



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



*Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*



**Easter Sunday**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8 AM & 10 AM

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 Sunday**  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Sunday, April 5, 2026

**The Word of God**

**PRELUDES**

*Fairest Lord Jesus* - Arr. by Joy Hujsak (8am and 10am)

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* - Charles Wesley, Arr. by Rhett Barnwell (10am only)

Harpist: Rachael Chapman

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

**TITLE: *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain (Festival Canticle)* (H 417)**

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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.*

**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;

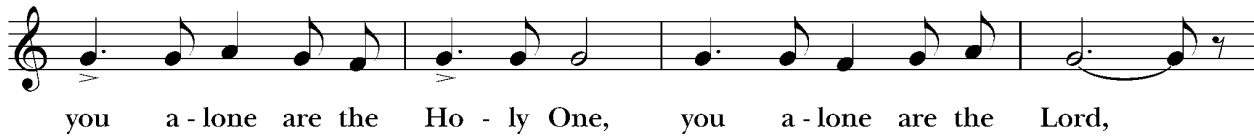


5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

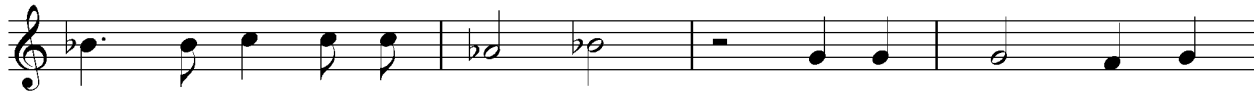


ceive our prayer.

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



God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

*Please be seated for the readings*

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more (Engelberg) (H 296)*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
 "His mercy endures for ever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
 and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
 in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
 the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, \*  
 and declare the works of the LORD.

- <sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

<sup>1</sup>[Since] you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

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

**TITLE: *Jesus is Lord of all the earth [Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord] (Alleluia No. 1) (H 178)***

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

**GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (10 am only)

*Alleluia Canon* - Traditional (Junior Choir Anthem)

**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*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list: Adele\*, Alexis & Steven\*, Angela\*, Arlene, Art\*, Ashton\*, Beverly\*, Carol\*, Carson, Dana, David, Dennis, Donna, Eddie, Elaina, Eliza\*, Fran A.\* , Fran R, Gary\*, Geoff, Gene, James, Janet, Jeannine\*, Joan, Karen, Katherine,\* Mike\*, Kelly\*, Kyle, Laura, Lauren\*, Linda, Lucie, Marie, Michael, Olga, Patricia, Roberta, Ron, Skylar, Sophie\*, Stacy, Tim\*, Tracy, Vikki, Violet, the Wirth family, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

And we pray for those who have died, especially the Saints of St. James.' *Are there others?*

### CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* - Charles Wesley, Arr. by Rhett Barnwell (8am)  
Harpist: Rachael Chapman

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* - Arr. by Dan Forrest (10am)  
Adult Choir Anthem

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God 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 him 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, Father Almighty, 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 his death he has destroyed death, and by his 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  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**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 forever. **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)

**TITLE: S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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**

**TITLE: *I am the bread of life (I Am the Bread of Life) - Ron Davis***

1. I am the bread of life, I am the wine of life.  
2. You who have worry to spare, Come to this table and share.  
3. Come with a willing heart, let my love do its part.  
4. Eat of this bread of life, Drink of this wine of life.

5  
They who will believe in me shall never never die.  
Place your troubles at my feet, the burdens you can't bear.  
Take my gift, so freely giv'n for you for ever more.  
I have made the sacrifice which rescues one and all.

9  
Come to my table, receive those gifts I freely give.  
I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord who does care.  
Throw off your sorrow and strife, taste of eternal life.  
Come to my table, receive those gifts I freely give.

TITLE: *At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg)* (H 174)

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

TITLE: "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say (Fortunatus) (H 179)

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
 \*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
 \*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

“Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

**TITLE: 8-fold Alleluia**

1. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

6 - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. 2. Jes - us...

