



Holy Communion
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

Welcome to Saint James!

We're so glad you're here.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Join in as you're comfortable-listening, reading, praying, and singing.

If you need to step away at any time, you can reenter through the main doors in the back of the sanctuary. Other exterior doors are locked during the service. Restrooms can be found near those main doors, in the narthex (the back foyer of the worship space).

We love kids in our services, noises and all! The **Family Den** (in the back) is a space for nursing or wrangling as desired. **Children's activity bags** are available in the narthex (foyer). **Nursery** is available during the service for children ages 0-3k (an Usher can show you where). During the gospel reading, children aged 4k-5th grade are invited to come to the center and then to follow the cross to **Children's Chapel**. They return during the announcements.

We'd love to give you a welcome bag on your way out. And please join us for coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall after the service.

Learn more and connect further on our website (Saint-James.org), or by dropping a Visitor Card in the offering plate.

Parking note: Extra parking spaces are available around Town Hall. We ask that you avoid parking in the shopping center across the street—they've asked us not to.

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ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season After Pentecost – also known as “Ordinary Time” – is the season of church life that stretches from Pentecost to Advent. Our readings focus on the life of Israel (awaiting Christ), the life of Jesus (the Christ himself), and the life of the Church (sent by Christ into the world until His return). Called ‘ordinary’ because it includes no major Christian feasts (like Christmas and Easter), this season is nevertheless full of wonder and meaning. It is meant to encourage God’s people to live their ‘ordinary’ lives in the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit, who came to us at Pentecost.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

"HOLY HOLY HOLY"

**Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity**

**Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be**

**Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity**

**Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity**

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THE ACCLAMATION

BCP P. 123

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP P. 124

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 23

KJV

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Children ages 4k to 5th grade are invited to join the cross in the center aisle for the reading of the Gospel.
After the reading, they may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children return during the Announcements.*

THE GOSPEL HYMN

"PREPARE THE WAY

**Prepare The Way
Prepare the way
Prepare the way
Prepare the way of the Lord**

**Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus**

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

“PREPARE THE WAY”

**Prepare The Way
 Prepare the way
 Prepare the way
 Prepare the way of the Lord**

**Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
 Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus**

**You are the light of the world
 You are the light of the world
 You are the light of the world
 Jesus...**

**You are the King of the earth
 You are the King of the earth
 You are the King of the earth
 Jesus...**

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THE SERMON

LOUISE WELD

TIME OF REFLECTION

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son, 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel as able. After each bidding, the congregation offers their own short prayers on the theme, silently or aloud. Each concludes:

Leader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also
for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Online giving is available at saint-james.org/give

"ROCK OF AGES"

**Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure**

**Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone**

**While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee**

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP P. 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise!**

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP P. 134

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians in good standing in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion.

Prayer teams, positioned near the front on either side of the room, are available to pray with you during communion or after the service.

"THE BLESSING"

Verse

**The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

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"MYSTERY"

**Sweet Jesus Christ, my sanity
Sweet Jesus Christ, my clarity
Bread of heaven broken for me
Cup of salvation held up to drink**

**Jesus, mystery
Christ has died and
Christ is risen
And Christ will come again**

**Celebrate His death and rising
Lift your eyes, proclaim His coming
Celebrate His death and rising
Lift your eyes, lift your eyes**

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
 Streams of mercy never ceasing
 Call for songs of loudest praise
 Teach me some melodious sonnet
 Sung by flaming tongues above
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
 Mount of God's redeeming love

O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be
 Let Thy goodness like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
 Prone to wander Lord I feel it
 Prone to leave the God I love
 Here's my heart O take and seal it
 Seal it for Thy courts above

Here I raise my Ebenezer
 Hither to Thy help I'm come
 And I hope by Thy good pleasure
 Safely to arrive at home
 Jesus sought me when a stranger
 Wand'ring from the fold of God
 He to rescue me from danger
 Interposed His precious blood

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer teams are available to pray with you and are positioned in the front of the room on the right side. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Announcements

See full details and more at saint-james.org

- **Fall Market- October 17: 8:00am- 3:00pm** Come shop for various items! Monies raised go to support missions, church programs, and needs of the community.
- **Pickle's People Blood Drive- October 16: 10:00am- 2:00pm.** At The Town of James Island parking lot. Please donate to help children battling cancer.
- **Music Team Nights- October 21 & November 18: 6:30- 8:30pm.** Please come all ye singers and musicians! Join us for a meet & greet to see what our community has to offer and if you can add something special to our Sunday worship. Contact Shane Williams at SWilliams@Saint-James.org.
- **Regenerate High School Retreat- November 13- 15.** Contact Sam English at SEnglish@Saint-James.org

PRAYER

- **For Healing:** David Agee, Lois Bouknight, Amarylis Cranwell, Jack Cranwell, Ernie Droze, Art Field, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Mike Gaitan, Carl Green, Erin Stockwell Grimm, Tim Harrelson, George Haynsworth, Heckmann Family, Bill Huff, Matthew Lehman, Debi Myers, Rob Pierce, Bill Porcher, Michael Rutherford, Jon Scot, Carol Shue, Jeff Switzer, Sondra Switzer, Charles Watts, Vivian Watts, Hanna Debruhl, Robert Doscher.
- **For Protection:** Aiden Burgess, Bradon Malasky, Brittany Swafford, Trey Thompson, Thomas Tilson, Rylea Swafford
- **Request Prayer:** You are invited to request prayer via the **prayer box** in the narthex. It is checked regularly by clergy. Daughters of the Holy Cross members also pray for our parish daily and will pray for anyone who would like to be added to their prayer list. All prayers are kept confidential.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Music Leader: Shane Williams

Acolyte Team: Charlie Cope, Edmund Cope,
Aubrie Nichols, Aurelia Nichols, Lila Smithson,
Eliza Cate Volousky, Lenox Williams

Children's Chapel: Sam English, Debbie Morillo

Nursery: Deborah Harley, Lauren Hills

Audio Visual: Bill Read

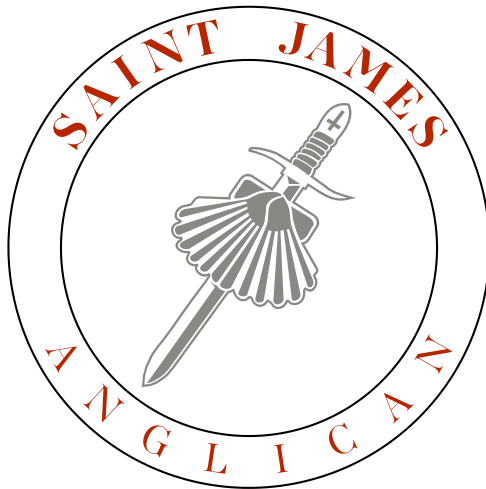
Flower Guild: Joyce Wichmann

Altar Guild: Lily Woods

Lay Readers: Maxine Swafford, Melah Dockendorf

Greeters: Benji Griner, Carol Mercer, James & Laval
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Prayer Team: Maxine Swafford, OC Brummett, Carol
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