

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Art by Livy Hitchcock*

October 30, 2022  
Morning Prayer  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Bell Choir Prelude: Psalm Nine

Cathy Witze

Opening Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

*All stand as able.*

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant* We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and  
declaring all your wonderful deeds. *—Psalm 75:1*

## Confession

*The Deacon or Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is observed*

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.

The Priest alone says the following. If no Priest is present the Officiant says the following with words in brackets.

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

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*Said responsive with the designated responder leading the people's responses*

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

## **Jubilate**      *Psalm 100*

*Said in unison with the Officiant leading*

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve with gladness  
and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,  
go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good;  
your mercy is everlasting; \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. —*St. Helena Breviary*

## **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

*All may sit*

### **Psalm 32:1-8**

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

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God;" \*  
then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

*—St. Helena Breviary*

## The Lessons

*All may sit.*

### First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**A Song of the Heavenly City**  
*Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

**Enriching Our Worship 38**

*Read in a manner chosen by the Officiant: direct recitation (unison), responsively by whole verse, or responsively by half verse alternating at the asterisk (leader and people).*

I saw no temple in the city, \*  
for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.  
And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, \*  
for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
By its light the nations shall walk, \*  
and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.  
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; \*  
into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.  
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, \*  
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, \*  
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.  
All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,  
and all servants give worship there; \*  
there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

*Reader*      A reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Anthem: Grace**

**Mark Hayes**

## **Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

*In Morning Prayer, all remain seated for the reading of the Gospel*

*Deacon*      A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*Deacon*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

**Frances Huessy**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**Enriching Our Worship 41**

*Officiant and People stand as able, and with Officiant leading say together*

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

## Enriching Our Worship 42

## The Collect of the Day

*All are invited to say this collect together*

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A Collect for Sundays

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

## Prayer for God's Healing Love

Gracious Lord, whenever we err, fill our hearts with your love. When we wound or are wounded, fill our hearts with your love. When tempted to judge, fill our hearts with your love. Wherever there is hurt, loss, or despair, fill our world with your love. *Amen.*

*-from Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## Prayer for Welcoming the Stranger

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place. And, in the sacred name of the triune God, God blessed us and our house, our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise. *Amen*

*-Traditional*

## A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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

We remember and pray for St. James Church in Woodstock and the Rev. Amy Spagna in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; and Iglesia Anglicana de Chile in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks and pray for Nathaniel Garland and Pat Hechmer who are celebrating birthdays this week and Brian and Beth Garland who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

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 Carla, Tom Allen, Carol, Lydia Thompson, Marlene Emerson, Paul, Lindsey Huddle, Laurel Woods, Hannah, Valerie Rochon, Jenny Ogelby, Sandra Ashley, Sandy Jones, and Grace.

I invite your prayers of intercession.

*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 of the coronavirus and for their loved ones, those who have died in the conflict in Ukraine and those who have died from the violence perpetrated by guns.

I invite your prayers for those who have died.

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*The Intercessor offers a Prayer for Justice:*

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. *Amen.*

*The Officiant concludes with the following Collect.*

### **A Collect of Dedication**

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*The people's offerings, which are gathered at the basket near the door, are brought up at this time by the usher to be offered to God.*

Office/Offertory Hymn: Gracious spirit, give your servants

WLP 782

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - feet jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
 right - ous and for - giv - ing Onc: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

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St. James Episcopal Church, 4 St. James Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452*

*You may also give online by visiting this website link. Please scroll down the list of “Choose One” to choose “Essex Junction (St. James)”*

## ONLINE DONATIONS FOR ST. JAMES

## 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 says*

*Deacon*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

## Concluding Sentence

*The Officiant says*

## Sending Hymn: O God of every nation

## Hymnal 607

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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**The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost—Year C**

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. Jesus continually shocked religious people by associating with known sinners. Today we have the familiar story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector for the Roman occupiers, whose job was to extort money from his fellow Jews. Zacchaeus' repentance in response to Jesus' acceptance of him silences the critics—for a time.

In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah to a people who keep all their liturgical and other religious observances but do not care for the other commands of the Law: the ministry of mercy and justice to the poor and helpless. God says that failure is a sin worse than the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah.

We begin reading Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians today. This church had great faith but was troubled by speculations about when the Lord would return—a theme to which these readings will turn in the weeks ahead as we look toward Advent.

We must always remember that our worship is only one side of our response to God. The term “liturgy” is used in the New Testament to mean both worship and ministry to others. What we do here and what we do in loving acts of ministry are each given their fullest meaning from the other. Faith is expressed in worship. Faithfulness is expressed above all in concrete acts of love and ministry to other people, especially the sick, the hungry, the stranger, and the dying.

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**Officiant:** Jennifer Ogelby

**Preacher:** Frances Huessy

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

**Lector:** Peggy Bonesteel

**Intercessor:** Kathy Rouleau

**Musician(s):** St. James Choir, Carol Reichard, St. James Bell Choir

**Greeter:** Jeanette Racine

**Ushers:** Ernie Rheaume, Shirley Ziemer

**Minister of Technology:** Helen Donahey

**Digital Usher:** Barbara Cook

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We remember and pray for St. James Church in Woodstock and the Rev. Amy Spagna in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; and Iglesia Anglicana de Chile in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

**We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers:** Carla, Tom Allen, Carol, Lydia Thompson, Marlene Emerson, Paul, Lindsey Huddle, Laurel Woods, Hannah, Valerie Rochon, Jenny Ogelby, Sandra Ashley, Sandy Jones, and Grace.

**We pray for those who have died and those who mourn:** We remember the departed and those who mourn, especially for all who have died of the coronavirus and for their loved ones, those who have died in the conflict in Ukraine and those who have died from the violence perpetrated by guns.

**Birthdays:** Nathaniel Garland, November 2  
Pat Hechmer, November 5

**Anniversaries:** Brian and Beth Garland,  
November 2

Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

[Compline Zoom Link](#)



## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

## Sunday, October 30

8:30 Lectionary Discussion  
9:15 Youth Choir  
10:00 Morning Prayer  
11:00 Congregational Care Umbrella  
Smith Room

## Monday, October 31

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Tuesday, November 1

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
9:00 Bell Choir

## Wednesday, November 2

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Thursday, November 3

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
3:00 Senior Choir  
7:00 Compline

## Friday, November 4

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Saturday, November 5

9:00 – 1:30 VT Mandir, Parish Hall

## Sunday, November 6

8:30 Lectionary Discussion  
9:15 Youth Choir  
10:00 Morning Prayer  
11:00 All Saints Remembrance  
11:30 Community Connections Mtg.  
Smith Room

## Monday, November 7

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Tuesday, November 8

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
9:00 Bell Choir

## Wednesday, November 9

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Thursday, November 10

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
3:00 Senior Choir  
7:00 Compline

## Friday, November 11

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

## Saturday, November 12

9:00 – 1:30 VT Mandir, Parish Hall