



ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

Alleluia! He is Risen!
The Lord Has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard, Priest-in-Charge

*The mission of St. James Episcopal Church is:
To preach the Gospel,
worship God,
renew our hearts and minds, and serve others.*

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! We would love to know more about you and follow up with you. Please fill out a *Voice from the Pew* and sign the guest register in the narthex. Please call or email the church office with any questions at **706-782-6179** or admin@stjamesclayton.org. You may also contact Fr. Jim directly at jshumie@aol.com or **912-844-7412**. Parts in bold are read by everyone.

ABOUT COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table and not one denomination's table. All are welcome to the altar rail for Communion. Jesus gave Communion to Judas who betrayed him, Peter who denied Him and the rest of the apostles had no clue as to what it was about. If your tradition does not allow you to take Communion here, then feel free to come up for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest you would like a blessing.

You have the option to drink from the common cup; to dip the bread in the common cup; or take a tiny glass chalice from the tables in front of the first pews and hold it up so the Chalice Server can pour the wine into it. Taking the bread only is full communion if you do not want to take the wine. We also offer gluten free bread, so please tell the server of bread that you wish to have gluten free.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 296

Engelberg

We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*spoken together*)

BCP 355

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.

THE GLORIA HYMN S-280

Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30. The service music is in the front of the hymnal.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Lector A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, **"Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, '**By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.**' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, '**What God has made clean, you must not call profane.**' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised

God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 148

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; ***
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ***
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; ***
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and maidens, ***
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 **He has raised up strength for his people**
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Lector A reading from The Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, **"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."**

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In Christ There Is No East or West

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to John.*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard

Silence

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please rise as you are able

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 FORM III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

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

Leader We celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries this week; especially, Camille Day and Caroline Wallis.

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

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

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

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

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

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Joshua, Donna, Maurice, Bimi, Pete, Margaret, Mary, Dirk, and Leonard.

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially, Joyce Kilshaw, mother of Shannon LeMoine.

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

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; especially, Jean Cagle Perkins.

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

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

You're invited to pray out loud or silently. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

You're invited to come forward for special prayers including birthdays and anniversaries.

Prayers for birthday (pg. 830) and anniversary (pg. 431) can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE PRESENTATION

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People **And of Your own have we given You.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The people stand as are able.

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.**

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

Proper Preface is spoken.

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:

THE SANCTUS *(8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung)*

Hymn S-128

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung) Hymn S-154

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. You may pick up a small cruet to receive the wine, drink from the common cup, dip the bread in the cup, **or** cross yourself if you do not want to receive the wine. You may also cross yourself for a blessing if you don't want the bread or wine.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 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.

THE BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN 213

Middlebury

Come Away to the Skies

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE:



8am Service; all are welcome to join some parishioners who eat at “Sunday Diner” after the service.

10:30 service; please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee, cookies and conversation.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

BEER AND HYMNS Every 3rd Sunday from 6pm-8pm at Highroads Tasting Room in Downtown Clayton! Next date, **May 18**.

“CASUAL CONTRARIAN BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS” will meet **Mondays, May 19th and 26th at 5:00pm**. We will gather in the Parish Hall and via Zoom to talk about scripture and theology from a “contrarian” point of view. Soft drinks, tea, etc. will be provided or you can bring your own refreshments.

STUDY OF LUKE class on the Gospel of Luke, will continue **Tuesday, May 20th, at 10:30am**, led by Fr. Jim and/or Matt Price.

RETIREEES WILL MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Next luncheon will be **Tuesday, May 20th at Ishy’s** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

WATCH PARTY on **Thursday, May 22**: A Better Way, An Evening with Bishop Budde and Tim Shriver. They will be in conversation exploring the role of dignity in our public life. Soup and bread will be served at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, June 19th, 11:00am in the Parish Hall!** Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB will meet in the Parish Hall the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **June 19th from 1:00-4:00pm**. Contact Linda Holt to reserve your seat: boblindah@yahoo.com

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY is at 11:00am in the Parish Hall in person and via the ZOOM link sent out in the Lectionary Study email which is sent on Monday evenings. Everyone is invited as we discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 **Passcode:** 682287

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours this week: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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MORNING PRAYER Monday,—Friday **7:30am - 8am** via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 **Passcode:** 682287

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Cagle/Clayton family.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to Host Fellowship Time after the 10:30 am Sunday Service Sundays in June. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions

BROWN BAG SUNDAY IS EVERY SUNDAY. Help “Sharing and Caring” with their most needed items: ***Sugar, Oil, Flour, Corn Meal, Eggs, Salt, Pepper and Margarine.***

THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR 2025 is located downstairs in the Parish Hall. We have **several weeks available in May**. Sign up for a Sunday you would like to sponsor for \$45, and let the church office know how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin.

VESTRY MEETING the vestry will meet this Wednesday, May 21 @ 9 AM in the parish hall.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

May 18-25, 2025

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 pm Holy Communion
6:00 pm Beer & Hymns
7:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
5:00 pm Casual Contrarian
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:30 am Study of Luke
12:00 pm Retirees Lunch
5:30 pm Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
11:00 am Lectionary Study
7:00 pm AA

Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
5:30 pm Watch Party
5:30 pm Children of Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
7:00 pm AA

Saturday

8:30 am Women's AA
7:00 pm AA

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Holy Communion
7:00 pm AA

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MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Jean's Celebration of Life

Bread: Frances Daniel

Altar Guild Set Up: Lynda Ann Price and Peggy Melton

8:00

10:30

VPOD or *Opener	*Marcus Booker	Chris Adams
Eucharistic Minister	Marcus Booker	Matt Price
Eucharistic Server	Kathy Booker	Lynda Ann Price
Lector	Kathy Booker	Dustin Emhart
Intercessor	Kathy Booker	Susan Staiger
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		Erika Rudolph
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		Chris Adams



Giving: You may drop your check in the plate as the ushers come down the aisle, or simply scan the QR code on your phone, and give online. Use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.

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