

ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA



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

April 20, 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**.

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Anna Laura Page

Christ the Lord is Risen!

OPENING HYMN 207

Easter Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is 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 in 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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: **"I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.** You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. **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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord's doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**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

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Lector A reading from The First Letter to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Lector The Word God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 180

Unser Herrscher

He is Risen!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Ladies read parts in blue; men read parts in red.

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard

Silence

Please rise as you are able

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The people will be splashed and reminded that they have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

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, Lynda White; and Alan and Lynda White.

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 Margaret, Addie, Bonnie, Mary, Chase, Brian, Dirk, Steve, Leonard, Phyllis, Wayne, and Felicia.

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially, Jean Cagle Perkins.

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

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

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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Craig Curry

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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.

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

Albrecht/Althouse

“Come to the Table of the Lord”

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 473

Crucifer

“Lift High the Cross”

DISMISSAL

Celebrant or Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Easter Flowers

Today's Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God.

By:

Lee Burson
Katherine and Crawford Grice

Bonnie and Terry Klinect
Sharyn and Tim McCabe

Dee and Jim McElroy

Helen R. Neinast
Sandy Simon and Christy Collins
Michael J. Stratton
Bethany and Frank Weisser

Lynda and Alan White

In Memory of:

Ken and Stan
Walter and Elizabeth Walt
Karl and Grace Grice
Our parents
Kevin and Ed McCabe; Trey
McNamara, Karen Everhart
Mr. & Mrs. Hayden Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. McElroy, Sr.
Thomas Charles Ettinger
Ernie and Roy Simon
My mother, Sandra E. Wall Tyndall
Our dads, Frank Joseph Weisser and
Donald Lanier Plunkett
Our parents and grandparents

By:

Karen and David Bacon
Bonnie and Terry Klinect
Dee and Jim McElroy

Peggy and Eston Melton
Shelley Urban and Susi Roessler
Lynda and Alan White

In Thanksgiving for:

St. James Episcopal Church
Our children and grandchildren
The birth of Susan Sheridan (Lily)
Cobb
Our children
Morning Prayer Group
Our children and grandchildren



EASTER DAY EVENTS

BREAKFAST

9:00 am, all are invited

The Sweimler and Niskanen Families cordially invite you, your family and guests to celebrate the Resurrection with breakfast between the services.



Our menu includes something for everyone:

Southern style biscuits

Pancakes

Sausage gravy

Sausage patties

Bacon

Fruit compote

Scrambled eggs

EASTER POTLUCK

2:00pm, all are invited

Terra Incognita Winery,

1821 Vandiver Mountain Road.

Clarkesville, GA 30523

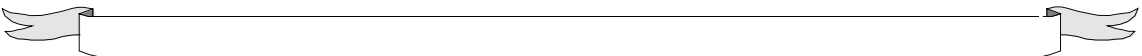
Bring a dish to share.



BEER AND HYMNS

Highroads Tasting Room, downtown Clayton

6pm-8pm, all are invited.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

“CASUAL CONTRARIAN BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS” will continue **Monday, April 21st 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, April 22nd, at 10:30am,** led by Fr. Jim and/or Matt Price.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, May 15, 11:00am in the Parish Hall!** Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

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

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

NO LINE DANCE FITNESS on Saturday, April 26.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours this week—Tuesday—Thursday, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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VISITORS Please fill out the visitor's sheet located in the Narthex.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Easter Monday, April 21.

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

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to Host Fellowship Time after the 10:30 am Sunday Services **April 27 and Sundays in May**. 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.***

2025 PLEDGE CARDS are available in the church Narthex for those who would like to commit to our Mission and Ministry in 2025.

THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR 2025 is located downstairs in the Parish Hall. 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please let Sam in the office know if you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our Prayers of the People each Sunday. Names will be kept on the list for three weeks and you are invited to resubmit names for another three weeks once removed. admin@stjamesclayton.org.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 20-26, 2025

Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Easter Breakfast
10:30 pm Holy Communion
2:00 pm Easter Potluck at Terra Incognita Winery

6:00 pm Beer and 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
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 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
9:45 am NO Line Dancing
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: Lynda Ann Price and Flower Guild

Bread: Dee McElroy

Altar Guild Set Up: Altar Team

8:00

10:30

VPOD or *Opener	*Ron Barden	Betsy Elsas
Deacon		Susi Roessler
Eucharistic Minister	Ron Barden	Matt Price
Eucharistic Server	Linda Barden	
Lector	Linda Barden	Lynda Ann Price
Intercessor	Linda Barden	Matt Price
Usher(s)	Jackie and David Tatum	Becky and Tom Callahan Chris Adams
Altar Guild	Janet Sweimler Ann Inman	Lynda Ann Price Betty Cobb Bonnie Klinect Dustin Emhart Tim McCabe Tom Callahan
Video		
Tellers		



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. You can use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.

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