

St. James Episcopal Church

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



***The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024***

8:00am and 10:30am

***The Deacon Susi Roessler, Preacher
The Reverend Gary Baldwin, Celebrant***

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

The Opening Hymn

“He is Risen, He is Risen!”

Hymn 180

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

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

Hymnal #S-280

**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 together.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *Please be seated for the lessons.*

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Lector A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? **The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.** But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 4

Please read responsively by whole verse.

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am
Hard pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship
dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will
hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your
countenance upon us, O Lord.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in
safety.**

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

“Blessed Jesus at Thy Word”

Hymn 440

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

We celebrate those having Birthdays and Anniversaries this week, especially David Tatum, Cheryl McKay, Sandy Hunter, Traci and Kevin Cagle and Lynda and Alan White.

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: 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;

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

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

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially, Crosby, Leonard, Stan, Mike, Peggy, Don, Camille, Allie and LT

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest especially, Jane Scott.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Peace

BCP 360

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

The Welcome and Community Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Tim McCabe, soloist

The Presentation

Celebrant For all things come of thee O Lord.

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

1 Chronicles 29:14

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing 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.

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:

**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 pray.

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 154

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

The Invitation

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.

The Communion of the Ministers and People

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 to the rest of the apostles who 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 Bearer can pour the wine into it.

The Communion Anthem

“In Remembrance”

*Beryl Red
Tim McCabe, soloist*

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.

Post Communion Hymn:

“The Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

Hymn 193

The Dismissal *Deacon or Priest*

People Respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Office Hours this week—Monday through Thursday, 9:00-1:00

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VISITORS: Please fill out the visitor's sheet located in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Susan and Phil Fleming in memory of Margaret Hansen Waldron.

The St. James Stewardship Committee is featuring the ministries of St. James for the next several weeks. Each Sunday a ministry will be showcased by a member of a given ministry. Today Terry Klinec will speak about The Day to Day Operations at St. James.

Fellowship:

- **8am Service;** all are welcome to join some parishioners who eat at "Sunday Diner" after the service
- **Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service** for coffee and conversation hosted by Christy Collin and Susan Staiger.

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

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

Retirees will meet at noon EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month at Ishy's Restaurant in Clayton, GA. This month's meet will be Tuesday, April 16th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Book Club will meet on **Thursday, April 18th at 11am** in the Parish Hall for discussion. We are reading "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Contact Becky Callahan: tbcallahan@aol.com

The Daughters of the King will gather on the 3rd Saturday of each month and will meet **Saturday, April 20th** in the Parish Office at 10am.

Brown Bag Sunday is the 4th Sunday of each month (April 28th). Help Sharing and Caring with their most needed items: **Sugar, Oil, Flour, Corn Meal, Eggs, Salt, Pepper and Margarine**

Victory Home Greenhouse: Need to get rid of plastic flower pots? Victory Home Greenhouse will recycle pots for you. They can use any size, but especially 1, 2, and 3 gallon pots. Please leave them in a plastic bag at the picnic table area or contact Kathy Booker (kbooker@truvista.net) and they will be delivered to the greenhouse.

Victory Home Greenhouse Plant Sale May 8th-11th – see flyer in Parish Hall. A spring event with a nice selection of perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, and native plants for the home garden or general landscaping. It is sponsored by Headwaters Master Gardeners and Victory Home.

Into the Crayon Box – A Home, Art, and Garden Tour Saturday, May 18th—see flyer in Parish Hall.

This colorful event includes a tour of the folk art that John Siegel and John Templeton have collected over 35 years. Participants will meet 30 minutes prior to their selected time in the lower parking lot at St. James for transportation to the event site. They will tour the home and artwork, enjoy refreshments in the garden, and return to St. James. This is a fundraiser for the Rabun County Friends of the Library. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code located on the flyer.

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Ministers serving today

8:00am: VPOD, Terry Klinec; Eucharistic Minister, Deacon Susi; Chalice Bearer, Ron Barden Lector and Intercessor, Linda Barden; Ushers, John T. & John S.; Altar Guild, Mary Flanigen & Bonnie Klinec

Altar Flowers: Maggie Hatcher **Altar Guild, Setup:** Karen Carroll

Bread Maker: Frances Daniel **Acolytes:** Kendall, Ben and Cece Weisser and Wyatt Keeny

10:30am: VPOD, Chris Adams; Eucharistic Minister, Deacon Susi; Chalice Bearer, Betty Cobb; Lector & Intercessor Lynda White; Ushers, Becky & Tom Callahan; Video, Bonnie Klinec; Tellers, Tim McCabe & Terry Klinec; Altar Guild, Karen Carroll & Betty Cobb

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