



**ST. JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CLAYTON, GA

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

**Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2026**  
**8:00am and 10:30am**

**God loves YOU! No exceptions!**

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

The Reverend Scott Kidd, Celebrant

*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](mailto:admin@stjamesclayton.org). You may also contact Fr. Jim directly at [jshumie@aol.com](mailto: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 small 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.

## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. JAMES**

To join our church, you can request a letter of transfer from your previous denomination or speak directly with the priest-in-charge at any service. To be considered a member in good standing and eligible for the vestry, you must be baptized, attend regularly, and make consistent financial contributions.

You may also discuss joining with the priest-in-charge over a meal or drink. Simply email the office to receive the membership form and be added to the Directory, allowing you to stay informed on church communications.

We encourage participation in St. James ministries such as pastoral care, outreach, worship, altar guild, Eucharistic minister, choir, and more. Most members are actively involved, which helps maintain a vibrant and spiritually engaged community.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 362

Nicaea

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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*)

**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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*Lector* A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **Then God said**, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**And God said**, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**And God said**, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there

was morning, the third day.

**And God said,** “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**And God said,** “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

**And God said,** “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

**Then God said,** “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, **and God said to them,** “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Lector*     The Word of God for the people of God.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

Canticle 13

*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**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

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Lector* A reading from The Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Lector* The Word of God for the people of God.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 98

Forest Green

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

*Celebrant* A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew.

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Scott Kidd

*Silence*

*Please rise as you are able, spoken in unison.*

**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, Bob Hatcher, Ann Isner, and Bonnie and Terry Klinect.

*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 Ingrid, Cindy, Karen, Melanie, Mike, Bimi, Dustin, Karen, Rafael, Roland, Pam, Sara May, Sandy, Gordon, Chase, Owen and Roland.

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

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Marjory Clinkscales.

*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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Hull/Shepard

*Be Thou My Vision*

## THE PRESENTATION

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee O Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

*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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 (*spoken*)

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 (*spoken*)

**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 chalice 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

Anna Laura Page

*Creation Will Be At Peace*

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 423

St. Denio

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon or Priest*

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.

**10:30am Service;** please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee, cookies and conversation hosted by Susi Roessler, Shelley Urban, and Zoey Espinosa.

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday,—Friday **7:30am - 8am** via ZOOM ONLY.  
**Meeting ID:** 218 094 8164 **Passcode:** 682287

**GATHER & GOSPEL** meets **Tuesdays at 10:00am** on Zoom and in person, led by Fr. Jim or Janine Bethel. A weekly time of fellowship, storytelling, and engaging conversation centered on the life of Jesus in the four Gospels. Together we'll explore Scripture in a relaxed and welcoming setting — asking questions, sharing insights, reflecting on what the stories mean for our lives, and even enjoying a few laughs along the way.

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY** is at **11:00am** in the Parish Hall in person and via the ZOOM link which is sent out by email on Monday evenings. Everyone is invited as we discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. **Meeting ID:** 218 094 8164 **Passcode:** 682287

**CARD GROUPS** If you are interested in joining one of our card groups, contact Linda Sanders [linsnd8@aol.com](mailto:linsnd8@aol.com) to sign up for Canasta, or Linda Holt, [boblindah@yahoo.com](mailto:boblindah@yahoo.com) to sign up for Bridge.

**RETIREES MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY** of each month. Next luncheon will be **June 16 at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**BOOK CLUB** Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 18, at 11:00am**. Contact Becky Callahan, [tbcallahan@aol.com](mailto:tbcallahan@aol.com), with any questions.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**10:30 NURSERY** We have a nursery downstairs for anyone interested. Your children are also welcome to stay with you during the service.

**AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS** will be held this **Friday, June 5**, 9:00am-4:00pm. Taking this class offers discounts on car insurance. Sign up in the Narthex or Parish Hall.

**GAME NIGHT** All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 20** at **4:00pm**. Bring a friend, your favorite game and a snack to share.

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY JUNE 14. This month we will be collecting “Everything Pasta!”** Pasta & meal kits: spaghetti, macaroni, any pasta shape, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, shelf-stable pasta kits for Sharing and Caring Food Ministry in Rabun County. Please bring your food items to the basket in the Parish Hall.

**THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR 2026** 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to host Coffee Time after the 10:30am Sunday Services. We especially need people in **June**. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet above the coffee pot. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions.

**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](mailto:admin@stjamesclayton.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**June 27:** Annual Shrimp Boil

**August 16:** Bishop Rob Wright joins us for worship and lunch.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

May 31-June 7, 2026

### Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:30 am Holy Communion

**4:00 pm Game Night**

7:00 pm AA

### Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm AA

### Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

**10:00 am Gather & Gospel**

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

1:00 pm Canasta

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

10:30 am Holy Communion

7:00 pm AA

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## MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Jim Clayton

Bread: Dee McElroy

Altar Guild Set Up: Debbie & Nick Nicholson

**8:00**

**10:30**

<b>VPOD or *Opener</b>	Ann Inman	Shelley Urban
<b>Deacon</b>		Susi Roessler, ELCA
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ann Inman	
<b>Eucharistic Server</b>	Janine Bethel	Matt Price
<b>Lector</b>	Janine Bethel	Lynda Ann Price
<b>Intercessor</b>	Janine Bethel	Susi Roessler
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Joel Daniel	Becky and Tom Callahan
<b>Announcements</b>	Ann Inman	Shelley Urban
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Debbie & Nick Nicholson	Lynda Ann Price Bonnie Klinect
<b>Video</b>		Jim Clayton
<b>Tellers</b>		Kathleen Johnson Terry Klinect



**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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