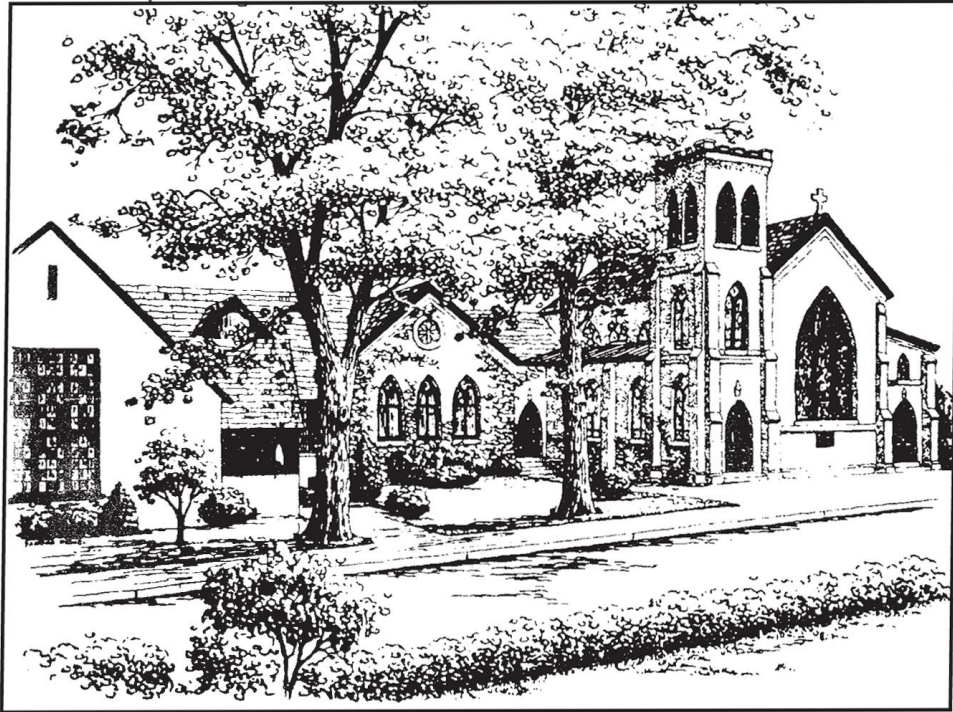


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

10 September 2017

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, *Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia*

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, *Suffragan Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., *Assisting Bishop*

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Welcome to Saint James' Church!

We are glad you are here with us today!

Please feel free to join in our worship or merely sit and listen. We want you to feel comfortable. At various times in the service, people may stand, sit or kneel and you may join as you are comfortable or able. Please do not feel you must do anything.

Children are especially welcome in our midst. If you have small children with you this morning you might wish to pick up some crayons and coloring material from the table at the rear of the church.

Nursery There is a Nursery available for children ages four and under at the foot of the stairway by the main entrance.

Before the Service Please enter the nave quietly to allow everyone assembled there to prepare for worship. If you wish to greet friends before worship, you might want to do so in the Cafe in the Parish Hall. As you prepare in silence for our service, you might wish to use some of these resources in the Book of Common Prayer.

Prayers for Healing – pages 458 – 461

Prayers for the Dying - pages 462 – 465

Prayers for Families – pages 828 – 829

Prayers for National Life - pages 820 - 823

Various forms of Thanksgiving may be found on pages 836 – 841

After a brief welcome, we will observe two minutes of silence before beginning the opening hymn.

You will find **Prayer Books** in the pew racks with a Black Cover and a Gold Cross on the front. **The Hymnal 1982** has a red cover and the service music is toward the front of the book and marked with a number preceded by an "S". The hymns are toward the rear of the book and labeled with a number only.

Communion We invite you to share with us in communion as you are led by God. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail or will notify the communion ministers to bring communion to you if you find walking or climbing the stairs difficult. We train for this and are happy to come to you. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the rail. It is customary to receive the bread by holding up your hands with palms facing upward and the minister will place the bread in your hands. To receive the wine, you may either take the base of the chalice and guide the cup to your lips or if you hold the wafer up the minister will lower the chalice so that you may dip or intinct the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or, if you only wish to receive a blessing at the rail, please come to the main altar, cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders so that the priest may know to bless you.

Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

Hearing Assistance We have devices in the back of the church, which any usher can get for you. There are two options with the hearing assistance receivers. First, you can simply use the ear piece (or headphones if you prefer) directly. Second, if you have digital hearing aids, you can use the "T-loop," which is placed around your neck and is designed to work with your hearing aids. If you have questions that cannot be answered Sunday at church, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you. We want everybody to be able to hear and to fully participate in our worship.

Video Stream & Archives If you cannot attend a Sunday 10:15 or special Wednesday evening service, you can watch it live by going to our YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon under the red doors on our website home page. Additionally, all of these services and the sermons are archived on the same channel. If you have any questions or need help, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Capital Celtic

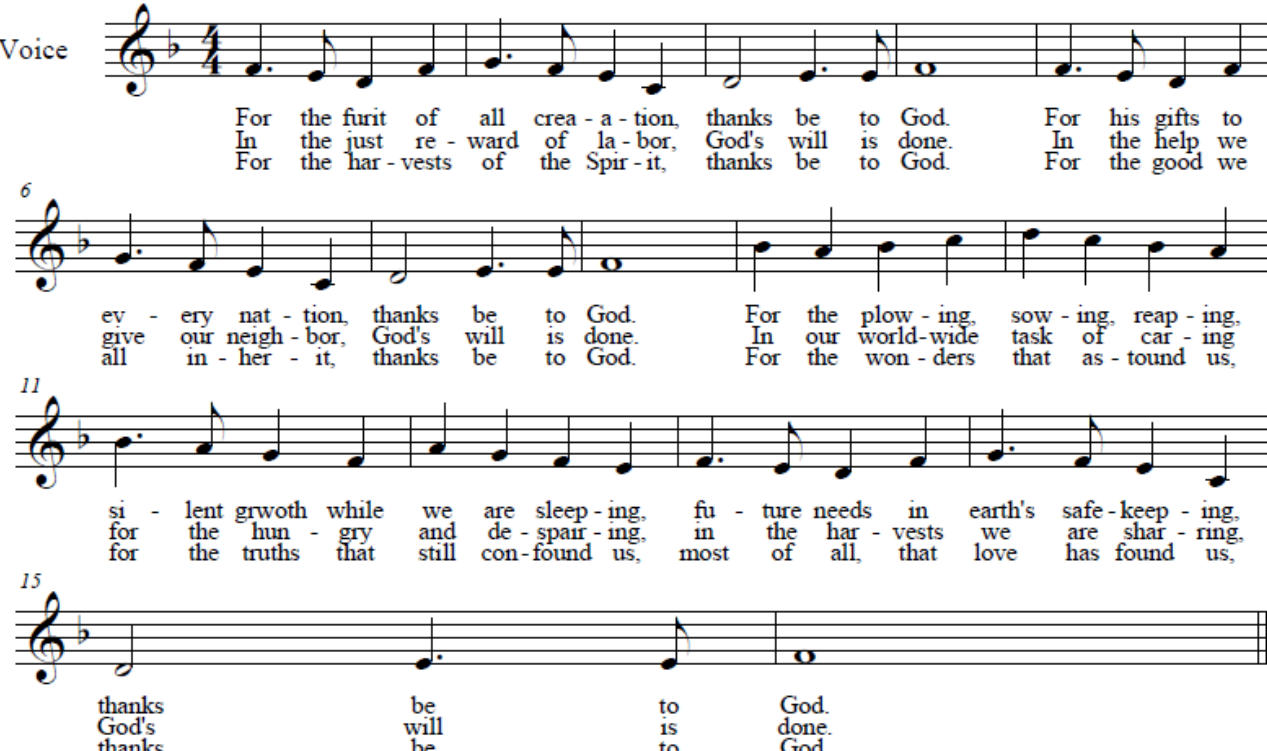
Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Hymn: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Voice



For the fruit of all crea - a - tion, thanks be to God. For his gifts to
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done. In the help we
For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God. For the good we

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ev - ery nat - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of car - ing,
all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

11
si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing,
for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ring,
for the truths that still con - found us, most of all, that love has found us,

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thanks God's thanks be will is to God.
be will is done. to is done. be to God.

Gathering Sentences

Presider How good it is, how wonderful,

People **To live together in unity.**

Presider Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

People **The hand of God between us and each hand.**

Presider The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

People **The love of Christ between us and each love.**

Presider Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning,
all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

People **Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.**

Hymn of Praise: *Let All Things Now Living*
Words found in back of bulletin.

