

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

HYMNS For SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 20A

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 806

1. He sat to watch o'er customs paid,
a man of scorned and hardening trade,
alike the symbol and the tool
of foreign masters' hated rule.
2. But grace within his breast had stirred,
there needed but the timely word;
it came, true Lord of souls, from thee,
that royal summons, "Follow me."
3. Enough, when thou wast passing by,
to hear thy voice, to meet thine eye;
he rose, responsive to the call,
and left his task, his gains, his all.
4. O wise exchange! with these to part,
and lay up treasure in the heart;
who now with crown of light doth shine
among the apostolic line.
5. Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
pass where the world has strongest hold,
and faithless care and selfish greed
are thorns which choke the holy seed.
6. Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
the steward's, not the owner's name;
who yield up all for thy dear sake.
let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 396

1. Lord, be thy word my rule,
in it may I rejoice;
thy glory be my aim,
thy holy will my choice;
2. thy promises my hope,
thy providence my guard,
thine arm my strong support,
thyself my great reward.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 711

1. FOR the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,

graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.

5. For Thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 595

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

4. I am the resurrection, I am the life;
they who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

5. Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,
The Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 664

1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.
2. Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.
3. I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessèd ones above
happy in thy precious love.
4. Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.
5. Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,

till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

HYMN FOR THE RECESSION: 413

1. GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing streams doth flow:
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side
songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee.