all the people who mourn these losses.

I invite your prayers for those who have died.

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After all prayers have been offered, the Officiant concludes with:

Lord, hear all our prayers whether spoken out loud or said only in our hearts. *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: O bless the Lord my soul

Hymnal 411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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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

Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

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*

Sending Hymn: He's got the whole world in his hands

LEVAS 217

All stand as able.

1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the

The image shows the first line of a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the".

whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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Postlude: Triumphal March

- Handel

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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.*

Proper 25—Year B

Welcome to Saint James Church. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers. In the first reading Jeremiah tells that one day God will reach out to his people and call all of them back. No one will be left out, but all will come rejoicing into God's family. The story of the blind man in today's Gospel reading is a sign that what Jeremiah foretold is coming true in the ministry of Jesus. Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer is remind his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priest no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is

healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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Lector: Denise Noble
Intercessor: Jenny Ogelby
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer: We remember and pray for St. James Church, Woodstock; the Rev. Amy Spagna in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Scottish Episcopal Church in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

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Birthdays: Sandy Jones, October 28
Nathaniel Garland, November 2

Anniversary:
Brian and Beth Garland, November 2



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