



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 23
OCTOBER 12, 2025 - 9 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Page numbers may be found in the (Red) Book of Common Prayer.

Service Music "S" and Hymns may be found in the (Blue) Hymnal, unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

Hymn

Hymnal #397

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 277

Collect of the Day

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

Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a

prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Psalms 111

responsively by whole verse

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, *Form III*

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For the sick and those in any need: Pat, Tom, Steve, Amelia, Penny, Nadine & Frank, Butch, Ken, Gary, Russ, Brian, Mary, Edith, Jerry, Anita, Kathy, Ron, Christine, Holly, Steve, Mary Lou, Janet, Ev, Judy, Jeany, Kasom & Zora, Dave, Nan, Mark, Kit, Dennis, Jeff, John, Fritz, Debbie, Daryl, Peggy, Jacob

For the departed: Don, Nancy

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory—*Following the Offertory is said*

V. All things come from you, O Lord.

R. And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361

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The Lord's Prayer & The Fraction p. 364

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. To do so, come forward to the Altar rail. Those unable to may remain in their seats and the elements will be brought to them. Communicants may receive the blessed host in the hand, held out right over left. To receive the chalice, use the base of the chalice to guide it to the lips. Reception in one kind is full participation in the Sacrament. Arms crossed indicates a blessing instead of Communion or to abstain from the chalice. Please wait until the person after you has finished receiving in both kinds to return to your pew.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors, *when LEV are scheduled*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

All **We, who are many, are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer p. 366

The Blessing & Dismissal are deferred until after the Announcements and Leave-taking today

Announcements

**FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP
AND LEAVE-TAKING FROM A CONGREGATION**

The minister addresses the congregation with a few words on the occasion then says

Do you, the people of St. James, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People **We do.**

As a symbol of this transition, the minister presents to the wardens the keys to the parish along with the parish register and altar service book. Afterwards, the congregation prays

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant, Fr. Ben, who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Guide him in the continued use of your gifts. Give him sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister then leads the congregation through the following prayers

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past. **Amen.**

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. **Amen.**

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. **Amen.**

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism, reception, and confirmation. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. **Amen.**

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Laurie Hess and Joyce Goebel in thanksgiving for the three wonderful years Father Ben has been with St. James.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Brunch in Honor of Father Ben: There will be a brunch honoring Father Ben immediately following today's service. We hope you are able to join us!

Parish Survey: Please remember to complete the parish survey and return it in the envelope provided as soon as possible. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete. We look forward to your input on our future.

Trunk or Treat: We look forward to hosting Trunk or Treat again this year. It will be on Saturday, October 25 from 4:00-6:00. We set up in the parking lot and you can decorate your trunks or just come and enjoy. Please bring Candy to donate to the church before that date or bring your own that day. We hope to have a good amount of participants. This is such a fun activity with several hundred children participating. Let's show the neighborhood how active St. James's Church is!

Visitors: Our Invitation to You—Thank you for visiting us. If you have questions or would like additional information on St. James, please fill out a welcome card found on the pew in front of you and put it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher or Fr. Ben on your way out. You can also contact the church office at 262-334-4242 or stjameswb@gmail.com. We are a church—small enough to be personal but large enough to offer a variety of ways to grow in faith and community service.

Women’s Breakfast: 9 am at Good Day Café on October 13th.

Men’s Breakfast: 9 am at Main Street Café Every Friday.

Coffee Hour: We are in need of “hosts” for the treats for Coffee Hour which is held each week after the service. The sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Common Room if you are interested in hosting a Sunday. Thank you!

Flowers for the Altar: Dates are still available through December for flowers for the altar. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please consult the calendar on the wall in the common room, take an envelope and fill it in with the date chosen and other information, insert your payment (\$50.00) and place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

~ LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~

	<i>October 12</i>	<i>October 19</i>
Altar Server:	Jim Noren	Charlie Burns
OT Reader:	Joan Noren	Carl Harris
NT Reader:	Sue Opelt	Frankie Aliota
Ushers:	Joyce Goebel	Nadine Monroe
	Laurie Hess	Paul Tarvin
Counters:	Sue Opelt	Jim Knaak
	Laura Giessen	
Cupboard:	Jim Knaak	Frankie Aliota
Altar Guild:	Nadine Monroe	Patti Pitrof
Eucharistic Ministry:	Daryl Laatsch	Joan Noren

Please call or email the church office if you have a substitution.

Prayer for Father Ben

Almighty God, we thank you for the time that Father Ben has spent serving among us, and for the ways in which you have used him to build up your church at St. James. We thank you for his gifts of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of one another which we have attained through his ministry.

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