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2023
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2024
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Bob Sudell

2025
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 1

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Not here for high and holy things* (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6) Hymnal 9

The Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 323

Collect for Purity BCP pg. 323

Summary of the Law BCP pg. 324

Gloria BCP pg. 324

Collect of the Day (*in unison*) see insert

First Reading Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b see insert

Second Reading Romans 8:26–39

◆HYMN *Be thou my vision* (vv. 1-2) Hymnal 488

Gospel Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

◆HYMN *Be thou my vision* (v. 3) Hymnal 488

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 326

The Prayers of the People BCP pg. 328

Lord God, we thank you that you have planted in us faith, even if the size of a mustard seed. Grant that Your seeds of righteousness and faith may grow, as You give us the tools to water and nourish them. We pray, responding, Lord Jesus, grow in us.

For Your Church in the world, that She may be offer fertile soil and plenty of water that Your seeds of contemplation, holiness, and blessing may grow in Your people everywhere. We pray, **Lord Jesus, grow in us.**

For all who would lead in civil, political, religious, or professional life that the mustard seed of faith that You have planted in all of our hearts may grow and flourish in them. Root out corruption and evil in all forms of leadership that, having cleansed the unrighteous, You may then institute a fairer, more just and harmonious society and world. We pray, **Lord Jesus, grow in us.**

For all who struggle to see Your beauty and faith inside themselves, especially those who struggle with issues of mental health, addiction, violent behavior or thoughts, anger, atheism, or greed. **We pray, Lord Jesus, grow in us.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Dr. (Rusty) Camp, the Inrig family, Luisa, Teresa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Dick, Steve, Veronica Solomon, Mary Smith, Krystal, Dante, Tom, Kevin, Ginny Holian, Alan, William, Teri, Michael, Henry, Marlene, and Kim, and all others for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord Jesus, grow in us.**

For all who have died, especially Jane Inrig, and for all we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord Jesus, grow in us.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from Your enduring, saving, and overwhelming love. We thank you for planting the seeds of faith in our hearts and minds and ask that You now give us the humility, hope, understanding, and acceptance to be the disciples that You, in Your wisdom and grace, call us to be. We ask for all things in the strong Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin		BCP pg. 330
The Comfortable Words		BCP pg. 332
The Peace		
Offertory	<i>God's Lily</i>	Hope Temple
◆Doxology (v. 3)		Hymnal 380
The Great Thanksgiving II		BCP pg. 340
The Lord's Prayer (<i>in unison</i>)		BCP pg. 336
The Administration of Holy Communion		BCP pg. 337

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951

Fraction Anthem		BCP pg. 337
Communion Hymn: 465		

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 339

Announcements

◆HYMN

There's a wideness to God's mercy

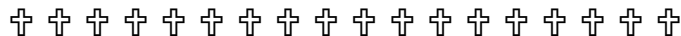
Hymnal 470

The Blessing and Dismissal

BCP pg. 339

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able * You are invited to kneel, as able.
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

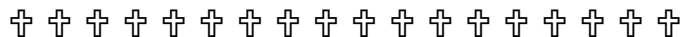


Serving this week

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	Janet LaPierre-Green & Barbara Hess
Chalicer	Mimi Hostetter
Lector	Janet LaPierre-Green
Usher	Neil & Pat Clark
Lemonade on the Lawn Host	Elizabeth McBride
Care Ministry/Altar flower delivery	Joyce Bettencourt

Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for Saint James & its 150 wonderful years in Farmington.

~ The Lansing family



Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

Sunday Bible Study: Beginning today, July 30th, our Bible Study turns to the Book of Daniel. Many of us remember from childhood the story of Daniel being cast into the “den of lions” and surviving. Yet Daniel is a book that has much to speak to us in our own day. Full of visions and the interpreting of dreams, Daniel also shows what it means to be faithful to God, even when the world seems to align against you. Set against the backdrop of the exile in Babylon, the Book of Daniel is a story of courage and faith, empire, and God’s power. Join us, using Todd Wilson’s study guide, as we explore the mysteries of the Old Testament Book of Daniel. Please note that during the summer, the Bible Study group meets at 11:30 a.m. after 9:30 service and all gatherings are via Zoom – *Meeting ID:* 815 4332 7235; *Passcode:* 982548.

Church by the Pond: this coming Saturday, August 5th, St. James will provide lunch in Bushnell Park for homeless men, women, and children. This program provides a healthy meal on a day when no soup kitchens are open. The afternoon begins with a Eucharistic service in the beautiful outdoors, followed by distribution of bagged lunches. From Church by the Pond: “We are all God’s children and greet each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.” We put together 50 bagged lunches, which means 100 meat and cheese sandwiches. Donations are still needed for:

Fresh fruit (soft, easy to chew fruits like bananas & grapes; no apples, please!)

Bottled water

Home–baked dessert goodies (brownies, cookies, etc.)

We also need 10–12 people to make the sandwiches and pack the bags that Saturday morning at 10 am, and 8–10 people to serve the lunches in Bushnell Park at 2 pm. Older children are welcome to accompany parents for either or both – what a great way to minister together as a family! If you can’t be present that day, you can drop off a contribution of food earlier in the week. **A sign–up sheet is in the narthex or contact Sue in the parish office to indicate your donation choice.**

Thank you to Kathy Bullard, Ed Preneta, and Barbara & Tom Mitchell for their faithful service to the Friendship Service Center Community Kitchen. These July volunteers helped to support FSC’s mission of “Love Made Visible” by assisting in the preparation and serving of meals for those who are hungry.



Nursery supervisor needed! After years of faithful, kind, and generous service supervising our nursery, loving, and caring for our littlest ones, Laura Vacca is stepping away from this ministry in the fall. Laura is also a member of St. James, so she is not leaving us, merely looking for new ways to be involved. So, we are seeking a new person to supervise our nursery and to look after our little ones there. If you are interested (it is possible to attend the 8 am service and stay to serve in the nursery, if anyone who attends at 8 is interested) or, perhaps, know someone who may be, please let Fr. George know. We pay \$25 an hour and it is usually 1.5–2 hours on a Sunday with the possibility of helping on special occasions as well, like the Annual Meeting. If you have any interest or know someone who may, please let Fr. George know. We hope to hear from you soon!

Summer Worship Schedule: We will hold a single Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. This service is open to in-person attendance and available online as well. Nursery childcare will be available during the summer. Weekday services continue: Morning Prayer on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Evening Prayer on Wednesday at 5 p.m., and Compline on Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Fridays Compline is Facebook livestreamed only). on Facebook Live on St. James Parish's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, August 6th are:
Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:13–21; Luke 9:28–36

GIFTS OF LOVE provides a backpack of food for clients' families for the weekend, when school lunches are not available, including throughout the summer. Outreach is continuing to supply them with peanut butter & jelly year-round. Peanut butter & jelly must be in *plastic* jars as they won't send glass jars home in children's backpacks. Please, bring in PB & J, leaving the jars in the labeled basket at the top of the parish hall stairs to the church. If you can pick up small containers of fruit or applesauce, those would be great additions to the backpacks!

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Our Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.