Dear friends,

Manhattan’s noise annoys me. Noise in general irritates me. Perhaps this explains why I like Hymn 8, Morning has Broken, so much. This Welsh hymn describes each day’s dawn as “like the first morning,” linking each new day with creation itself. With praise for the blackbird and the first dew fall, I am immediately drawn into the tranquility imaged.

This week Zack Thompson attended a lecture by awe-inspiring theologian James Allison. Allison said that Luke’s Gospel, from the passion through Pentecost, is a careful and thorough reimagining of Genesis’ creation story. Say what? Pentecost has always seemed to me about cacophony. The Holy Spirit rushes into the room where the disciples are gathered and they suddenly praise God in languages unknown to them but understood by all the visitors to Jerusalem.

But as Allison told his listeners, Genesis begins with a wind from God (that same Spirit) sweeping over the waters to launch the first day of God’s work of creation. What follows? Light and darkness, swarms of living creatures, fish and every bird of the air, wild creatures and, on the sixth day, male and female, made in God’s image. Blackbirds and dew surely there, but so much more. I have no doubt that the first creation was full of sound, all voiced for the first time, but not noise. The diversity was a delight—and all very good as God says. So Pentecost? Cacophony maybe, but holy cacophony, the world being recreated as we come back together as people, different as we can be from one another, but all one.

In Christ,
The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

**Summer Sundays at St. James’**
Summer at St. James’ is full of opportunities for fellowship, formation, and worship. Make sure you are subscribed to our weekly e-newsletter at stjames.org/enews and visit stjams.org/summer to learn more about summer offerings.

**Pentecost Parish Picnic following the 10:30 a.m. service**
Celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the end of the Easter season at our parish picnic downstairs! All are welcome.

“Seculosity” and summer reading suggestions
Get your copy of our 2019 summer parish reading, *Seculosity*, by David Zahl, today! This wise, funny book explores some of the ways we seek to find meaning, identity, and purpose in life, from food and parenting to dating and voting. See a full list of summer reading suggestions from St. James’ clergy and staff at stjames.org/summer.

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**Summer Sundays**

**Fellowship**
* After the 10:30 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

**Nursery Care available downstairs**
Nursery care is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., during the 10:30 a.m. services and the adult formation offerings.

**Formation for all ages! (Beginning June 16)**
At St. James’, we believe that if you come here, you will grow. To learn more, visit the First-time Families podium in the Narthex.
* Summer Sundays for Children 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
* The Forum 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Healing Prayer**
Is there something you would like prayer for—a joy or a concern, for yourself or someone else? Join our Healing Prayer ministers in the Chapel following worship at 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

**New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST**
* Pick up a “Start Here” brochure and return the welcome card.
* “Meet me at the bell” (after 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.)
  Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church for an informal conversation with a priest about what led you here and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.
Next Sunday: June 16

Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15; Psalm 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Breenda Husson.

10:30 a.m. Festal Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury Choir offers
music by Hugo Distler and Everett Titcomb.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

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Exploring God’s Creation 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Children and friends are invited to spend summer mornings in
Central Park (June 16 - July 7)! Meet in the Primary Room; children
are encouraged to wear shorts and tennis shoes for rock climbing,
exploring streams, and having fun! Friends are always welcome.

Sunday Forum: Hagar 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Grab a cup of coffee in Sunderland Hall and join us for a special
series of summer Adult Education Forums led by the clergy. We will
learn about some of the more unlikely heroes of scripture—those
who entered God’s story from the margins of society, or who may
have thought they had no spiritual gifts to share…only to become
surprising messengers of grace. These are people who came to play a
part in God’s story that they never could have imagined. The Rev.
Ryan Fleenor kicks-off our series.

Can we count you “in”?
We want every parishioner to be “all in” as we offer our best
gifts for God’s work in this city! When everyone is committed,
we count more than 500 households that set aside a portion
of their income for God’s work through St. James’. More
than 400 households have offered financial commitments for
2019 so far! If you haven’t yet done so, please visit stjames.
google.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or
stjames.org/give to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift.

