



ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA



**Alleluia! He is Risen!
The Lord Has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
The Second Sunday Easter**

April 27, 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 494

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Diademata

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! He 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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

Lector A reading from Acts of the Apostles

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, **"We must obey God rather than any human authority.** The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 150

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
 praise him with lyre and harp.

4 **Praise him with timbrel and dance; ***
 praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
 praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 **Let everything that has breath ***
 praise the Lord. 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 1:4-8

Lector A reading from The Revelation to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. **"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 178

Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard
Deacon Susi Roessler

Silence

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

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, Maggie and Bob Hatcher.

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 Donna, Maurice, Bimi, Pete, Kathleen, Margaret, Addie, Bonnie, Mary, Chase, Brian, Dirk, Leonard, Phyllis, Wayne, and Felicia.

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially, Pope Francis.

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

Day by Day

Stephen Schwartz
Tim and Sharyn McCabe

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, 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

Tim and Sharyn McCabe

I am at Peace Today

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

Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Verse 1: Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Verse 2: Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Verse 3: His kingdom can not fail, He rules both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Verse 4: Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

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.

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

REGULAR PROGRAMS

“CASUAL CONTRARIAN BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS” will continue **Monday, April 28th 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 29th, at 10:30am**, led by Fr. Jim and/or Matt Price.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, May 15th, 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 20th 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

LINE DANCE FITNESS WITH SAM Saturdays at 9:45am in the Parish Hall, \$5. per person.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Email: admin@stjamesclayton.org • Phone: 706-782-6179

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 **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. 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.

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.

MESSENGER OR BULLETIN CONTENT Please email Sam in the office by end of day **MONDAY** for any content to be included in the Messenger, scheduled to go out every other Thursday, or the service bulletin which is printed on Thursday mornings.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 27-May 3, 2025

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 pm Holy Communion
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 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: Flower Guild
Bread: Linda Barden
Altar Guild Set Up: Debbie and Nick Nicholson

	8:00	10:30
VPOD or *Opener	*Marcus Booker	Bethany Weisser
Deacon		Susi Roessler
Eucharistic Minister	Marcus Booker	Dirk Brown
Eucharistic Server	Kathy Booker	
Lector	Kathy Booker	Kathleen Johnson
Intercessor	Kathy Booker	Dirk Brown
Usher(s)	LT Scott	Karen Carroll
		Tim Burns
Altar Guild	Debbie and Nick Nicholson	Karen Carroll Marian Martin
Video		Shelley Urban
Tellers		Kathleen Johnson Dick Metzgar



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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