



**St. James' Episcopal Church**  
*knowing and serving God by serving others*



*Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*



## **Fifth Sunday in Easter**

April 28, 2024

5PM Saturday

8AM & 10AM Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

# St. James' Episcopal Church

## **WELCOME!**

It is such a pleasure to have you with us today, and we would be so blessed to see you again! We are affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and backgrounds. *You are welcome here.* We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

## **Join us for Communion!**

All baptized individuals are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available as well, just ask! Haven't been baptized yet? Speak to Father Mike to begin your life-changing celebration- you are never too old to be baptized in the church!

## **How do I become a member?**

Being a member of St. James is easy! All you need to do is fill out our membership form and you are a member. If you are a confirmed Episcopalian moving from an Episcopal congregation, just simply contact our parish office (610-489-7564), give the Parish Administrator the name of your previous church, and we will contact your previous church for a Letter of Transfer.

## **What if I am not an Episcopalian?**

You don't need to be a confirmed Episcopalian to be a member of St. James'. You just need to have been baptized and send us a copy of your baptism. All this is on the membership form.

## **How do I get a membership form?**

Just fill out the "white" welcome card that is in the pews and place it in the offertory plate as it is being passed. Once the office receives your card, we will send you a membership package in the mail. Once you have filled the forms, you can either mail them back to St. James' or bring them with you to church and hand them to Fr. Mike after the service.

## **What if I have never been baptized?**

Just let Fr. Mike know of your desire to be baptized and we will schedule a Sunday to do so. Baptism is a life-changing experience and one that is done with the community of believers here at St. James'. At our baptism, we make promises to God that help us to live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. We the family of believers here at St. James' will make promises also to uphold you in this endeavor and to support you in any way that we can.

## **Let's stay in touch!**

Not ready to commit to membership just yet? That's ok! If you'd like to join our weekly "Happenings" email list, speak to Father Mike, or send an email to Sara Terenzi, our Office Admin, at [office@stjames-episcopal.org](mailto:office@stjames-episcopal.org)

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**Easter V**  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Word of God

**PRELUDE** *Jesus, With Us Abide* - James Southbridge

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (8 and 10am only)

**TITLE:** *God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh)* (H 379)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)** *The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)** *The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only)**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* Christ, have mercy.  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**SONG OF PRAISE (8 and 10am only)** *The following is sung, all standing*

**TITLE: S 278 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

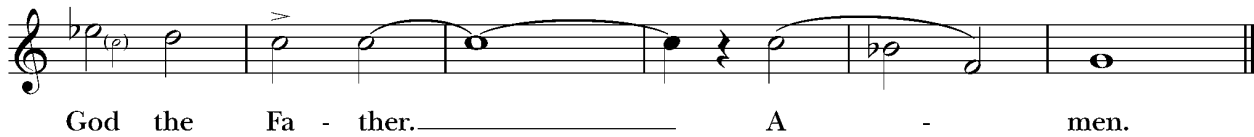
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS** *Please be seated for the readings*

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him. \*

“May your heart live for ever!”

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) *All stand***

**TITLE: Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) (H 657)**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our





**GOSPEL LESSON** *All stand*

**John 15:1-8**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON:** The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)** *All stand*

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.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *You may stand or kneel*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Arthur Leonard Runyan, in whose names these flowers are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list: Al & Lois, Alexis & Steven, Annie\*, Angela\*, Art, Beverly\*, Bill\*, Caitlin, Calvin\*, Carol\*, Dan, Elaine, Eliza\*, Esperanza, Fran A.\*, Fran R.,

Gary, Greg\*, Jean\*, Jeannine\*, Jeff\*, Kathy\*, Marvin & Debbie\*, Mike, Sophie\*, Steve, Will, William, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Are there others?

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. *Amen*

**THE PEACE** *All stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

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

**The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN (8AM ONLY)** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call) (H 487)*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (10 am only)

Teen Choir Anthem "Ubi Caritas" - Becki Slagle Mayo

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361) *The People remain standing***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361) *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)**

**TITLE: S 128 *Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)***

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *The People stand or kneel*  
*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)** *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung) *S 171 Be known to us* (*Plainsong/Martens*) (S 171)


*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*




1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

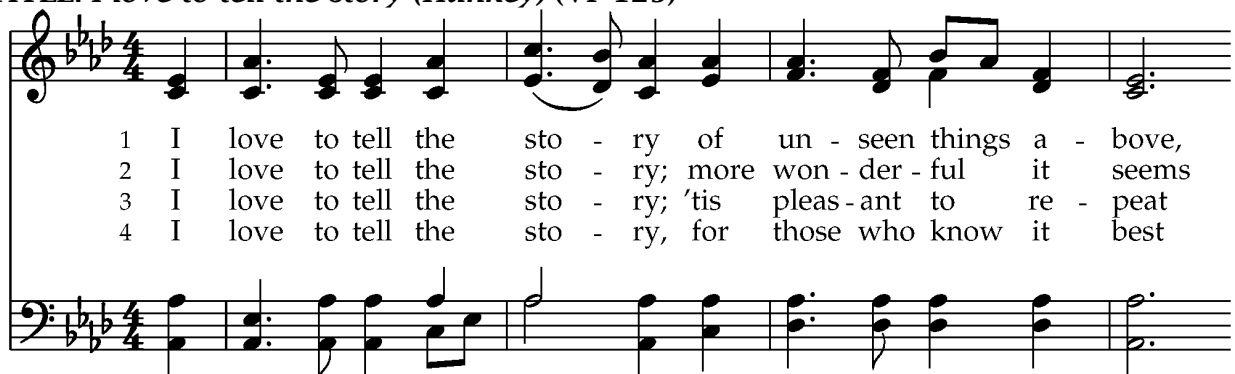
#### INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)** *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

#### COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)

##### TITLE: *I love to tell the story (Hankey)* (VF 125)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Words: Katherine Hankey (1834–1911).  
 Music: Hankey, William G Fischer (1835–1910).

TITLE: *Thou art the way* (H 457)

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

TITLE: *Ubi caritas [Aia no e loa' a]* (WLP 831)

*Descant*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

**A**

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha



u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

**B**

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)**

**TITLE: *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum) (H 448)***

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** *Celebration* - James Mansfield

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# DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



Support  
**ST. JAMES  
OUTREACH HOUSE**  
THUR., MAY 16  
4 - 10PM

# 10%

## DONATION NIGHT

Support St. James Outreach House by presenting this flyer to the Royersford, PA location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to St. James Outreach House!

Show this flyer to your server for 10% of your check to go towards St. James Outreach House. Thanks for supporting!

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**70 BUCKWALTER ROAD**  
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*\*flyer must be presented to your server!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS!



*Sue Rice*

*Ryan Collins*

*Kathy Hutchinson*

*David Woodrow*



THANK YOU  
FOR A WONDERFUL RETREAT!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach House Items for the Week: Toothpaste, bar soap
- Remember that the prayer list resets itself every month. Please say aloud or silently to yourself when the prayers of the people ask “*are there others?*”
- The ECW is holding a Spa Basket Raffle – tickets are \$5, or 3 for \$10, and are available after services. Winner will be drawn at ECW Spring Tea on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- The ECW Afternoon Tea party will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale following all services. All ladies of St James’ Church are welcome...as are your guests!
- Crystal Yoga with Janice Tabbut takes place Mondays at 5pm in the basement.
- Fr. Mike will host a second Confirmation retreat on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 3pm. (The same material will be presented both days.) Youth who are being confirmed are required to attend one of the days. Adults who desire to be confirmed or received are invited to attend, as well as all those who are interested in the topic. The book “Unabashedly Episcopalian” will be required reading and is available at no cost to you. Please see Fr. Mike to receive your copy. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.
- Confirmed teens will be traveling to London on their pilgrimage in July. If you would like to sponsor a student, you may donate via check or Vanco (memo: Pilgrimage 2024.)

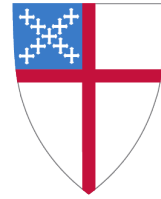
### CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Adult Choir (9<sup>th</sup> grade – Adult rehearses every Thursday at 7:30pm)



# St. James' Episcopal Church

*knowing and serving God by serving others*



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## CHURCH STAFF

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**Restrooms** are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

**Coffee Hour** is available following the 10am service. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Platts Hall.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and re-enter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a “pray-ground” in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

**Drop-off Nursery Care** with our paid staff is available throughout the 8am and 10am services. The Nursery is in Platts Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Church School** is available for PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10am service (September - May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

**Youth Group** for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade meets monthly (September - May.) See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)  
Sunday, 8am (with music)  
Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)  
Live-Stream available at 10am

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

### Monday

Yoga with Janice (5pm, Downstairs)  
AA Meeting (7pm, Platts Hall)

### Wednesday

Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6pm, Platts Hall)  
Theology on Zoom (7pm, link in “Happenings”)

### Thursday

Christ and Coffee (11am, Platts Hall)  
Scouts (7pm, Platts Hall and Downstairs)  
Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Choir Room)

## OUTREACH HOUSE

Interested in volunteering? See “Happenings” for our current schedule and sign-up links.

Interested in becoming a client? Confidential assistance is available for parishioners. For more information, please speak with Fr. Mike.

**MEDIA POLICY:** St. James' Episcopal Church regularly photographs, and video records our worship services and events. Please note if you are attending our 10AM Worship Service you will be recorded on our live-stream broadcast.

## CHURCH VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Sarah Deacle; **People's Warden:** Marilyn Hastings; **Vestry Secretary:** Peggy Spinozzi; **Outreach Ministries:** Peggy Spinozzi, Barbara Bateman; **Finance:** Chuck Rogers, Janice Tabbut; **Treasurer:** Phil Tatem; **Parish Life:** Rob Samtmann, Sharon Hansen; **New Member Ministry:** Iva Ferrell, Marilyn Hastings; **Building & Grounds:** Francois Springuel, Gene Goff, Harry Cornog; **Education:** Fr. Mike

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.  
**Worship has ended...Service Begins!**