





TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM AUGUST 31ST, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee Hymnal 376

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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*.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON PROVERBS 25:6-7

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 112

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love Hymnal 602

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
THE SERMON

Rev. David Potter

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

(continued...)

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM III BCP 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our supply priest Fr. David;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our parish prayer list... *Silence*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Inviting God, laying open your table to the deviant and deranged, setting a place for the foreign and unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the One given for all. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 359

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: 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.

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

People: Amen.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome of Visitors, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Notices & Announcements

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal 616

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

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.

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SANCTUS S 130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal 490

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion Said by Those Not Present at Holy Communion

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now thank we all our God Hymnal 397

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





We thank our Sunday School Students for participating as Lectors this morning for Children's Sunday!

NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by the Miller Family.

We thank them for their kindness!

We thank Rev. David Potter for leading us in worship this morning!

Vestry Meeting Invite:

The Vestry welcomes members of St. James in-the-Hills to attend the Vestry meetings. The date for each meeting is posted in the church bulletin and the Zoom link is available, upon request, by contacting the Parish Administrator. If there is a specific item you wish to have considered, kindly notify the Parish Administrator or a Vestry member to have the matter placed on the agenda and addressed at the meeting. Please note: visitors at Vestry meetings will have neither voice nor vote. They may only observe. If you cannot attend the meeting, the minutes will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Office for a limited time.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

The 2025 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for upcoming dates.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for AUG-SEPT-OCT are available in the sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u>: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen's Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during worship services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.

Are you interested in serving on our Vestry?

Seeking faithful and dedicated members to serve on the Vestry: The Vestry is the elected leadership responsible for the spiritual well-being and temporal affairs of the Parish and contributes to the Church's Mission and Growth.

If you feel called to contribute time, talent, and commitment, you are invited to learn more about the responsibilities and rewards from this ministry.

For more information or to express interest, please contact the Parish Administrator, Amanda Groome, with contact information.

Blessings, Claudette Crowder-Fowler Senior Warden



Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:

The Church of South India

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Bisan Owda, Julia Smith, Cheryl-Ann Edward, Arthur Bilotti, Sandra Hoyle, Brantley Williams, Donnie Coxe, Andrea Holmes, Jeff Slotnick, Douglas Saunders, Frank Bautista, Pat Miller, Elisha Clarke III, Casandra Wood.



We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Gladys Wood, Sean Miller, Yvonne Paicely, Delmar Frost

We pray for the protection of all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, for peace in Israel and Palestine, for peace in Ukraine, for all those affected by gun violence, especially for the victims at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis, for the victims and those still missing from the flash flooding in central Texas, and we continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes

Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, August 31st Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 1st *Labor Day - Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 9thVestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.



REV. DAVID POTTER, PRESIDER

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

CLAUDETTE CROWDER-FOWLER - SENIOR WARDEN

YVONNE PAICELY - JUNIOR WARDEN

ROBERT WHITEHEAD - TREASURER, LORNA SMITH - CLERK TO THE VESTRY,

PAUL CIZEK, CLOVIA RUSH-BARNETT, NICKISHA WILLIAMS

Amanda Groome, our Parish Administrator, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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