**Additional Verses:**

2. Jesus is Lord
3. He is Risen
4. He’s my Savior
5. Alleluia

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 366)**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

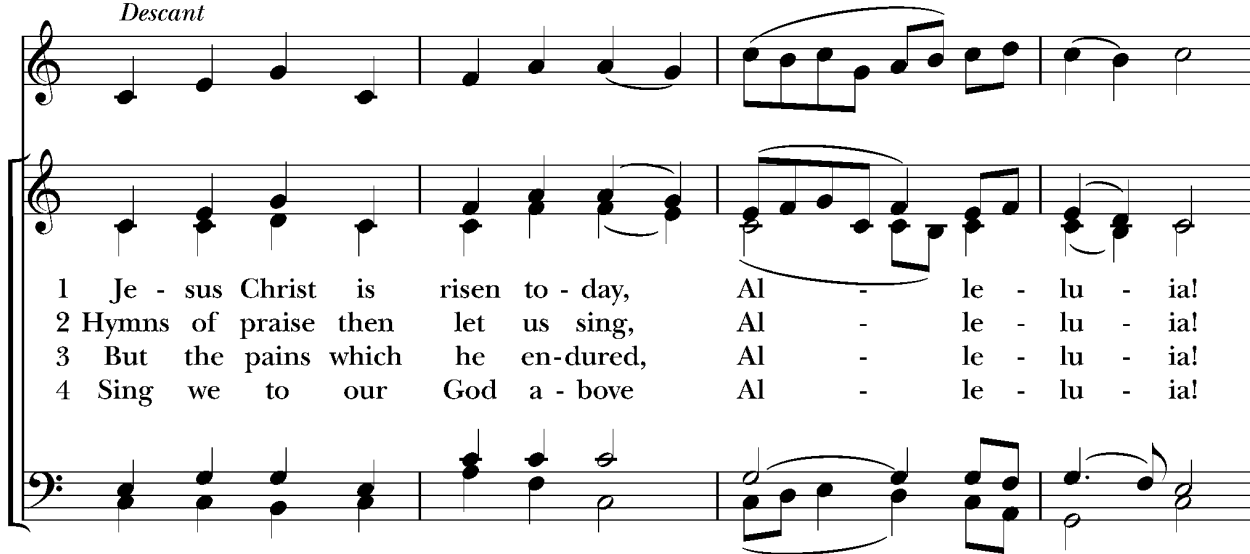
**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

