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2027
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Christ whose glory fills the skies* Hymnal 7

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 278

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Isaiah 65:17–25

Canticle 9 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

◆HYMN *Steal away* (vv. 1–2) WLP 804

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 21:4–19

◆HYMN *Steal away* (vv. 3–4) WLP 804

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, give us the strength to bear witness to Your truth, the wisdom to know that truth, and the hope to share Your truth that is the saving love and power of Jesus. We pray, responding, Hear us, Lord.

For Your Church on earth that She will courageously speak the name and truth of Jesus in the public square as boldly as from the pews. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For leaders in positions of power that they may be moved to obedience by the reality and spirit of Christ's command to love, serve, and act as He has modeled for us. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who struggle with a scarcity of food, housing, love, friendship, and hope. We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially the Senh family, Bob C., Michael R., Sara, Don, Barrett, Mary S., Jennifer, Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Karen, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello,

Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Mark, Gary, Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

For all who have died, especially Noah Senh and any we name now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... and for all who mourn, we pray, **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: God of all power, help us not to be won over by the false prophets and voices in this world, all those who would lead us away from You and toward the selfish goals of their own design. Give us purpose, hope, and courage to speak the Name of Jesus in the world with conviction, compassion, love, and faith. We pray, in peace. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

O for a closer walk with God

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C

BCP pg. 369

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 667, 598, 607

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 365

◆A Stewardship Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.

Announcements

Stewardship Sharing

Carol Kirkwood

◆HYMN

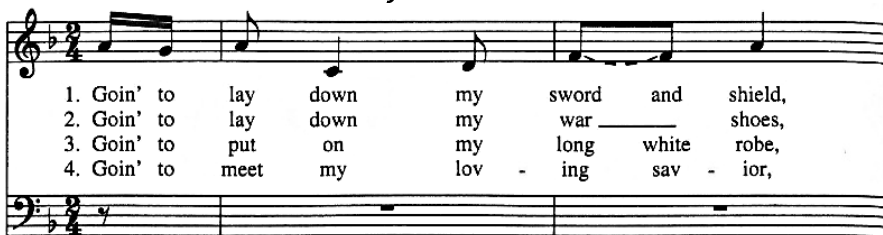
Down by the Riverside

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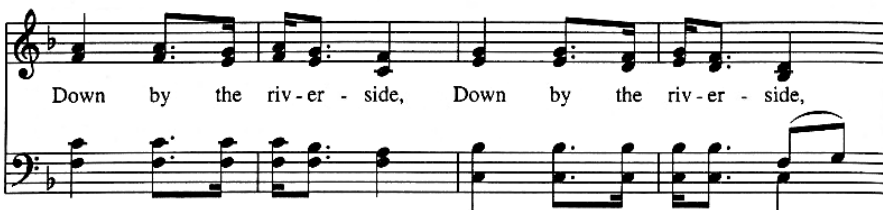
Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ 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.
 WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, found in the pew book rack.

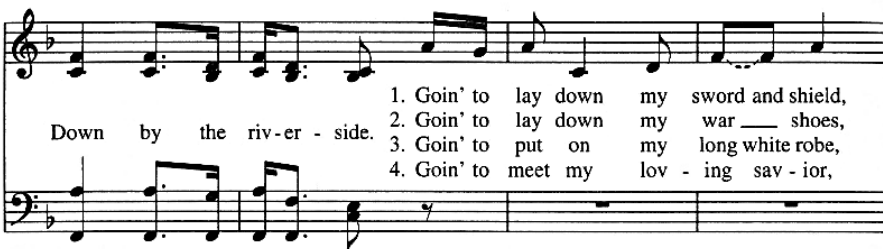
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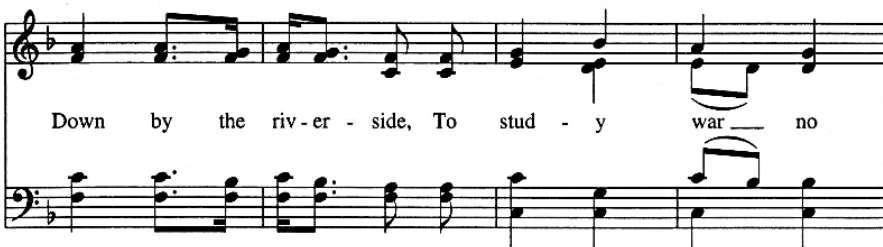
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 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,



Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,



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Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

I ain't goin't

more. _____ 7 4 stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y _____ war no

war,

I ain't goin't

more, _____ 7 4 stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, —

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no — more. _____

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'I ain't goin't more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no war, I ain't goin't more, stud - y war no more, — stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no — more. —'. The music features various note values, rests, and accidentals, including a B-flat in the bass staff of the second system.

