



ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

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

April 19, 2026
8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

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

The Reverend Sam Buice, 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. 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.

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 182

Truro

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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 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

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.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Lector A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
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

1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector A reading from The First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Bunessan

Baptized in Water

Verse 1: Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Verse 2: Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with His rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Verse 3: Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are His children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then

one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Sam Buice

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.

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, Mike Shahan; and Lynda and Alan 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 Ingrid, Cindy, Karen, Melanie, Mike, Kay Lee, Bimi, Yvonne, Dustin, Karen, Ryan, Michael, Kay, Brita, Taylor, Craig, Rafael, Roland, Pam, Heather, Kendall and Sara May.

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

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

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 B

BCP 367

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 (*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.

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 (*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 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

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 296 Engelberh

We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More

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 Lynda and Alan White.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

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

HOLY CASSEROLE CONVERSATIONS We will explore many subjects on Monday night at our Holy Casserole Conversation. Please come and enjoy the food, fellowship and conversation, **Mondays May 11 and 18, at 5:30pm.** Sign up to bring a casserole, bread, salad, or dessert in the narthex.

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 to sign up for Canasta, or Linda Holt, boblindah@yahoo.com to sign up for Bridge.

RETIREES MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Next luncheon will be **Tuesday, April 21 at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us for a very special meeting on **April 30 at 11:00am** to host our own Dirk Brown to discuss his book "The Road Lessons Traveled". All are welcome. Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

ANYONE WHO HAS STARTED ATTENDING and would like to **join the church**, email Sam at admin@stjamesclayton.org. We will be receiving new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

GAME NIGHT All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall at **4:00pm on Sunday, April 26**. Sign up in the Narthex or Parish Hall, bring a friend, your favorite game and a snack to share.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to host Coffee Time after the 10:30am Sunday Services. We especially need people in **May**. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet over 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.

CELEBRATE MOMS WITH LOVE & CARE We will be collecting women's personal care items on April 19 & 26. Join us on May 3rd during Coffee Time and help us create beautiful, thoughtful bags to be distributed at First Impressions Clothing Ministry. Items we're collecting: shampoo & conditioner, soap & body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothbrushes & toothpaste, face moisturizer.

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.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 10-26, 2026

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
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 am Gather & Gospel
12:00 pm Retirees Lunch at Ishy's
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 & Bridge
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: Betsy Elsas

Bread: Francis Daniel

Altar Guild Set Up: Debbie & Nick Nicholson

8:00

10:30

VPOD or *Opener	*Tracy Cagle	Shelley Urban
Deacon		Susi Roessler, ELCA
Eucharistic Minister	Tracy Cagle	
Eucharistic Server	Ginny Heckel	Shelley Urban
Lector	Ginny Heckel	Shelley Urban
Intercessor	Ginny Heckel	Susi Roessler
Usher(s)	David Tatum	Becky & Tom Callahan
Altar Guild	Debbie & Nick Nicholson	Lynda Ann Price Betty Cobb
Video		Jim Clayton
Tellers		Terry Klinect Chris Adams



Flowers This Week

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Lynda and Alan White in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



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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