

We praise you for who you are, Empowerer, Healer, Provocateur. We pray for those among us in need of healing or comfort, support and compassion.

Invite us into your life of love; a life of compassionate service.

In the name of the Triune God,  
*who was and is and is to come.*

We praise you for who you are: our eternal home. At the end of our lives, gather us in your embrace, that we may behold you face to face, and sing your praises without limit or end.

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*who was and is and is to come.*

**THE PEACE**

**SANCTUS**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

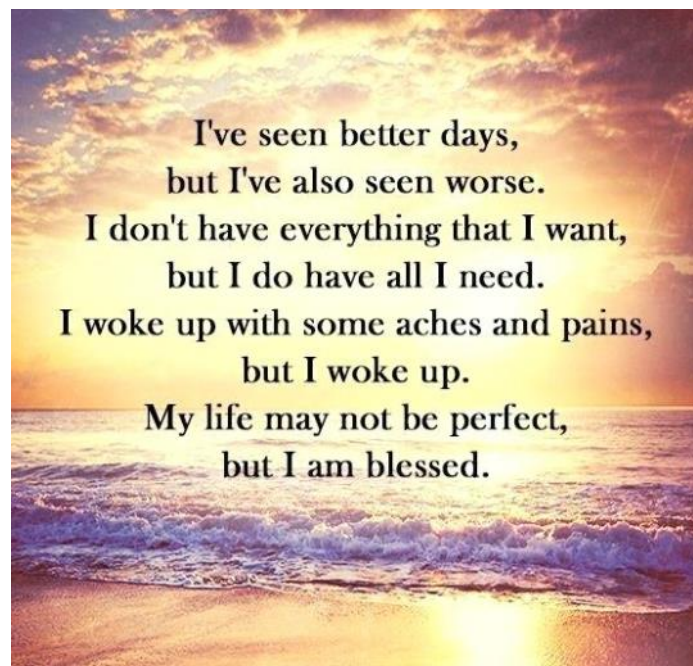
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**AGNUS DEI**

**THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**



I've seen better days,  
but I've also seen worse.  
I don't have everything that I want,  
but I do have all I need.  
I woke up with some aches and pains,  
but I woke up.  
My life may not be perfect,  
but I am blessed.

# ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## CLERGY

The Rev. William Noble, Priest-in-Charge

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Kevin Bates, Sr. Warden  
Susan Hayes-Stasio, Jr. Warden  
Frank Dean  
Patricia Fitzpatrick  
Nancy Francese  
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## FUNERAL SERVICE

Please join us  
A Memorial Mass  
celebrating the life and faithful service of  
**Jeanne Bodine**  
St. James' Episcopal Church  
Saturday June 12, 2021 at 11:00 am



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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 6, 2021

*The*  
**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



*Welcomes You*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

Spiritual Communion 8:00 am  
via Zoom 994 334 0243

Sung Mass 10:00 am In-Person  
Livestreaming <https://stjameslongbranch.sermon.net/>

SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



## Noble's Note

Dear friends,

Words carry meaning. Words can be used to reveal and to obscure, to make plain or to hide. They are misused and abused, and often carry more than the surface meaning. These three words – *catholic, Christian and Episcopal* – are common and commonly misused and abused.

Mr. Spiritually Self-satisfied says, 'I am a Christian.' He means, 'I am not a Catholic.' He means, 'I am not a Protestant.' He means, 'I am the real thing and they are not! I am better than those people.'

Mr. Spiritually Righteous says, 'I am a Catholic.' He means, 'I am right and everyone who is not Catholic is simply wrong.' He doesn't say 'I am a Roman Catholic because all those who claim to be catholic but not Roman Catholic are wrong because the only catholic is Roman Catholic.'

Mr. Spiritually Happy says, 'I am an Episcopal.' He says, 'I am an Episcopal because it's easier to say and to spell than Episcopalian and shorter for the Computer registration at the hospital. Who cares if it's incorrect.' 'I am not a Roman Catholic and yet fully Catholic. I am not a Methodist or Presbyterian or Baptist. I am independent, an Anglican and free!'

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Bill+

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**THE GLORIA**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**                      **Genesis 3:8-15**

When they heard the sound of GOD strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid in the trees of the garden, hid from GOD.  
GOD called to the Man: “Where are you?”  
He said, “I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. And I hid.”  
GOD said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from that tree I told you not to eat from?”  
The Man said, “The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it.”  
GOD said to the Woman, “What is this that you’ve done?”  
“The serpent seduced me,” she said, “and I ate.”  
GOD told the serpent:  
“Because you’ve done this, you’re cursed,  
cursed beyond all cattle and wild animals,  
Cursed to slink on your belly  
and eat dirt all your life.  
I’m declaring war between you and the Woman,  
between your offspring and hers.  
He’ll wound your head,  
you’ll wound his heel.”

*(Silence)*

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

**THE PSALM 130**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \* let your ears consider well  
the voice of my supplication.

***If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?***

For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

***I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.***

My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

***O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;***

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**THE SECOND READING**    **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

We’re not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote, “I believed it, so I said it,” we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God’s glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!

So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.

For instance, we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we’ll never have to relocate our “tents” again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what’s coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we’re tired of it! We’ve been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what’s ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we’ll never settle for less.

*(Silence)*

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

**THE GRADUAL HYMN**

**THE GOSPEL**                                              **Mark 3:20-35**

Jesus came home and, as usual, a crowd gathered—so many making demands on him that there wasn’t even time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was believing his own press.

The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumors that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story: “Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan, there soon wouldn’t be any Satan left. Do you think it’s possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man, and walk off with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out.

“Listen to this carefully. I’m warning you. There’s nothing done or said that can’t be forgiven. But if you persist in your slanders against God’s Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you’re sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives.” He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil.

Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, “Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside looking for you.”

Jesus responded, “Who do you think are my mother and brothers?” Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, “Right here, right in front of you—my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

**SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED**

***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**

We praise you for who you are, holy, tender, powerful God.

We praise you, for who you are and what you are to us, your people, for continuing to create us, empower us, and reconcile us to you.

In the name of the Triune God,  
***who was and is and is to come.***

We praise you for who you are: Creator, Lover, Forgiver. Give us hearts of understanding and empathy. Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

In the name of the Triune God,  
***who was and is and is to come.***

We praise you for who you are: Redeemer, Teacher, Reconciler. We pray for your Church. Teach us to walk in your ways, pay attention to your word living inside us and through us.

In the name of the Triune God,  
***who was and is and is to come.***