



ST JAMES
IN THE HILLS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

JULY 12, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' Name (verses 1-3) Hymnal 450

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

GLORIA (sung)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glor - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 25:19-34

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (read responsively)

PSALM 119:105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:1-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN

Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (verses 1-2) **Hymnal 440**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

Bless 'd Jesus, at thy word (verse 3) **Hymnal 440**

CHILDREN'S DIALOG

THE SERMON

Rev. David Potter

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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,

(continued...)

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

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Archbishop Sarah Mullally of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our priest Reverend David; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Luke the Physician, Miami, St. Simon's, Miami, and St. Matthew the Apostle, Miami.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Protect all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, in Sudan, Nigeria, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Venezuela, and to all affected by gun violence;

People: That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: For all who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety, especially for those on our parish prayer list... and for those who offer skilled, tender care for them;

People: That they may have strength for today and for tomorrow.

Intercessor: For those struggling financially and find their future uncertain;

People: That they may discover resources and support for the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Intercessor: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially... and those celebrating an anniversary this week, including... and for all those we name silently or aloud;

People: That they may see the blessings of the past and the blessings you provide in the present.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes

Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life— or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 109**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

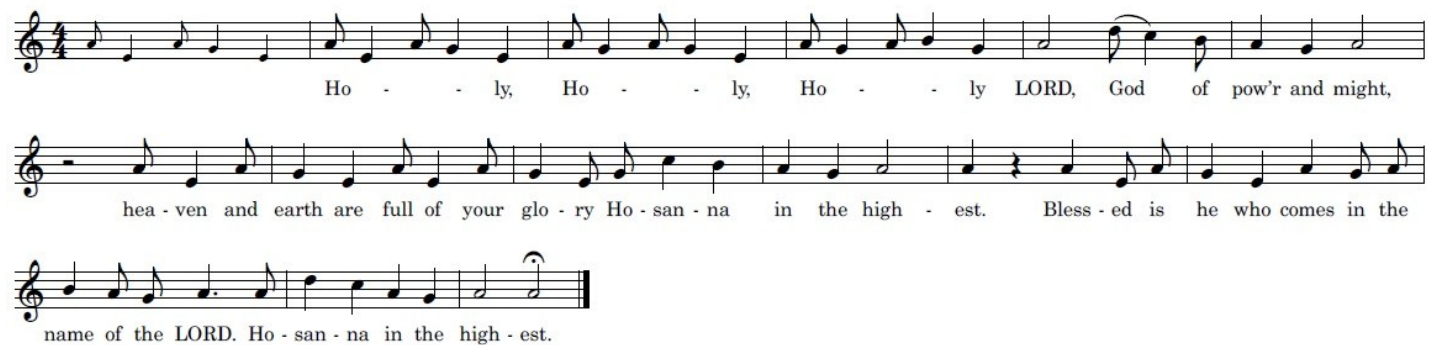
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*sung*)



Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly, Ho - - ly LORD, God of pow'r and might,
hea - ven 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.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

BCP 364

**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.**

(continued...)

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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 baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please kneel at the communion rail, and cross your arms across your chest, forming an X.

COMMUNION HYMN

Trust and Obey **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 205**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: 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.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

Priest: I 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.

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Priest: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When morning gilds the skies (verses 1-3) Hymnal 427

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!



NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by Betty Cay Stanford & Kim Zeilenga. We thank them for their kindness!



BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY EVENINGS

Join us for Bible Study of the Gospel according to Matthew, Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom. Find the Zoom link in your Constant Contact email or contact Amanda in the St. James Office.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please review the tips and reminders card located above the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board outside the Parish Office with upcoming dates. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please contact the Office if you have additional questions concerning supplies and procedures, or need to collect the keys if needed.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for the remainder of 2026 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers on a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations and delivery instructions.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for AUG-SEPT-OCT are available in the Sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.

HURRICANE SEASON

The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



New Church T-Shirts Now Available for Pre-Sale!

The Fellowship Committee is excited to announce an updated design for our church T-shirts! Wearing these shirts is a wonderful way to share our faith, support our ministries, spread the word about our church, and foster a sense of unity across our congregation. Pre-orders are officially open today. Secure yours this Sunday!

How to Order & Pay

Sign Up: Visit the table in Feaster Hall directly after Service.

Payment: Collected at the table via cash, check, money order, or Zelle. Receipts will be issued!

Deadline: All orders and payments must be *finalized by Sunday, August 23* to receive your t-shirt in September 2026.

T-Shirt Details

- Design: Navy blue t-shirts featuring our current logo and church name in yellow.
- Sizes: Available in youth sizes and adult sizes [Toddler 4T and S through 2XL].
- Cost: Depends on size, stop by the table for more information.

Expected Delivery

T-shirts are expected to arrive in early September 2026. We will have a pickup station set up in Feaster Hall as soon as they are ready.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic support!



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St James In The Hills



Trying to make a secure offering online?

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Members, please include your envelope #
in the memo.

Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Our Diocesan Community:

St. Luke the Physician, Miami

St. Simon's, Miami, St. Matthew the Apostle, Miami

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Paul Crosta, Pat Miller, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, Sonia Fiederick, Karron Bacchus, Helen Montandon

Please note that prayer requests are in effect for 60 days and can be renewed in 60 day increments. You may contact the Church Office or Father David.



We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Barbara Becker

STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, July 12th

Fellowship Hour
Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday, July 14th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 16th

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 19th

Saint James the Apostle Sunday



Saturday, July 25th

Feast Day of Saint James the Apostle



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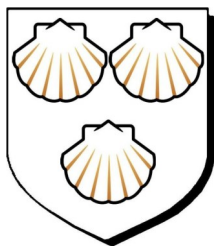
**TASHAMEE WILLIAMS - SENIOR WARDEN, LIZ MILLER - JUNIOR WARDEN,
ROBERT WHITEHEAD - TREASURER, BARBARA BECKER - CLERK OF THE VESTRY,
ELISHA CLARKE IV, LORNA SMITH, GLADYS WOOD**

Amanda Groome, our Parish Administrator, is available in our Parish Office
Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel
of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's
diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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