



ST JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME ALL. LOVE ALL. SERVE ALL.

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. RITE II

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 AT 7:30 A.M. RITE I

*Welcome to St. James! The text for worship can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP); hymns are found in the indicated hymnals. The BCP page references are listed as Rite II/Rite I. During Communion, all who come in faith are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine.*



## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355/BCP p. 323

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP p. 355/BCP p. 323

GLORIA *(said together by all)* BCP p. 356/BCP p. 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY  
(5:00 p.m., Rite II)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(7:30 a.m., Rite I)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

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. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Reflective silence will follow.*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to  
 its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
 before him there is a consuming flame,  
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
 those who have made a covenant with me  
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
 for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
 "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
 for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
 your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
 lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
 honors me; \*  
 but to those who keep in my way will I show  
 the salvation of God."

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was

going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Rite I: Glory be to thee, O Lord.)**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ. (Rite I: Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

THE SERMON	The Rev. Christie Olsen
<i>The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page references are listed as Rite II/Rite I</i>	
THE NICENE CREED	BCP p. 358/BCP p. 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	BCP p. 387/BCP p. 328
THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION	BCP p. 360/BCP p. 330
THE PEACE	BCP p. 360/BCP p. 332

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C	BCP p. 369/BCP p. 332
THE LORD’S PRAYER	BCP p. 362/BCP p. 336
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	BCP p. 364/BCP p. 337
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE	BCP p. 369/BCP p. 340
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP p. 365/BCP p. 339
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL	BCP p. 366/BCP p. 339



*The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God  
by Harry Schulz in memory of his mother, Ann M. Ryan  
and by Patti & Bill Brotherton in gratefulness for all who serve in worship ministries.*

## Announcements

**Our current COVID level for Henderson County has been upgraded to MEDIUM.** Masks are *strongly encouraged* at all Sunday Eucharists and indoor church gatherings. Masks will continue to be required at the 5 p.m. Eucharist and during kids' formation.

**HOW DO I SPOT A NEWCOMER?** We all want to give a special welcome to visitors and newcomers, but may not be sure if someone is new or not. The answer is in the person's name tag! Newcomers who have been issued a name tag will have a colored smiley face sticker on theirs. Visitors may have a stick-on temporary tag that they received at the podium in the narthex. So, be alert for these visual cues, and make sure to introduce yourselves to the new among us. If you would like a name tag or know a person who would like one (or replacement tag), there is a sign-up sheet on the podium in the narthex. A name tag will be issued within 2-3 weeks.

Please join us for **Short Stories for the Soul, our new Sunday Adult Formation series**, on Sundays at 9 a.m. During this five-week series we will explore some of the spiritual themes found in selected short stories by beloved authors. Each week participants will read one story and then a discussion will be led by the clergy on Sunday. A packet of stories will be available for pick-up from the church beginning July 10th or you can download them from the St. James website under the "Faith Formation" tab. You are invited to participate whether or not you're able to read the story for the week. For more information or to reserve a packet, please be in touch with Christie at (828) 694-6924 or [christie@stjamesepiscopal.com](mailto:christie@stjamesepiscopal.com).

**Thank You to the Thrift Shop** for the gift of the narthex **rocking chair for families with little ones**. We're so thankful to be able to offer a rocking chair and we are working on re-connecting a speaker into the narthex as well so the service can be easily heard.

**Mark your calendars for a fun End-of-Summer Family Event on Sunday, August 14 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at La Capilla!** Join us for a multi-parish after-church family potluck with music and games. We will celebrate at La Capilla De Santa Maria, located at 181 Saint Marys Drive in Hendersonville, with our brothers and sisters from Holy Family. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

**Save the date for Back-to-School Blessings and Shaved Ice!** Join us Sunday, August 28 at the 10 a.m. for special blessings for all students, parents, and teachers. Please bring a briefcase, laptop, or backpack to be blessed. After worship, we'll celebrate with Coffee Hour and Pelican's Shaved Ice in the Bell Tower Courtyard!

Save the Date: **Parish Movie Night is Saturday, August 26 after the 5 p.m. service. The St. James Choir is proudly sponsoring this event** and is excited to present an all-time favorite musical comedy, "**Sister Act.**" This movie is rated PG for Parental Guidance Suggested. Common Sense Media rates it for age 10+. Enjoy fellowship at 6 p.m. and the movie at 6:30 p.m. Beef tacos, rice, beans & fixings will be provided by the Choir. Donations are welcome. If you plan to eat with us, please RSVP by Thursday, Aug. 25 to [mindy@stjamesepiscopal.com](mailto:mindy@stjamesepiscopal.com).

**Hendersonville Hunger Walk** will be Saturday, Sept. 17 at Jackson Park. Register at [hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org](http://hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org) and contact Alex Kealy at [alexmkealy@yahoo.com](mailto:alexmkealy@yahoo.com) for details about participating with St. James Hunger Walk Team.

**St. James Annual Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair will be Sunday, Sept. 18.** Find out all about the many ministries and opportunities to serve at St. James and enjoy the food and fellowship at our picnic. Sign up for a new group or ministry, meet new parishioners and serve God together. While you're browsing, have lunch at our Annual Parish Picnic, after the 10 a.m. Eucharist in the Bell Tower Courtyard and St. James ground. The Hospitality Guild will be cooking out with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and a special dessert. Vegan and vegetarian options will be available. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun!

**Children's Chapel is available every Sunday** in Stillwell Hall from 10 a.m. until the Peace in our worship service. We welcome all children (ages 2 to rising 5th graders) to a fun morning of arts & crafts, games, stories and music. They will be brought back into the church at The Peace to join their families.

**The Outreach Commission will be collecting for The Storehouse** for the month of August. In our county, 21% of our children live in food insecure homes. Please help where you can. They need the following items: canned veggies, fruit, protein, cereal, peanut butter and tuna. Personal care items: toothpaste and brushes, soap, feminine care items, paper goods and shampoo. Thank you.

**Assist teaching Sunday School for Children:** Teacher assistant volunteers are very welcome. Qualification is to love children and take the Safe Guard training which requires only a few hours online at your convenience. You may begin right away in Children's Chapel Sundays at 10 a.m. service and serve in Sunday school. In addition, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (the curriculum we use) is offering training for Level I from August 15 through March 2023 on Saturdays from 9-4:30 p.m. at All Souls Cathedral. There are 12 sessions total to attend. For more info, please get in touch with Diane King [echomtn1@yahoo.com](mailto:echomtn1@yahoo.com) or Chris-toph@stjamesepiscopal.com.

**Monday Noon Prayer:** Open your Book of Common Prayer to page 103 and join us on Zoom. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81315141482> Meeting ID: 813 1514 1482, Passcode: BCP103

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

David Garcia, Cecelia Thompson, Jimmy Chandler, Charlie Wagoner, Bob Coffey

**This week we're praying for our Cuban brothers and sisters at:**

SAN PEDRO, JIQUI: A small congregation whose church was destroyed by hurricane and for 40 years was without services. The "remnant" was gathered and a house purchased to serve as a church. One of the ministries of San Pedro is doing laundry for the elderly of this very poor village.



## LAY MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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