Ashgrove

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Creating God, by your eternal Word, you said, "Let there be light," and the entire cosmos exploded into being; help us gauge the vastness of your universe, from the subatomic to the transgalactic; and give us grace to know ourselves loved by such a creator in Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, world without end. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

The people sit.

Lector A Reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is provided to reflect on God's Word.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 19

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: A Celtic Poem

Sequence Hymn: 8 *Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

The people stand as they are able.

The Holy Gospel

John 8:12-18

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

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

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Randolph C. Charles

Silence is provided to reflect on God's Gospel message for us today.

The Creed

The people stand as they are able.

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman,
servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, He died forsaken.**

He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Leader It is in this mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the Church throughout the world, praying in particular for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, Susan and Ted our Bishops, Ben and Randolph our clergy, Seldon our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers.

Silence

We pray for the people and communities of faith from whom we have come and to whom we shall return; Saint James' Episcopal Church and School.

Silence

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless, praying in particular for Melba, Debbie, Dan, Pattie, Kate, Andrew, Dirk, Loretta, Brandon, Helen, Meredith, Lindsay, Nancy, Chris, Cindy, Gina, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Batie, Marie and Iris.

Silence

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing, praying in particular for unity within our community, nation, and the world, for those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma and those that are still in her path and any other concerns weighing on our hearts.

Silence

And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world.

Silence

Concluding Collect

**People God before us, God behind us, God above, us God beneath us, we on your path, O God
You O God on our way in the twistings of the road in the current of the river be with us by day be with us
by night be with us by day and by night.**

Confession of Sin and Restoration

The people kneel as they are able.

Presider Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

People But when we have not touched but trampled you in Creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

Presider Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.
Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory! through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The people stand as they are able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

The people sit after the presider says the Offertory Sentence.

Offertory Anthem: *Prayer of St. Francis*

Capital Celtic

Offertory

The people stand as they are able.

Representatives of the congregation bring offerings of bread, wine, and money to the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

People Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

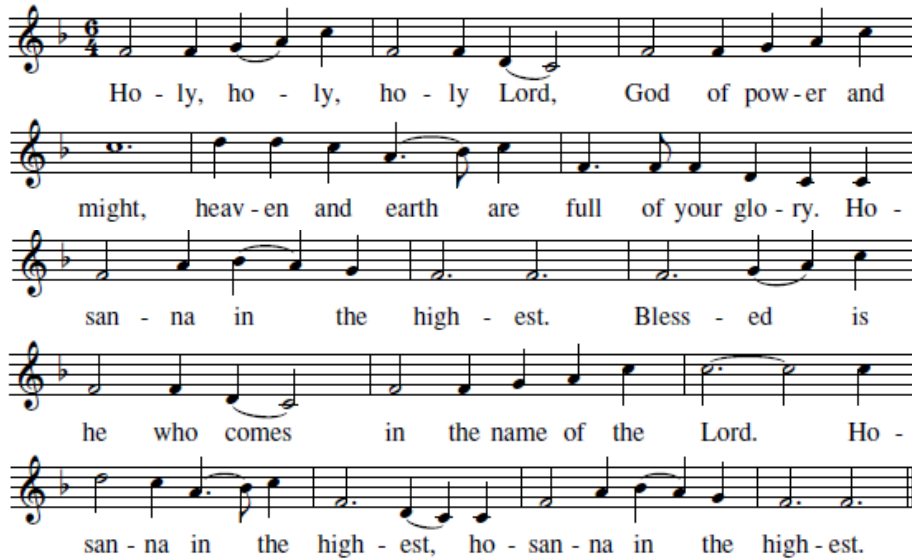
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Presider We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba, Brigid, Patrick, Aidan, and Margaret, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

The people remain standing or kneel.

Presider Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **Amen.**

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Invitation to Receive Communion

Presider The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The people come forward to the Altar at the direction of the ushers.

Instrumental Music for Communion: *Down by Sally Gardens*

Capital Celtic

The people join the choir in singing the Communion Hymns.

Hymn: *God's Graceful Moment*

Picardy

Morning opens wide before us like a door into the light.
Just beyond, the day lies waiting ready to throw off the night,
and we stand upon its threshold poised to turn and take its flight.

Now the earth in all its glory springs to meet the rising sun, warms to all who walk upon it.
Cradling all that will be done. All our labour, all our loving mingle and become as one.

