



ST. JAMES' CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE AT 71ST STREET

10:00 AM



Holy Eucharist

HOMECOMING SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the beginning of our program year together as a parish—with a festive service of Holy Eucharist and parish-wide picnic on 71st Street. Next Sunday, we resume our usual worship schedule with services at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Rev. Zachary R. Thompson

PREACHER The Rev. Brenda G. Husson

ASSISTING CLERGY The Rev. Eva N. Suarez, The Rev. Jay N. Sidebotham
and The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

LAY SERVER Brad Whitehurst

MUSICIANS Dr. E. Davis Wortman II, Loraine Enlow, Stephen Tharp,
The St. James' Compostela Choir

FLOWERS The flowers that adorn our Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Midge Cox, Bruce William Mitchell, Margaret K. Moore, Lawrence Murray Riegel, Sara Leland, Lynn Lane, Theodora Budnik, John Heilpern, and Rowenna Wight White.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

RECTOR'S GREETINGS

AT THE PROCESSION *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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.

SONG OF PRAISE *sung by all*

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are
wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glory to you for the
ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name, we will praise you and high - ly ex -
alt you for ev - er. 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you.

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4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; we will
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. 5. Glo-ry to you,
 be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.
 Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit;
 We will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; ***
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 **Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ***
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ***
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 **I will walk in the presence of the Lord ***
in the land of the living.

AT THE SEQUENCE *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 51 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

DECATUR PLACE

To honor the teachings of Jesus, the people turn to face the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 8:27-38

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get

behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brenda G. Husson

After a period of silent reflection, all stand and say

THE NICENE CREED

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. 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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Asst. Priest* Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.
- Leader* For the earth and the bounty it offers; for the beauty of valleys, hills, plains, and mountains, for flowing streams and surging oceans;
- People* **we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- Leader* For the human family; for all that is gracious in every culture, race, and nation; for all the good we receive from the generations who were before us;
- People* **we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- Leader* For our families and friends; for all that enriches our lives and challenges us to grow; for the ability to work, to create, and to contribute to the common good;
- People* **we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- Leader* For the great promises and mercies given us in Christ Jesus; for the Church which unites people of every time and place; for the means of grace and the hope of glory;
- People* **we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- Leader* Lord, we offer our prayers for peace and respect among all the peoples of the earth; for a just and proper sharing of the bounty which we receive at your hands;
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* For the President, the Congress, and the courts, that they may serve justice and promote the common good;
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* For this city of New York, its people, its industry and commerce, its schools and universities and centers of culture;
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* For those who are lonely or forgotten, the unemployed and the destitute, for those whose homes are broken or torn by strife, for those who are sick and those who mourn;
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those lives lost during the September 11th attacks and for all those impacted by the events of that day, that this twentieth anniversary remembrance would move us to honor their memory that we may one day be brought through strife to the lasting peace of Christ;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For [... and] all those who have died;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For ourselves, for those we love, for a spirit of humility that acknowledges your graciousness, for wisdom to know your will and for courage to accomplish it;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For a sense of joy and wonder in all your works, for faith that conquers anxiety, for love that casts out fear, and for hope that strengthens us for your service;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Asst. Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent reflection is kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit stjames.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Antiphon: Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing
My God and King!

The heav'ns are not too high,
His praise may thither fly!
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

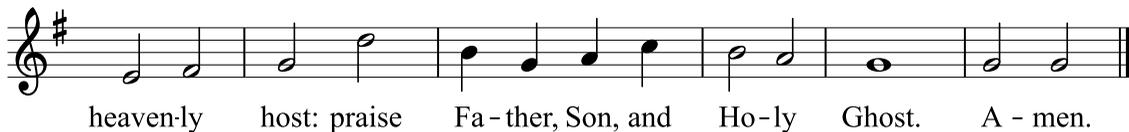
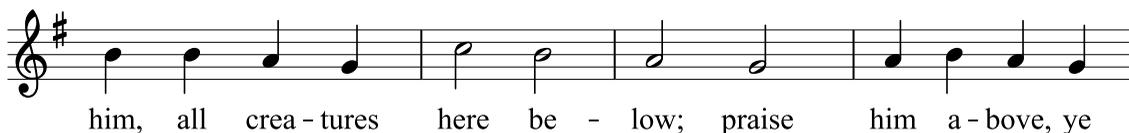
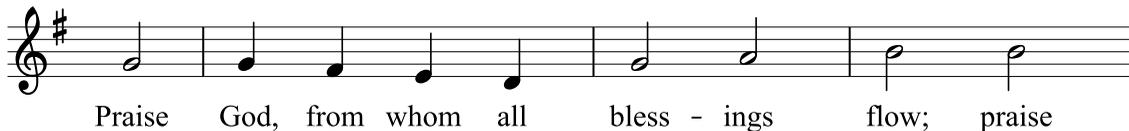
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing
My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout;
No door can keep them out!
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing
My God and King!

—George Herbert

PRESENTATION HYMN *standing, sung by all*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711);
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People



Music: McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *sung by all*



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Choir The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**
One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion. A prayer for Spiritual Communion can be found on the hymn sheet online. The Prayer Book directs on page 457: "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."

AT COMMUNION *sung by all*

Hymn 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

There is a Balm in Gilead

William Dawson

There is a Balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say “He died for all.”

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

—*Jeremiah 8:22*

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

David J. Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here,
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around,
He burns with holy fire: with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace,
No work too hard for him: in faith receive from him,
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
Amen.

—*Exodus 3:5*

After Communion, the people stand to sing

Hymn 325 Let us break bread together on our knees

LET US BREAK BREAD

GOING FORTH

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Rejoice in this day, remembering that the past is forgiven and the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil. Pray for the sick, remember the poor, and make no peace with injustice in this world. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

AT THE PROCESSION *sung by all*

Hymn Unbounded God, whom yet we seek

ST. JAMES' NEW



1. Un - bound - ed God, whom yet we seek in
2. Life - giv - ing God, whose po - tent breath gave
3. In - car - nate God, whose cleans - ing showed the



meet-ing-house and shrine, re - veal your pres - ence in our midst as
fer - tile mat - ter birth, whose fi - ery tongues in con - cord yoked all
Tem - ple's true in - tent, re - new this house of prayer to make its



prayers and praise com - bine. With - in these walls be -
lan - guag - es of earth: a - wake our dor - mant,
mis - sion ev - i - dent. Con - tin - ual - ly per -



stow a - new fresh whis - pers of your will, through
half - formed minds; a - maze our cal - loused hearts; re -
fect your Church that gath - ers in this place, and



read - ing, si - lence, psalm, and song help us to hear you still.
new the beau - ty wor - ship wants, the won - der praise im - parts.
from our va - ried lives build up fresh wit - ness to your grace.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

If you desire Healing Prayer, please send an email with your name and telephone number to our Healing Prayer ministers at stjameshealingprayer@gmail.com, and they will call you on Sunday evenings between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to offer confidential prayer.
