

The Nine



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We hope that you will glimpse the glory of God both in this sacred space and in those whom you encounter today. We welcome you as God welcomes—without reservation or exception. This is a house of prayer for those who believe and for those who seek. May you find peace and come to know God's abundant love.



Welcome!

St. James is a community:
where people gather to encounter God
where the ancient rhythms of liturgy and sacred music reverberate
where inclusion is expected
where beliefs are put into action
where the best of the Episcopal and Anglican tradition is practiced
where innovation is courageously embraced
where people care for one another.

Ministry Fair Today!



There are so many ways to get involved! What is God calling you to do? Come and see what we offer.

REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Today's readings give us a place to stand when we must confront evil. Matthew's gospel approaches the question of evil within the personal sphere. How should a Christian act when the network of relationships hits a snag? It is inevitable that human connections will sooner or later go haywire. How then should we intervene?

The guidelines of the early Church are noteworthy for their compassion and restraint. Then as now, the Church was not immune from scandal. Excommunication and ostracism have lacerated the Mystical Body in the past, and will probably do so again. Jesus proposes a much more gentle way of dealing with behaviors and attitudes we feel we cannot tolerate.

First, he suggests dealing with the problem directly, before it grows like a cancer. We are often tempted to ignore trouble, which then becomes more difficult to heal. Jesus proposes that the person who feels wronged should initiate the reconciliation. That seems a healthy step for those who might be inclined to wallow in self-pity, yet never take action to end their misery and seek reconciliation.

Second, he recommends keeping the issue private until various channels have been tried and exhausted. In contrast, we often rush to complain publicly before we even have a clear picture of what's wrong. When the gossip spreads, the whole situation worsens.

Finally, he operates from a basis of compassion. The purpose of the process is never to humiliate or to condemn, but always to restore union with the brother or sister. In contrast, we often enter conflict with the self-righteous purpose of emerging as a winner. Jesus upholds the ideal that the person takes priority over our raging opinions and the causes we champion.

Quietly consider: When was the last time I confronted evil? How might Matthew's guidelines have helped in that situation?

PRAYER STARTER

O God, help me to live in the light of love so that all around me are daily encouraged to turn to you...

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to God's Holy space. Prepare your heart and mind to encounter the Holy by joining in singing, silently praying, and meditating as the Spirit leads.

MEDITATION ONE

Jesus, your spirit in us is a wellspring of life everlasting.

MEDITATION TWO

O Shout to God with joy, all peoples of the Earth! O Alleluia, Alleluia!

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
PEOPLE *Glory to God forever and ever.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

CELEBRANT God be with you.
PEOPLE *And also with you.*
CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

INVITATORY

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

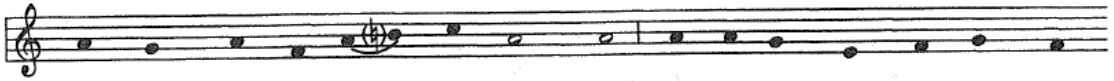
EXODUS 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

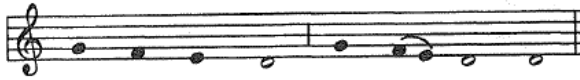
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

LECTOR Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM RESPONSE



Lo, there comes a might - y Proph - et; and he a - lone shall re - new



Je - ru - sa - lem, hal - le - lu - jah.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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ZIMBABWE ALLELUIA

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

MATTHEW 18:15-20

CELEBRANT The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please join the choir singing the Lord's Prayer.

*After each intercession, the People respond, singing: **Lord hear our prayer***

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All:

*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.*

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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 PEACE

CELEBRANT Become an instrument of God's peace;
The peace of God be always with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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CELEBRANT: O Gracious God,
ALL: *We offer you these gifts of bread and this wine. And we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE *We lift them to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Presider

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Presider and People

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus.
Deus Sabaoth, Deus Sabaoth*

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the **Body and Blood** of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and forever.

Amen 1

Equal Voices

Cantor All

A - men, A - men.

Mixed Voices

All

A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CELEBRANT This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
PEOPLE *Whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Bread or Wine, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.)

COMMUNION SONG

Praise our God and Savior, O praise our God and Savior, O for God's love endures forever, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.
PEOPLE *God of abundance, you have fed us
With the bread of life and cup of salvation;
You have united us with Christ and one another;
And you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
And continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL


*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth. Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!*

We are pilgrims on The Way




Creator God, who calls us to pilgrimage: Direct our journey so that we may serve you with joyful hearts, steadfast courage, and the grace to know where you lead, in order that all will know you as the Way, the Truth and the Life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

.....Worship on the Way

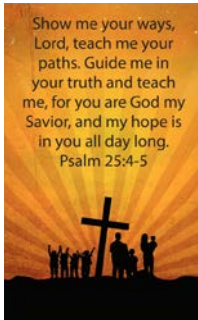
	Contemplative Eucharist	7:30am
	Eucharist with Taizé Music	9:00am
	Traditional Choral Eucharist	11am
	Taizé Worship	First Sundays of the month @ 3pm
	Spanish Eucharist	2 nd @4 th Wednesdays 12:15pm

.....Learning on the Way



Christian Education

Christian Education Programs Begin This Month!



- Adult Forum Begins September 17th @ 10:10 in the Conference Room. Read Chapter 1 of *A Wrinkle in Time*
- A HUGE variety of Continuing Education is offered through the School for Deacons. Course offerings are at the back of the church.
- Bible Study continues on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireside Room.
- Godly Play continues for pre-school & kindergarten aged children. Sundays at 10:10 across from the Conference Room.

Sunday School

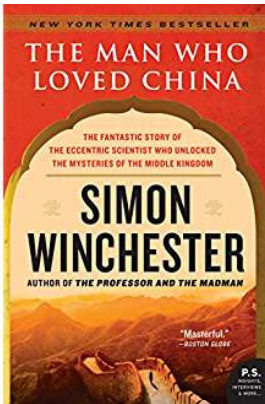
IMPORTANT! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A CHILDREN'S/YOUTH EDUCATION OFFERING PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND AT THE MINISTRY FAIR TABLE!

.....*Fellowship on the Way*



Choir Practice
Coffee Hour

Resumes in the Fall
Sundays @ Noon



Book Club To read
The Man who Loved China

Tuesday, October 3rd @11:30am, Fireside Room.

Both epic and intimate, *The Man Who Loved China* tells the sweeping story of China through Needham's remarkable life. Here is an unforgettable tale of what makes people, nations, and, indeed, humankind itself great.

Trip to Israel

Join Rev. Michele, Rabbi Rick and the congregations of St. James Cathedral, and Temple Beth Israel for our second joint trip to the Holy Land.

Experience the land where Jesus, Mary, and his disciples lived. See the places mentioned in the Bible. Leave forever changed. This unique opportunity fosters a deeper understanding of the land, culture, history, and religions of the region.



Church of the Holy Sepulcher

The trip will be **April 9th - 22nd**.

The cost is \$4750 double occupancy.

Our first informational meeting is **Tuesday, October 17th @ 7pm @ Temple Beth Israel**.

Contact Rev. Michele with questions.

.....Tending on the Way



Food Bank
Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop Donations accepted

Wednesdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesdays 1:00pm- 4:00pm
Sunday 9:30am-10:30am & 12:30-1:30pm
Wednesdays 12:30pm - 1:30pm



St James
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