



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday July 7th, 2024
9:00 a.m. Summer Service**

St. James' Episcopal Church

WELCOME

A Warm Welcome to All! We at James' are especially delighted, honored, and blessed to welcome visitors and newcomers here to this beloved church today. Assisted Listening Devices are available for the hearing impaired; please ask an usher for a device. Restrooms are located along the hallway that is through the exit at the front left corner of the sanctuary. Visitors in need of a pastoral call or interested in learning more about our parish and Church are invited to fill out a Welcome Card located in each pew, drop it with an usher, and you will receive a follow-up call. Please note that all are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

Sunday Morning Prayer: Rite II (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 75)

Please hold silence during the Prelude as we gather to worship.

Prelude *My Country, 'Tis of Thee'* Arranged by Humphrey Turner

Welcome and Announcements

All stand as able

Opening Hymn #718 (The Hymnal 1982) *God of our fathers*

Opening Acclamation

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Read antiphonally, changing at the. Lector begins with 1st verse and congregation follows*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The people sit for the lessons

Psalm 48

Read antiphonally, changing at the. Lector begins with 1st verse and congregation follows.*

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of
our God; *
God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

(5:1-5,9-10)

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

After the Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 A Song of Praise

#S-236

(The Hymnal 1982)

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(12:2-10)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

After the Reading

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| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God. |

Canticle 20 Glory to God

#S-280

(The Hymnal 1982)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

A reading from The Gospel according to Mark

(6:1-13)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

After the Gospel

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks to be God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon

A period of silence is kept.

All remain seated.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Suffrages A

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Intercessions

Let us pray

The General Thanksgiving said by all

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Ministry Moment Green Chimneys

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen

**Our service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A found on page 361 of the
Book of Common Prayer.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
Summer Choir

All stand as able

Presentation Hymn #380 (The Hymnal 1982) *From all that dwell below the skies*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise**

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

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may kneel as the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God...

(Celebrant continues....)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. O Father....

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 say.

Celebrant and People:

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to come forward for Communion. To receive a priestly blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free hosts are available by request.*

Communion Hymn #321 (The Hymnal 1982) *My God, thy table now is spread*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online

Celebrant Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

[If the Sacrament is to be shared with homebound parishioners, the following form is used:]

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, 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.
People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

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(Sing through twice)

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postlude on "National Hymn"
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If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

Please feel free to introduce yourself to us. Coffee Hour follows the service.

After the service, please join us for a forum called "Who is Samuel in the Hebrew Bible?".

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

July 07

9:00 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon

Morning Prayer Leader: Denise Holl

Dir. of Music: Joanne F. Archibald

Summer Choir

Ushers: Carolyn Flynn, Elaine Sleath

Altar Server: Jana Draper

Lectors: Deb Kaufmann, Robert Ward

Intercessor: Lyn Meyers

Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Susan Parille

Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

Flower Deliverer: Lyn Meyers

Audio Tech: Lew Westfall

CALENDAR

Save the Date: July 21 is St. James' Day!

Sunday, July 07 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:20am Summer Choir Rehearsal - Church

9:00am Summer Sunday Worship (Live-Stream)

10:00am Who is Samuel Forum? The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen – Coburn Lounge

TBD Bell Choir

Monday, July 08

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

11:00am Rental Committee Meeting - (Zoom)

3:00pm Finance Committee - Library

Tuesday, July 09

Wednesday, July 10

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

12:00pm Holy Eucharist – Chapel

1:00pm Carillon Concert - Garden

5:00pm Capital Campaign Projects Committee – (Zoom)

7:15pm 12 Step SAA Men's Group - Library

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

Saturday, July 13

10:00am Episcopal Church Woman – Parish Hall

In Case of an Emergency:

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our Priest-In-Charge, Rev. Gina at 203-748-3561 ex 14 (office)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY MISSION: Green Chimneys.

Green Chimneys, a 70-year-old school on 300 acres in Brewster and a smaller campus in Carmel, primarily serves students who have been unsuccessful in a traditional educational setting. Using animal-assisted activities and nature-based programs, with highly trained staff that includes social workers and therapists, children learn to cope with their own learning and emotional challenges. Many of the 300 animals are rescues, including wildlife that are rehabbed and released. In addition to state grants, Green Chimneys depends heavily on the generosity of donors. Every dollar raised goes toward programs for children and animals. Visitors are welcome to visit the Farm and Wildlife Center on the Brewster campus on Saturdays and Sundays from 10-3: 400 Doansburg Road (off Rt. 22), Brewster, and their website is a wealth of information: www.greenchimneys.org

July Zoom Class: *What Does the Bible actually say about Gender & Sexuality?*

In July, as a follow-up to Pride month, The Rev. Emilie Finn, Priest-In-Charge of Christ Church, Redding, and Deb Tickell will offer a three-week workshop entitled: *What Does the Bible actually say about Gender & Sexuality?* This study will explore scripture references from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. The class will gather on Thursdays, July 11, 18, and 25, from 7:00-8:30pm on Zoom. *For the safety of all attendees and our presenters, preregistration is required. The Zoom link will be sent to only registered participants.* To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/jx636Jm2pZWw8eUw5>. Email: acoupleofchurchladies@gmail.com should you have questions.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Irene, Virginia, Helen, Linda, Donovan, Peter, Richard, Sandi, Pat, Susan, Ruth, Nancy, Wayne, Suzanne, Jeanne, Geraldine, Vivien, Clare, for the people of the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, and for victims of gun violence.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, Jeff & Laura our Bishops, for Rev. Gina our Priest-In-Charge, our affiliate clergy, guest clergy, lay visitors, and lay ministers.

For St. St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland.

For Military chaplains, and all who serve this country, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

For the intentions on our prayer wall: for a new season in life, that we both heal and find our way back, that things will get better.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Christine DiMeglio.

MUSIC NOTES

Summer Choir will be meeting at 8:20am during July and August, in the Sanctuary. All are invited. No formal training required.

The CARILLON CONCERT at 1pm on Wednesday, July 10th, will feature Carla Staffaroni, one of the Carillonners from Riverside Church in New York City. Bring your chair and enjoy the music in our beautiful Memorial Garden.

Submitted by Joanne F. Archibald
St. James' Director of Music Ministries

Clergy, Wardens, & Staff

The Rev. Gina Gore, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Affiliate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon, Affiliate Priest
Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music
Melina De Osambela, Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper
Ricky Lopez, Sexton

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July & August Summer Worship Schedule:

Sundays

Choral Holy Eucharist: 9am
(in the Church and Live-Streamed)

Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist: 12pm
(in the Chapel)

Please note: Our main Church has an accessibility ramp. However, our smaller Chapel (used at noon on Wednesdays), is not wheelchair accessible.