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 Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. by Clarence White
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A Stewardship Reflection for the week of November 16th

We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8)

Most of us know the basic story of Job, one of the great pieces of wisdom literature from the Old Testament. Job's children and grandchildren die in a freak storm, he loses his livestock and pretty much everything else. On top of that, he is afflicted with sores and illness. He refuses to curse God but, near the end of the book that bears his name, Job demands that God tell him why all this has happened to him? Why has God brought this calamity upon his head and made his life a wasteland, Job asks.

God answered Job ... I have some questions for you ... Where were you when I created the earth? Tell me, since you know so much! Who decided on its size? Certainly, you'll know that! Who came up with the blueprints and measurements?

The Message, Job 38:4-7

God said to Jeremiah, at the very beginning of the great prophet's call to ministry, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Chapter 1, v. 5). God knows us, because he made us. God made us because He loves us. We sometimes forget that the God of all creation, the One who set the foundations of the earth – made all things in heaven, on earth, and beyond this earth, too – holds all in His creative, powerful hands. It is understandable to become frustrated, even furious with God when things go wrong in our lives, because we believe He has the ability set things right, if He chooses. Yet "your thoughts are not my thoughts, and your ways are not my ways, says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8). God is not subject to the whimsy of our wants and needs. He is not subject to our commands and yet, He loves us and desires what is best for us. The surest pathway to healing, in our lives and spirits, is to see God as the One thing we can always rely on, our constant friend and companion, the maker of heaven and earth. Healing is in Christ, God's co-creative force and His singular instrument telling us just how much He loves us.

Fr. George Roberts

© Feed My Sheep, Sunday 11.16.2025

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Joyce Bettencourt
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Carol Kirkwood
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	John Newton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Tracey Roberts & Joyce Bettencourt
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Dave & Verona Schlosky
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Andrea Harris

Today's altar flowers are given in remembrance
of our deceased loved ones.

~ Jane & Joyce



We welcome all who are guests with us this week! We are so glad you are here! Please fill out one of the small cards in the pew rack and hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Our Stewardship theme this year is "I am a vessel full of power, with a Treasure from the Lord." To explore this theme further you will find a vessel at the front of the church ready for us, as a congregation, to fill it full of our power, gifts, talents, hopes and prayers, throughout our stewardship campaign. Each week we will have a different color sand to add as we reflect on a particular aspect of this theme. **You are invited either before or after services, or during communion, to add a portion to the vessel.** This week the color is **Brown** – reminding us that we are the clay and God is the potter; all that we are and all that we become is because of Him.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 23rd are:

Jeremiah 23:1–6; Canticle 4/16; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study via Zoom at 12:30 pm. We've begun a new Bible study on the first and second letters of Paul to Timothy. The second letter is often seen as Paul's final testament and encouragement to his young disciple as Paul awaits execution in Rome. The study guides are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!



Sound Healing returning! NEXT SATURDAY, November 22nd, at 9 am (light breakfast provided, come early), we welcome back Kelvin Young, RSS, a certified Sound Healer and Owner of Kelvin Young, LLC. Kelvin will tell us about his incredible journey and lead us through a sound healing session as a way of experiencing a new way of healing and meditation. During the session, Kelvin will play the crystal and Tibetan singing bowls, gong, ocean drum, chimes, and other healing instruments (tools) to activate the relaxation response to calm your mind, relax your body, feel your emotions, and nourish your soul.

Updated Pictorial Directories available: If you already have a directory, a **supplemental add-on page** is available in the parish hall this morning which will catch you up on photos and addresses! If you did not receive a pictorial in September, they are also available in the parish hall.

Lenten Devotional: 40 volunteers have stepped up to write for the Lenten Devotional booklet. There are 2 weeks left for writers to get their pieces emailed to Dianne at dianneantos45@gmail.com, or hand-written, if necessary. **Writers, please get your work to Dianne ASAP, no later than December 6th!** There will be one reading for each day of Le, centered on the daily scripture passage. The Lenten Devotional booklet will be ready for distribution before Ash Wednesday for daily Lenten reading. This is a unique way to spiritually move through Lent.



Wednesday mid-day service: join us for Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – brown bag or something to warm up) and time for conversation in the parish hall. If you have time for the service only (which lasts 25–30 minutes), please come. If you have time for lunch only (noon–12:45ish), please do that. All are welcome!