Traveling this summer?
Keep up with the conversation while you’re away! Find St. James’ Sermons and Sunday
Forums on your favorite podcast platform: iTunes, Podbean, Stitcher, and Google Play.

Use #StJamesSummerSundays to share with
us a picture of where you’ve been to church!
Don’t use social media? E-mail Chris Veillon.
Save the Dates: email Audrey.symes@gmail.com.

diaper banks. Please drop off any diapers (sealed or unsealed diapers) to St. James'.

St. Jamesians Summer Dinner Sun. July 14, 6:00 p.m.

Join parishioners and friends in their 20s & 30s for a casual no-host dinner in the neighborhood following the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

Pride Month events in the Diocese

Congregations throughout Manhattan have posted a growing list of Pride events on the diocesan website. Take a look at www.dioceseny.org/pride-events-june-2019.

Pastoral apartment update

St. James’ is proud to continue a meaningful partnership with the International Rescue Committee, educating ourselves about their work and supporting the resettlement of refugees in a variety of ways. After a short break this summer for construction work, St. James’ will continue offering its on-site apartment to participants in the IRC’s Intensive Case Management program. The IRC provides 12 months of case management services to refugees and asylees who are considered especially vulnerable. We’re excited to continue this partnership. Stay tuned for more details or contact Susana Ferrer to learn more about St. James’ partnerships in mission.

Sabbatical for Ryan Fleenor

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will enjoy a sabbatical this summer, a well-earned period of personal development and rest after nine years at St. James’. He will be away from June 17 until Homecoming on Sunday, September 8. Please keep him in your prayers!

Diaper Drive (and congratulations!) 

The cost of diapers is a tremendous burden on low-income families. Parishioner Audrey Symes has become an advocate for this cause and her hard work has resulted in a senate resolution in support of diaper banks. Please drop off any diapers (sealed or unsealed diapers) outside the nursery in Donegan Hallway. For more information, email Audruey.symes@gmail.com.

Save the Dates:

• Hymn Sing and Potluck Supper Thu. July 25
• The Feast of St. James and Ice Cream Social Sun. July 28
• Homecoming: Festal Eucharist & Picnic Sun. September 8

Prayer List

Thanks be to God


for the safety of those who went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

for the marriage here yesterday of Matthew Marcin & Kelsey Hartlaman.

for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2019; and for all who share in the financial support of the parish.

Your prayers are requested

for St. James’ this Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in our lives and through our ministries.

for the Grants Committee as they discern how God is calling us to share our resources with agencies providing direct services to meet the needs of under-served communities across New York City.

for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Wāłterene, James Edward, Jean, Lois, Brian, Michael, Eula Mac, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabel & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Janet, Julie, Behida, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Jason, Vicky, Ryan, Peggy, Bill, Dorothy, Peg, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, Sarah, Steven, John, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Phyllis, Jennifer, Ivan, Gene, Uncle Bill and family, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Paul, Francis, Mary Beth, Annette, the family of Alexa Valiente, Cooper, Terence, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, Sharon, Nate, Jim, and Richard.

for the Trustees of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.

for the Church of Nigeria, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Nicholas Okoh, Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.

for our work as stewards of God’s creation, that we may use the earth’s resources rightly in the service of others, and be mindful of our connection to all living things.

for the United States of America, for wisdom and grace for our leaders in the exercise of their duties, that the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.

for justice and peace in this city and nation: for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; and for the victims of racism, injustice, and intolerance.

for all who are persecuted for their faith, including Christians in the Middle East; for all refugees and all who welcome and serve those in need.

for members and friends of the parish serving in the Armed Forces, in the Diplomatic Corps, and with the U.N.: Tracy, Christian, Mads, Michael, Mark.

We commend to God’s never-failing care

victims of war and violence throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; all migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.

all whom we love but see no more, including Shirley Bledsoe and May Dean Eberling.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at pastoralcare@stjames.org, or visit stjames.org/prayer.
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Worship

SUMMER SUNDSAYS
8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

WEEKDAYS
M, T, Th 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
Mon. - Thu. 6:00 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER
Tue. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. 12:00 p.m.

LECTIO DIVINA
Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Open for prayer and meditation
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mon. - Thu., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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