



# St. James' Episcopal Church

A Lakeside Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
August 25th, 2024

Welcome

First Opening Song

*Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me!

Second Opening Song

*Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace  
The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living God.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

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

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*All are seated for the Readings*

### **First Reading**

*Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalter**

*Psalms 34: 15-22*

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| 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon<br>the righteous, *       | whose spirits are crushed.                            |
| and his ears are open to their cry.                        | 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *          |
| 16 The face of the LORD is against those<br>who do evil, * | but the LORD will deliver him out of<br>them all.     |
| to root out the remembrance of them<br>from the earth.     | 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *                 |
| 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD<br>hears them *         | not one of them shall be broken.                      |
| and delivers them from all<br>their troubles.              | 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *                      |
| 18 The LORD is near to the<br>brokenhearted *              | and those who hate the righteous<br>will be punished. |
| and will save those  | 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his<br>servants, *    |
|  | and none will be punished<br>who trust in him.        |

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 6: 10-20*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the singing of the song and proclamation of the Gospel.*

### **Gospel Song**

*Ancient Words*

Words of life,  
words of hope,  
give us strength,  
help us cope;  
in this world where we roam,  
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient word,  
ever true,  
changing me,  
changing you;  
we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

## The Gospel

John 6: 56-69

*The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:*

*Clergy*           The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel is concluded with:*

*Clergy*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

## The Creed

**We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion**

**We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
We believe**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save  
We believe**

**We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe  
We believe!**

## The Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor*    Lord, in your goodness:  
*People*           **Hear our prayer.**

## The Confession & Passing of the Peace

*Clergy*           Let us confess our sins to God.  
*All*               **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*Presider*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**

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

## Announcements

## Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

*Those celebrating birthday and anniversaries are invited to come forward. The People and Ministers recognize and bless them.*

*All*      **May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Amen.**

*An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in with the world. You can donate by scanning or tapping the QR code or visiting [www.stjameesskan.org/support-stjames](http://www.stjameesskan.org/support-stjames).*



## Offertory Song

*All In All*

*All stand, as able.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayers (Wells & Kocher)*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues until:*

*All*      Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:  
**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 remain standing as the Presider recalls God's work in creation and humanity's fall and the redemption of the world by Christ.*

*After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:*

*Presider*      Great is the Mystery of Faith:  
*All*      **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be blessed and sanctified by God. When the Presider concludes the prayer, the People loudly respond, "AMEN!"*

*Presider*      And now, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:  
*All*      **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.**

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

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion of our Lord. All who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a Blessing.*

*Please move forward and create a line. Receive the Bread from the Presider. If you wish to drink from the Cup, consume the Bread and move to the Minister holding the silver Chalice. To have intinction, keep the Bread flat in your hand and move to the Minister with the glass Chalice, who will dip the Bread in the Wine and place it back in your hand.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher or Lakeside Crew member know. During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available to pray with anyone who is in need.*

## **Communion Song**

*Come Thou Fount*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of Leavetaking**

*Presider* Beloved in Christ, on the 3rd of September, the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, in the year of our Lord 2023, I was welcomed into St. James' Church as your Interim Rector. I have, with God's help, and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. I have been blessed during this time to walk with you as you have moved through grief, adjusted to new ways of being the Church, told your stories, discerned who you are, and faithfully called your next Rector, The Reverend Pilar F. Padrón Parnell.

Holy Scripture teaches us that to everything there is a season. After exactly one liturgical year of common mission and ministry together, it is time for that season to come to a close as a new one begins, and I publicly state that my tenure as Interim Rector of St. James', Skaneateles ends this day.

*Presider* Do you, the people of the St. James', recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*People* **We do!**

*Presider* Will you work together with Mo. Pilar to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to the people of Skaneateles and beyond? Will you welcome her as you welcomed me, and support her and her family as you have supported Kristen and me?

*People* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*All* **God of endings and beginnings, you have bound us together for a time as Priest and People to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place. We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared and for the excitement that awaits us in the coming season. Be with us as we go our separate ways to live and speak your praise in the world, always bound together by the Holy Spirit and the communion of your saints. This we pray in the loving, liberating, and life-giving name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

**Closing Song**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**I the Lord of the sun and sky  
I have heard My people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear My light to them  
Whom shall I send**

**Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord if you lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart**

**I the lord of snow and rain  
I have born My people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak My Word to them  
Whom shall I send**

**Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord if you lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart**

**I the Lord of wind and flame  
I will ten the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give My life to them  
Whom shall I send**

**Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord if you lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart!**

*The Dismissal is given by the Clergy, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God!'*

## **About St. James' Episcopal Church**

Welcome to St. James' Lakeside Worship! Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are glad that you are here! This is a place of safety, comfort, hope, and peace, where all are fed by the joy and love of Jesus Christ, regardless of church affiliation or personal beliefs. Even if you are here because you simply were walking along the sidewalk, you bring your own light and impression of God into our worship. Thank you! Feel free to speak to one of the Clergy or to our Lakeside Crew Members (folks in the blue shirts) if you have a particular question or need.

Folks have gathered on this sacred ground for worship for more than two centuries! The only Episcopal parish in the village of Skaneateles, St. James' brings the beautiful traditions of Anglicanism to the Finger Lakes region while gracefully weaving them together with contemporary stylings to create a unique experience of communal worship and formation. This is a place where all are welcome, where questions are invited, and where God is glorified in sacramental worship that touches the soul.

We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Everyone can find a place for involvement and service as we live into our baptismal vows to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves." We encourage you to explore our website and contact a staff member if you are interested in learning more about who we are, and if you would like to see where God is calling you to lend your time and talents to the nurturing of God's Kingdom in this place.

Wherever you are led after today's worship, may you be held in the palm of God's hand!

## **Find and follow us online!**

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## **Worship Schedule**

Sundays:        7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
                     9:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite Two\*  
                     10:45 am – Contemporary Holy Eucharist (with praise band)\*

Wednesdays:   Noon – Holy Eucharist with the Sacrament of Healing  
                         6:00 pm – Evening Prayer\*

\*Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship are live-streamed on Facebook!

*Participants in the Liturgy*

Presider & Preacher  
Deacon  
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology  
Asst. Director of Contemporary Music & Technology  
Media Engineer  
Lector  
Intercessor & Eucharistic Minister  
Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell  
The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart  
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