Thankfulness Bookmarks. Throughout November Women's Ministry is providing art supplies in the parish hall for our parishioners to create bookmarks which will then be laminated and used in our pew books. Bring your imagination and creativity to make a useful tool for all who come to worship here!

Books for the Taking! On the long table in the Parish Hall there are lots of books. These are no longer ones for the church library. Help yourself to one or more! Any left after a few weeks will be discarded. Consider making a donation to the Library Fund.



Sharing the Feast: Thanksgiving Meal Project. St James Parish is once again working with the Town of Farmington to supply 10 families in need with food for their Thanksgiving meals. A signup with the list of Thanksgiving foods needed is posted in the narthex. **Please sign up for one or more items, noting the volume and quantity requested as we put together the baskets based on family size.** Non-perishable foods may be left in the box labeled *Thanksgiving Meals*. **All items must be delivered to St James by NEXT SUNDAY, November 23rd.** Food for the Thanksgiving meals will be delivered to Farmington Community Services who will then distribute the meals to the families. Any questions? Please contact Kim or Dave Faubert with questions. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Thanksgiving worship will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27th at 10 am. Everyone is busy, we know, and yet you are invited to join us for a brief service of Holy Eucharist and a sharing of the gratitude and blessing of the season and God's continuing goodness. The service will happen either in the Chapel or in the front of the sanctuary, near the altar. The service will not be livestreamed.





First Communion: On Saturday, December 13th at 3 pm, we will offer a short class on First Communion. Usually, it is best if a child is four or older, and we will spend some time handling the objects we use during Communion (the cup, the paten, the bread, etc.) and talking about why we use them, why Communion is such an important part of our common lives in church, etc. We have booklets for them, too. Please let Fr. George know if your child is interested in participating, even if they have already begun receiving the Eucharist.

Handbell Choir: Playing handbells is an act of praise and the joy brought in the hearing connects us more closely to God and our faith. But there is special joy in the playing, and it is a musical joy accessible to almost everyone. The handbells are from St. Mark's, and Blake has the idea to start out with a monthly rehearsal. **If interested, please give your name to Sue in the parish office who is keeping a list for Blake.** One final thing I want to mention is that this parish ministry is a perfect activity even for young children. The ringer must be able to play when prompted. Most ringers handle two bells, but what joy it brings when a little one sounds their one bell—at the right time, of course. And then, of course, dads and/or moms can use the involvement of their child as their “excuse” to be a part of the choir!



Stephen Hard

Hearing assist support upgrade: We have an upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a discreetly placed Wifi station that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have four devices which can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below; if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone:

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *St.Jofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download *Wavecast* audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + Adjust the volume on the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

Outreach Corner

Food Collection

Thank you to all of the parishioners of St James for your outpouring of support and donations of food and other items for our local food banks!! The need has never been greater! The food banks are overwhelmed with people needing food, so we will continue our collection for the foreseeable future. As you know, the collection bins remain in the Narthex of the Church. The bin marked "Farmington Food Pantry" is for food items, and will promptly be delivered to the Farmington Food Pantry as well as the food pantry at Gifts of Love. The other bin is for St. Mark's Ministries , and collects personal care items as well as food items. Additionally, there are white bags in the Narthex and at the top of the stairs outside the Sanctuary marked "Meals for Neighbors" which goes to that food pantry in Bristol. In that same area, we continue to collect peanut butter and jelly for Gifts of Love's "Weekend Backpack Program".

Thanksgiving Baskets

St James will again provide complete Thanksgiving meals for 10 families. Next Sunday (the 23rd) we will gather in the kitchen between the service and put the bags together. Thank you to Kim and Dave Faubert who coordinate this and deliver the bags to Farmington Social Services. There is a signup in the Narthex for the remaining items needed as well as an area to signup to help put the bags together. A bin for the donations is under the signup poster (The Narthex is getting crowded with St James' generosity!) Nonperishable items can go into the bin, and frozen items should be brought to the church next Sunday.

Outreach Meeting

The annual Outreach Meeting will be held Sunday, December 14th after the 10:15 service. At this meeting we will review our outreach efforts to determine if they are still in line with our priorities and people's needs. Additionally, we will determine the recipients of St James' Outreach contributions for 2025. Everyone with an interest in Outreach is invited to this very important meeting.



The Bartley Family
St. Catherine, Jamaica



The Johnson Family
St. Catherine, Jamaica

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 pew rack 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. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