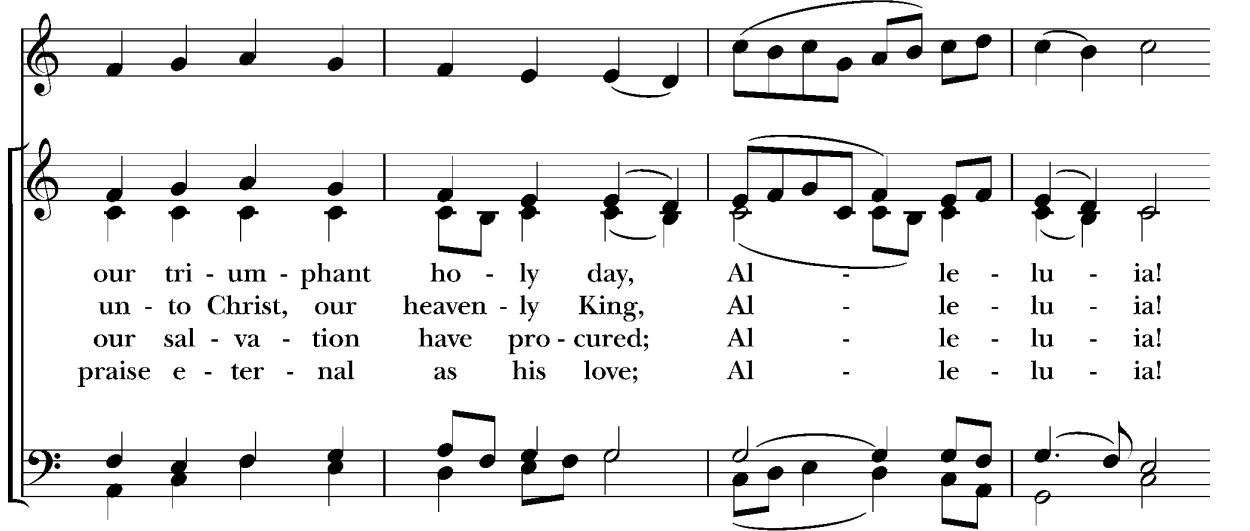
RECESSIONAL HYMN

TITLE: *Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn) (H 207)*

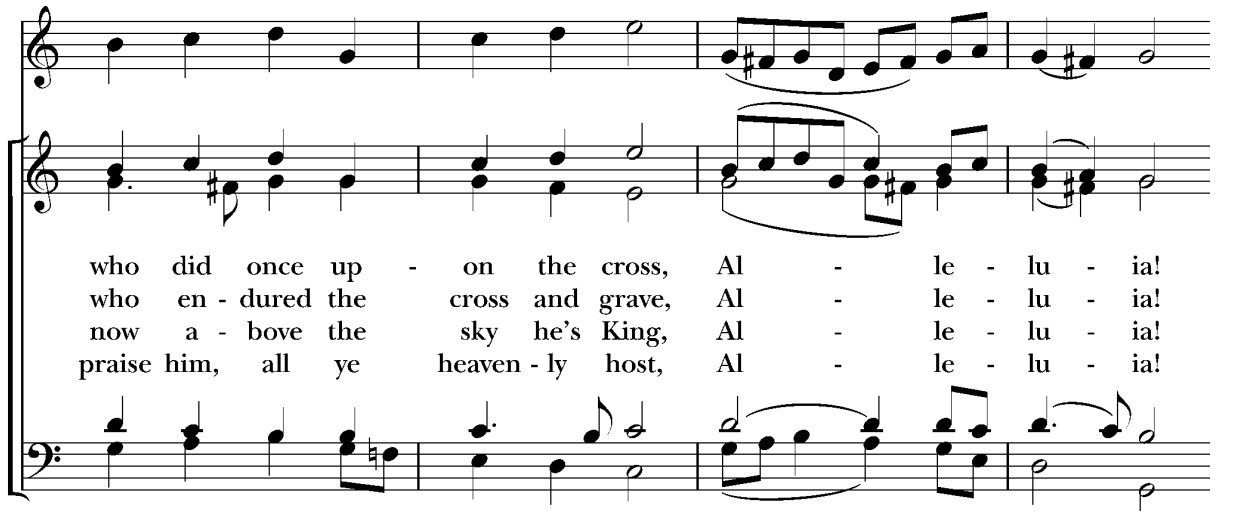
*Descant*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE: *Rejoice in the Lord* - James Mansfield**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A special announcement from Outreach House:**

We have been blessed with a strong & generous community which continues to step up and provide our clients with an abundance of grocery items. In the past, we have received a grant from the Diocese to cover the gaps; namely cleaning and hygiene products. Unfortunately, we did not receive that grant for 2026. St. James' has decided to make up for that loss, but we will need the help of our congregation.

**There will be an ongoing need for: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper**

**Items needed for April: Diapers – especially size 5-6, and Pull-Ups, esp size 4-5**

- **The Good Book Club** will meet at Bella Rosy's on Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00 for lunch first and then adjourn to Platts' Hall basement at around 1:00 for our book discussion. Our book this month is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Kimball (bkimball202@gmail.com). All are welcome.
- **Theology on Zoom** meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30p. Zoom link is in Happenings. **Classes will be suspended from 2/18 - 4/8 for Lenten Series, Holy Week, and Easter, then we will resume on April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Christ and Coffee** meets every Thursday at 11am in Platt's Hall. **We will will not meet on April 9th, due to Maundy Thursday and Easter.**
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** – Tuesdays at 3:30, \$10 Questions? Call Janice at 610-745-7867
- **Redner's Save a Tape Program** provides ongoing support to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House
- **If you are visiting us for the first time**, please be sure to fill out the white card located in the front of your pew for more information about our Parish.



ECW  
SPRING TEA

*Saturday, May 2, 2026*

1:30 pm

PLATTS HALL

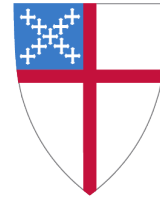
TICKETS ARE \$30.00/PERSON AND WILL BE SOLD  
AFTER ALL CHURCH SERVICES EXCEPT FOR EASTER  
WEEKEND.

THIS YEAR'S TEA WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL ,  
ARTISTIC PRESENTATION - THE OLD-TIME ART OF  
CHALK TALK - A LIVE DRAWING BY AN ARTIST AS A  
STORY IS BEING TOLD. CHALK TALKS ARE FUN,  
MOTIVATIONAL,INSPIRING, AND WILL BE FURTHER  
BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH A BLACK LIGHT AND  
COLORED LIGHT SHOW!



# 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**  
 AA (7pm, Platt's Hall)  
**Tuesday**  
 Yoga with Janice (3:30 chair yoga, Platt's Hall)  
**Wednesday**  
 Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6:30pm, Platt's Hall)  
 Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)  
**Thursday**  
 Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall)  
 Scouts (7pm, Platt's 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:** Sue Rice | **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson | **Treasurer:** Mark Schultz | **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike **Communications & Fundraising:** Janice Tabbutt & Ryan Collins | **Buildings & Grounds:** Gene Goff | **Fellowship:** Tanya Millet & Peggy Schiavo | **New Member Ministry:** Chris Mycek & Geoff Pinney | **Outreach Ministries:** Candy Nyce & Barbara Bateman | **Member at Large:** Sharon Hansen

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