We receive God's graceful moment, while the day is fresh and still, ours to choose how we will greet it,
ours to make it what we will. Here is given perfect freedom, every hope in love to fulfil.

As we take the first step together, passing through the door of the day, may the love of Christ the Creator give us
peace in all that we say, heart for all that lies before us, grace to guide us on our way.

Hymn: *O Radiant Light*

Conditore Alme Siderum

O radiant Light, O Sun divine, of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the Light sublime, that fills the heavenly dwelling place: Amen.

O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by night and day.
Our happy lips must raise the strain of your esteemed and splendid name. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades, as shine the lights of eventide,
we praise the Father with the Son, the Spirit blest and with them one. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand as they are able.

Presider Let us pray.

People Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

A Celtic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. And the peace and blessing of the living God, who is Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you forever. **Amen.**

Iona Community (adapted)

Sending Hymn: 580 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Holy Manna

Sending Sentences

Gospeler Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Capital Celtic



Table Talk Questions

1. What comes to your mind when you visualize God creating the earth and all that is in it?
2. What is your favorite part of creation? Do you think God might have a favorite part? What might that be?
3. Why is it important to know that God rested on the seventh day? What might that say to us?
4. Why do you think God gave us these gifts?
5. God asks human beings to love and care for the world. How can you help God take care of creation?

Let All Things Now Living



1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours-es,



To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine,



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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Learning More About St. Francis and Creation

Adult Formation at St. James'

Adult formation is learning about the faith and being formed by the triune God through

- 1) study of religious sources [Bible, Prayer Book, tradition, etc.]
- 2) contemplative prayer [lectio divina, contemplation, centering prayer, examen, etc.]
- 3) meaningful conversation [honest, open, focused, non-judgmental, helpful, respectful, etc.]
- 4) and participation in the life of a faith community. [learning groups, Saint James', Episcopal Church, etc.]

Learning More About St. Francis and Creation

Course Book: *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* [\$10 hardback/\$10 Kindle]

Session Dates and Conversation Chapters

Sep 10 & 12	Session 1: Introduction
Sep 17 & 19	Session 2: Chapter 1, What Do We Mean by Mysticism?
Sep 24 & 26	Session 3: Chapter 2, Inner Authority of Those Who Have Suffered
Oct 1 & 3	Session 4: Chapter 3, Living on the Edge of the Inside: Simplicity and Justice
Oct 8 & 10	Session 5: Chapter 4, Home Base: Nature and the Road
Oct 15 & 17	Session 6: Chapter 5, Contemplation: A Different Way of Knowing
Oct 22 & 24	Session 7: Chapter 6, An Alternative Orthodoxy: Paying Attention to Different Things
Oct 29 & 31	Session 8: Chapter 7, Franciscan Genius: Integration of the Negative
Nov 5 & 7	Session 9: Chapter 8, Lightness of Heart and Firmness of Foot: Feminine & Masculine
Nov 12 & 14	Session 10: Chapter 9, Legacy of Clare: Living the Life at Depth
Nov 19 & 21	Session 11: Chapter 10, Entering the World of Another: Francis and the Sultan
Nov 26 & 28	Session 12: Chapter 13, Francis: A Natural Spiritual Genius

Learning Groups

The primary purpose of learning groups is to facilitate participants in getting a deeper understanding of how St. Francis lived a life of deep faith, especially through his relationships with God, Creation, the poor and all of God's people. St. Francis has had a huge impact on Christianity, and there is so much we can learn from him.

Sunday Learning Groups, 9:15 and 11:45 in Reception Room

Childcare for 5 years and younger in Nursery

Tuesday Learning Group, 10:30 in Reception Room

Home Learning Group Form your own group of two or more; meet in your own space.

Online Learning Group Join the St. James' Adult Formation Facebook group.

Learning Group Conversation Norms

Respectful Conversation Guidelines

R = take **RESPONSIBILITY** for what you say and feel without blaming others

E = use **EMPATHETIC** listening

S = be **SENSITIVE** to differences in communication styles

P = **PONDER** what you hear and feel before you speak

E = **EXAMINE** your own assumptions and perceptions

C = keep **CONFIDENTIALITY**

T = **TRUST** ambiguity because we are **NOT** here to debate who is right or wrong

Learning Group Creed

I am beloved of God.

I am on a faith journey with Jesus Christ that touches my heart,
and I am grateful to be walking in faith with companions along the way.

I don't need to be right; I do want to be faithful.