THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. JAMES
THE APOSTLE

Our Vision: To be a beacon of God’s unconditional love for all people

Our Mission: To reflect the Light of Christ by feeding bodies and souls

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER XIX • 13 SEPTEMBER • 10 A.M.
Welcome to our historic parish. For 129 years we have been a house of prayer for all people. Those who built this place and those who care for it both love tradition and feel passionate about engaging with what is new. We invite you to be part of this joyful community even if your visit is short. We would be delighted to hear about your explorations.

We also welcome you to this virtual worship service. The early Jesus Movement found its identity strength, and comfort, by meeting in members’ homes. That looked different but like them we have come together to be reminded of our faith and community and proclaim the hope and promise that is the very center of our Christian life.

We are a safe place for all people. We celebrate our diversity of race, creed, gender, religion, cultural identities, and expressions.

Worship is not a spectator activity. We encourage you to join in the liturgy by responding with the parts indicated in this worship booklet. If you are unfamiliar with the customs of The Episcopal Church, simply relax and let the congregation carry you in worship.

We believe that, in some inexplicable way, Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine. Episcopalians call this “The Real Presence.” As we cannot now gather for Holy Communion, we turn to the Book of Common Prayer for direction:

“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”  Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p. 457

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here. For today, you are not a stranger – you are one of us.

Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia histórica. Aunque su visita sea corta, los invitamos a formar parte de esta gozoso comunidad. Estaríamos encantados de oír sobre su paisaje espiritual. Donde quiera que esté en vida espiritual, es bienvenido aquí. Por hoy, no es un extraño, sino es uno de nosotros.

- The Rev. Barbara R. Miller, Rector

**OUR CORE VALUES**

**FAITH**
“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

**INTEGRITY**
“Whatsoever is true, whatsoever is honorable, whatsoever is just, whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is lovely, whatsoever is gracious; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8

**INCLUSIVENESS**
“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you all are one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

**COMPASSION**
“When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**
“He has showed you what is good: and what the Lord requires of you is to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

We “strive for justice and peace among all people and [to] respect the dignity of every human being.” BCP 417

Scripture, tradition, and reason
“Study diligently and present yourself to God as one who has no reason to be ashamed, having correctly clarified and interpreted the Word of Truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

We are a fully inclusive and affirming faith community. Here, you belong.
All stand and the Priest begins the liturgy, saying:

Priest: + Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Priest then says

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.

HYMN

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and in - 
   spired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, par - hearts and sets our souls a - blaze, teach - es and trains, re - bukes strength, and com - fort - less in pain; hun - gry and help - less, lost cross and Christ up - on the throne; past put be - hind us, for

2. Lord, for that Word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our

3. Lord, for our world; when we dis - own and doubt you, love - less in

4. Lord, for our - selves; in liv - ing power re - make us, self on the

us and in - spires us, Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ple’s praise.

in - deed with - out you, Lord of our world, we pray that Christ may reign.

the fu - ture take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ a - lone.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest bids the people to pray, saying:

_Priest:_ The Lord be with you.
_All:_ And also with you.
_Priest:_ Let us pray.

O GOD, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

_All are seated._

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

_Lector:_ The word of the Lord.
_All:_ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-15

The psalm is read as indicated

_Miserator, et dominus noster_

_Leader:_ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
_All:_ He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

_Leader:_ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
_All:_ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

_Leader:_ As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
_All:_ As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
THE SECOND READING

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing:
THE GOSPEL
The Gospeler announces the Gospel.

Gospeler: + The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”


All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY
Following the sermon, a period of silence may be observed to allow for reflection on the lessons and homily.
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

All stand.

Leader: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith:

Leader: We believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and 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;
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 to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom shall 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.
I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence
I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence
I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence
I ask your prayers for first responders, nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and researchers; that they may triumph over their hardships on our behalf and that and a vaccine may be discovered. Pray for the medical community.

Silence
I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence
I ask your prayers for the special needs of this virtual congregation. Pray that God may comfort those in need.

Silence
I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence
A person appointed reads the submitted requests. The Priest concludes the intercessions with a prayer.

Then shall be said:

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

We observe a moment of silent reflection to call to mind our sins.

Deacon: God of loving kindness,
All: in your compassion
have mercy and forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Priest declares God’s forgiveness.
THE PEACE

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

**People:** And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

*This is the moment in our liturgy when our pledges, tithes, and offerings are presented as worship to the Lord. We give in joyful thanksgiving for God’s goodness towards us. For your convenience, you may contribute electronically by clicking the icon below.*

HYMN

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive, where there is strife may we make one
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3. Jesus our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understand love unselfishly, for in our giving we receiving are forgiven.
4. May we not look for love's return, but seek to
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing and the Priest sings or says:

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.

The Priest continues:

It is truly right and good and joyful to give you thanks all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never
ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Priest: Our Father in heaven,

All: 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.
BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
The Priest and congregation pray:

Priest: God of infinite mercy,
All: we thank you for Jesus our Savior,
who feeds us and gives us eternal life.
Although we cannot receive
his gifts of Bread and Wine,
we thank you that we do receive
Christ’s saving presence,
the forgiveness of sins,
and all the benefits of this Holy Meal.
Grant that we may continue for ever
in the Risen Life of our Savior. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Priest: Let us pray.
Priest: Shepherd and guardian of our souls,
All: renew our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love.
Teach us to hunger for Christ,
who is the true and living bread,
and to live by every word
that comes from your mouth,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the congregation in the name of God.
HYMN

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit
faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted;
people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our
daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face
richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power
evry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spir-
to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
we see. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
its power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY al la Hornpipe, Royal Water Music G.F. Handel

The Altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Shirley Barksdale.
Thank you for worshipping with us today.
It is our sincere desire that you felt God’s love and presence.

During our time of gathering digitally, our expenses continue as normal and we have the additional cost of producing the livestream ministry. We thank our members who are faithfully fulfilling their pledges as circumstances permit. For each of us, maintaining our financial commitment, if we are fiscally able to do so, will be essential during the next weeks and months. If you have previously put your pledge in the plate, or would like to support our ministry, it would be of great value to the parish if you would consider using our online giving by visiting www.stjamespaso.org, or clicking the icon below.

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OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN TODAY’S LITURGY

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Deacon: The Rev. Jacqueline Sebro
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Lector: Liz Hastings
Media Technician: Newlin Hastings
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Laura Learned
Mark Plants
“Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.”

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.