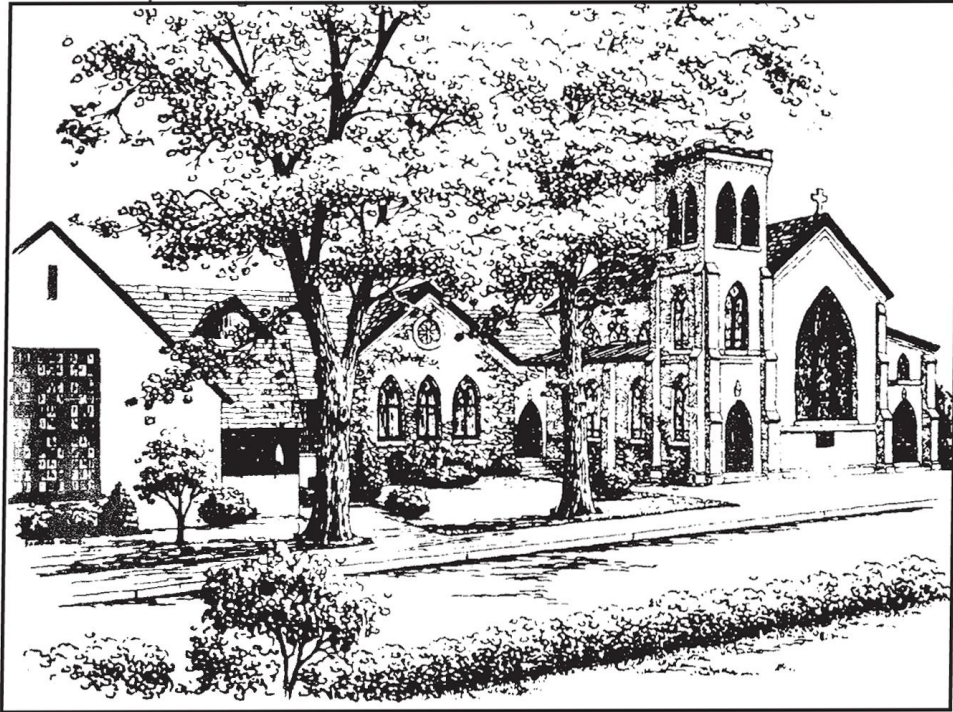


# Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

24 September 2017

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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

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

## Announcements

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Gathering Hymn: 397** *Now Thank We All Our God*

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

### Gathering Sentences

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

### Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

### A Song of Creation



(Introduction) O all ye works of God - now come to thank him and a - dore; O  
O earth and sea, O all - that live in wa - ter or on shore, O  
O let his peo - ple bless - the Lord like right-eous souls of yore; let



an - gels sing and bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more. (Interlude)  
men and wo - men bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
those of ho - ly, hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more

### Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the ground of being, who formed us and all living creatures from carbon dust, into which you breathed your Spirit of life; forgive us for viewing ourselves as separate from and dominating Creation; give us instead a humble sense of ourselves as belonging to the earth so that we use our skill and power as stewards of the land from which we come and to which we return, through Jesus Christ who took on our flesh, and with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

*Genesis 28:10-22*

*The people sit.*

**Lector** A Reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave

you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you.”

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Silence is provided to reflect on God’s Word.*

### Gradual Psalm

*Psalm 24*



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- 1 The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, \* the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. [Ant.]
- 3 “Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \* and who can stand in his holy place?”
- 4 “Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. [Ant.]
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \* and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [Ant.]
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is this King of glory?” \* “The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.” [Ant.]
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” “The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.” [Ant.]

### **Second Reading:** A Creation Quote from Thomas Merton

O Earth! O Earth! When will we hear you sing,  
Arising from our grassy hills?  
And say, “The Dark is gone, and Day  
Laughs like a bridegroom in His tent, the lovely sun!  
His tent the sun!  
His tent the smiling sky?”  
How long we wait, with minds as dim as ponds,  
While stars swim slowly homeward in the waters of our west?  
O Earth! When will we hear you sing?

### **Sequence Hymn: 291** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

*Wir Pflugen*

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 8:1-15*

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

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

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'" "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Gospeler     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **A Teaching Sermon**

The Rev. Randolph C. Charles

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

### **The Nicene Creed**

*The people stand as they are able.*

**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**

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*The people remain standing or kneel.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for Hunter, Mark, Warren, Madeleine Blodgett, Helen Emory, Todd, James, Tom Spector, their families and all deployed in harm's way.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

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;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the needs and concerns of Saint James' Episcopal Church and School, especially Glorybeth, Melba, Debbie, Dan, Pattie, Andrew, Dirk, Loretta, Brandon, Helen, Meredith, Lindsay, Nancy, Chris, Cindy, Gina, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Batie, Marie, Iris, and for those whom we now name \_\_\_\_\_.

*The people may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The people may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

### **Concluding Collect**

Presider Gracious Lord, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations: May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your love with the world. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

**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.**

### **Absolution**

Presider 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. **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: *The Heavens Resound*

L. V. Beethoven (1770-1827)

The heavens resound with his praises eternal, in might and glory they combine  
To tell his name through earth and the oceans that man may hear the word divine.  
He holds the suns in the blue vaulted heavens, he plants his foot upon the world;  
The myriad stars bow in willing subjection; the universe his hand unfurled.

The Lord is God! He is King of creation; in his right hand he holds them all;  
His children, we, in love and devotion, before his might and power fall.  
O Father, hear! we thy sons bring our blessings, our prayerful thanks to thee we raise;  
The heavens resound; break, O earth, into glory, to serve! adore! and sing his praise.

## Offertory

*The people stand as they are able.*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## 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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of all who have gone before us; God of Abraham, Peter, and Paul; God of Sarah, Mary, and Mary Magdalene; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

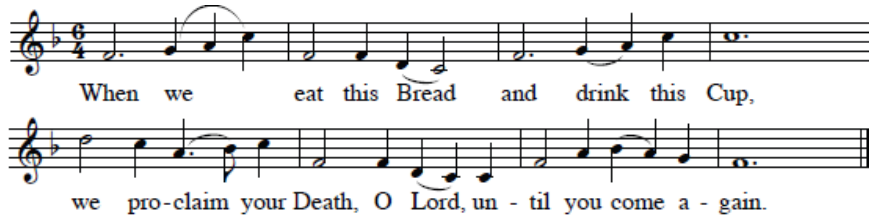
## Breaking of the Bread

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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

## Communion Music

*The people join the choir in singing the Communion Hymns.*

**Communion Hymn: 385** *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works*

*Lacquiparele*

**Communion Hymn: 416** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*The people stand as they are able.*

Presider 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.**

## 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: 665** *All My Hope on God is Founded*

*Michael*

## Sending Sentences

Gospeler Let us go forth into God's Creation in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *The Spacious Firmament*

J. Hayden (1732-1809)

arr. Henry Balcombe



## Table Talk Questions

*Questions to help you engage with your children regarding the lesson they learned today in Sunday School.*

1. What happened to the seeds that landed on the stones and in the thorns? Why?
2. What happened to the seeds that landed in the good earth? Why?
3. How do you think the sower felt about the seeds that died? How do you think he felt about the seeds that grew to be harvested?
4. The story was told by someone when they were asked about the Kingdom of Heaven. Who do you think it might have been that people were following and asking about Heaven?
5. What do you think are the seeds that Jesus sowed among us?
6. How can we make sure that Jesus' teachings, his seeds, land in good soil for us?