



We
Welcome
You

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper Twenty-eight

November 19, 2023 • 10:15 a.m.

Participants

Celebrant & Preacher - The Rev. Matt Handi

Minister of Communion - Fred Faulkner

Reader - Jeannette Brown

Ushers - Carl Benker



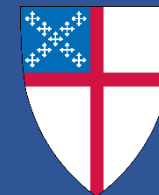
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We're so happy that you are joining us for worship today
and pray that your worship experience is a blessing to you.

If you'd like to support God's mission
through the ministry of St. James' Church
please visit: stjamesglastonbury.org

Toy Drive

Thank you to everyone who
contributed to the gifts for the
boys and girls of the
Cheyenne River Sioux/Lakota
Tribe in South Dakota.
hawkwing will be transporting
these gifts and the
shawls/hats from the Knitting
Ministry this week.



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Pastoral Care

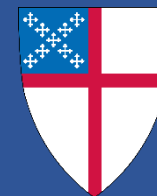
November 30th - 7pm

St. James' Meeting Room
and on Zoom

A meeting to talk about how
we are serving people in need
of pastoral care, and ways
to care for our community.

Please join us!!! For more
information - Gail Lebert,

glebert14@gmail.com

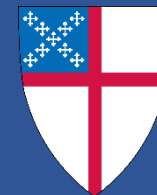


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Prayer Tree

Ten members of St. James' volunteer to pray for the needs of those brought to them, and also offer thanksgivings for joys and answered prayer. All prayer requests are kept confidential, just between the group and God.

The Prayer Tree also prays for the requests put into the prayer box that is located just inside the Church Sanctuary door closest to the Atrium. Prayer requests may also be called to the Church Office.

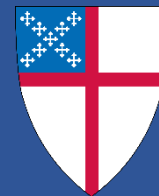


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Here at St. James'

we encourage you to wear a
name tag so that we can get to
know each other.

If you need a name tag or would
like a new one, please sign up
in the Atrium.



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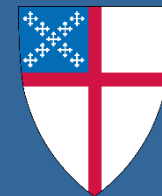
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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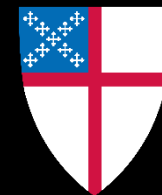
The Word of God

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

People

**And blessed be his
kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.**



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The Collect for Purity

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.



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SONG OF PRAISE

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

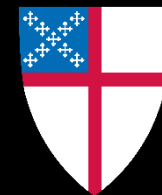


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FIRST LESSON: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

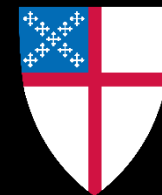
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.



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She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"



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

All **Thanks be to God.**



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Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of
their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her
mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of
contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.



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SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.



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So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.



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saying to God's people.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you,
Lord Christ.**



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Sermon

Rev. Matt Handi



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THE NICENE CREED

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

**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.**



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**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.**



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**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.**



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The congregation stands or kneels as they are able.)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

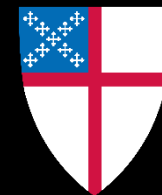
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom,
and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,
and oppression.**



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For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.



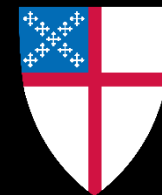
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We remember the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of West Virginia and the Diocese of Western Kansas. In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut we pray for St. James', Winsted and All Saints', Wolcott and The Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission.



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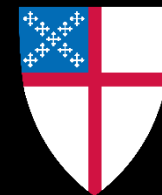
We pray for all who are ill,
for all who are in weakness,
for all who are bereaved especially
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Sandra
Assaf, Carla Bue, the DeFrances family,
Marie Dixon, George, Kurt Griffith, Rev.
Don Hamer, Joan Hammeal, Joan Mantle,
Fred Manganelli, Bob Therian, Paul
Eastlyn, The Lee Family, The Logan
Family, Ray, Randy Bresson, the Bresson
Family, Diane Obernesser, Nancy Dryer,
Don Sauer, Dennis Macomber, Ted
Mollegen and those recovering from acts
of violence, that they may find comfort,
strength, and healing.



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I bid your own intentions, either silently or
aloud.

(pause)



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Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings
of this life.

(pause)

I bid your own intentions, either silently or
aloud.



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We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and
ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they
may have a place in your eternal
kingdom.

I bid your own intentions, either silently
or aloud.

(pause)



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Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

(pause)



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Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father;

in your compassion 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.



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Celebrant

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. **Amen.**



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EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The gift of God is eternal life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
The peace of the Lord be always
with you

All **and also with you.**

*Members of the Congregation greet one
another in the name of the Lord.*

*God's Jar will be available for children's
offerings.*



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

see handout



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*(as the offering is brought forward, the
Celebrant says:)*

Celebrant: All things come from you, O
Lord.

**All
And of your own have we given you.**

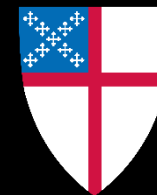


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The Holy Communion – *Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, pg. 367*

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

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



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The Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who on the first day of the week
overcame death and the grave, and by
his glorious resurrection opened to us
the way of everlasting life.



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



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SANCTUS

S129 *blue hymnal*



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(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

The celebrant continues:

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."

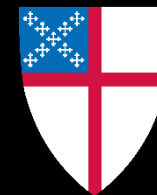


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Therefore, according to his command,
O Father,

Celebrant and People

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



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The Celebrant continues

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



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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.**



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

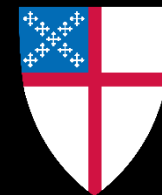
Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we
now pray:

All **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.**



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FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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Celebrant The gifts of God for the
people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you and feed on him your hearts
by faith with Thanksgiving.



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THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion
at God's table in this church.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your
arms over your chest to let the
clergy know.*

Communion Protocol

*Please wait for an usher to invite you forward
to receive communion. The south side of the
sanctuary receives first, followed by the north
side, in order to avoid crowding
the center aisle.*



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Gluten-free communion wafers and consecrated grape juice are available upon request of the priest or the Minister of Communion.

Once you have received the communion wafer from the priest, please step to the side to receive the consecrated wine/grape juice. You may dispose of the small cup in the receptacle toward the end of the altar rail.

Intercessory Prayer – you are invited to step to the right or left around the Altar if you desire individual prayers.

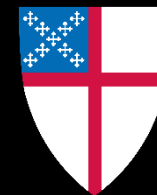


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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(prayed by those worshipping remotely)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.



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COMMUNION HYMNS

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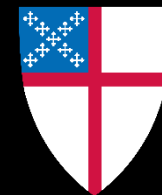
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

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.



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THE BLESSING

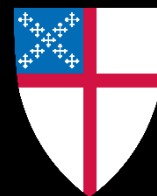
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**Watch over your child, O Lord,
as *his/her* days increase; bless and
guide *him/her* wherever *he/she* may
be. Strengthen *him/her* when *he/she*
stands; comfort *him/her* when
discouraged or sorrowful; raise
him/her up if *he/she* fall; and
in *his/her* heart may your peace which
passes understanding abide all the
days of *his/her* life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***



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ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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Announcements



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Dismissal

Celebrant

People

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Welcome
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