

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23

If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome and would like to get acquainted. Please send the co-host a chat note if the chat option is open, or after worship, email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and an email address if you would like to receive more information about our parish. Thank you for worshipping with us! We are glad you are here.

Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. A "designated responder" will lead many of the responses of the people. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. After your prayer is completed, mute yourself again.

Prelude: Air Tendre

Jean-Baptiste de Lully

Opening Hymn: The church of Christ in every age

WLP 779 (v. 1, 2 & 5)

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

Opening Sentence

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. —*John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

EOW 19

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Officiant says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

EOW 20

Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people's responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Our God has created all things:

People O come, let us worship.

Said in unison with the Officiant leading

Jubilate

Psalm 100

St. Helena Breviary

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
 serve with gladness
 and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God, *
 you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
 we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
 give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good;
your mercy is everlasting; *
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant Our God has created all things:
People O come, let us worship.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 23

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
 and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul *
 and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

EOW 34

Said responsively by whole verse with the Officiant leading the odd-numbered verses and the Designated Responder leading the even-numbered verses. ()*

1 I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
- 3 A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.
- 4 I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.
- 6 You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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People *Thanks be to God.*

1, 6 Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace
 2 Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love
 3 Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light
 4 Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us, peace
 un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us, love
 un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us, light
 un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us, Christ
 le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace,
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be love,
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be light,
 o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.
 lu - ai, al - le - lu - ia.

peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

Let all a - round us be peace.

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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves,

saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Children’s Time

Jennifer Ogelby

Sermon

Frances Huessy

The Apostles’ Creed

EOW 41

Officiant and People together with Officiant leading

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship 42

The prayers are said responsively with the responses led by the designated responder

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant and People say the Collect of the Day together

God, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Officiant continues with the Collects. People may join in at home. The designated responder leads the “Amens”

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Social Justice

BCP 823

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the Sovereign eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

A designated Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.

We remember St. Paul’s Church in Wells. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the church of the Province of Uganda.

We give thanks for the life of Michael Hechmer, who is celebrating a birthday this week.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers: Lindsey Huddle, Kathy Rouleau, Jackson, Lynn Staffier, Ginny Eklund, Hawley and Sandy Jones, Cathy Helfrich O’Neil, Julie Osgood, Bill Pearson, Joyce Ordway, and Joanna Green.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn: Today we remember and pray for the over 1,057,000 people world-wide who have died from the coronavirus, also remembering the over 211,000 deaths in the United States alone, for their families and loved ones. We pray for an end to the pandemic and a vaccine to be discovered.

The Officiant then says

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

(During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to voice your thanksgiving or intercession and mute yourself again at the end of your petition.)

The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Mission

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Office/Offertory Hymn: Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Hymnal 556 (V. 1.2.3.4)

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
re - joice, re - joice,

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Community Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Year A

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. During these last weeks of the Church Year, we come to the section of Matthew’s Gospel marked by intense confrontations between Jesus and the religious establishment; these confrontations were to lead to his crucifixion. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is again teaching about the Kingdom. Here it is described in a way that antagonized the establishment. If those who are religious do not respond to God’s call, they will be replaced by others who do respond.

In the first reading, Isaiah foresees the Kingdom of God as a great feast (the same image Jesus uses in today’s Gospel reading) and as a feast for all people, not just a few. This is one of the places in the Hebrew Scriptures where we see Israel’s understanding of God as a national or tribal God expanding into seeing God as God of all.

We continue to read Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul brings his letter to its conclusion, calling on the people to live in peace and unity and to help one another.

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Psalm Leader & Intercessor: Helen Donahey
Children's Chapel Story: Jenny Ogelby
Designated Responder on Behalf of the People: Jenny Ogelby
Musicians: Carol and Clinton Reichard, Christine Reichard Ryan
Zoom Facilitator (Co-host): Brian Garland

IN OUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We remember St. Paul's Church in Wells. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the church of the Province of Uganda.

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Birthdays: Michael Hechmer, October 15

Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The Green Mountain Online Abbey offers Morning Prayer and Compline daily online at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please see this webpage for more information:

<https://diovermont.org/2020/07/21/online-prayer-with-bishop-shannon/>



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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

**The Parish Office will be closed from October 12 - 16*

Sunday, October 11

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:30 Outreach Meeting, Zoom

Monday, October 12

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
3:00 Bell Choir, St. James Grounds

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, October 14

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, October 15

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, October 16

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Sunday, October 18

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Monday, October 19

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
3:00 Bell Choir, St. James Grounds

Tuesday, October 20

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, October 22

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Compline

Friday, October 23

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James