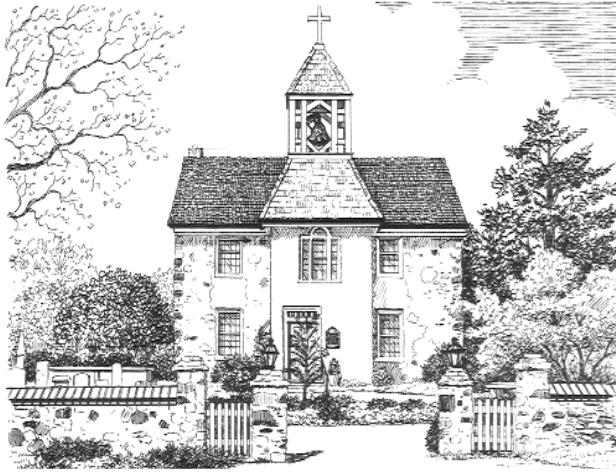


# Saint James' Episcopal Church

## Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of the Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Day of Pentecost:  
Whitsunday

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH MILLCREEK HUNDRED**

St. James' Episcopal Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one.

On Sundays, we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". As we worship together, please also remember and hold in your prayers all the saints who have gone before us as they rest from their labors in the surrounding graveyard. Their work and ministry has helped bring us to this place.

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY**

**Prelude**     “My Spirit Be Joyful”

J.S. Bach

**Opening Hymn**   Hail thee, festival day!

**Hymn 225**

*Celebrant*     Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

**Glory to God**

**Hymnal S 278**

*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.*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**



## The First Reading ~ Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

*People*      **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”**

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs —

*People* **“In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

*People* **“What does this mean?”**

But others sneered and said,

*People* **“They are filled with new wine.”**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

*A member of the clergy concludes the reading.*

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual ~ Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**BCP 735**

***Benedic, anima mea***

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

### **The Second Reading ~ Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for

adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** Come down, O Love divine

**Hymn 516**

**The Gospel ~ John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*People*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about

sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<i>Reader</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ben Rockwell



## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*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 Father 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, the Father of 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that the souls of the faithful departed, through your mercy, may rest in peace.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of you Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power  
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## **Announcements**



**Offertory** I will not leave you comfortless  
Carl Fischer – CM 441 (1934)

Everett Titcomb

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP pg 372**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;  
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light  
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all  
things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to  
rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you  
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence,  
they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and

giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,  
and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

***Sanctus***

**Hymnal S 130**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To

fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, With blessed James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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**

**Hymnal S 154**

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

**Communion Hymn** We know that Christ is raised and dies no more  
**Hymn 296**

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP pg 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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 Priest may bless the people.*

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by  
pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his  
blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.  
**Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon  
the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make  
them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to  
proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear  
witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Concluding Hymn** All creatures of our God and King

**Hymn 400**

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please be aware that we are recording this service in its entirety. Any talking can be picked up by the microphones. So, please save your conversations for outside the church or after the completion of the music after the Dismissal. Thank you.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: St. Paul's Church, Camden; The Vestry Leadership and Parish.
- In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our Senior Warden, David Niehaus, Junior Warden, Carol Bruno, and all members of the vestry.

For those in the parish who have special concerns, especially: Paula, Cathy Mathia, Dot, Jerry, Ed, Joe, Brady and Cindy, Aram, Anne H., Jim H, Sandy C, Sheron H., John and family, Nancy A, Carolyn A., Valentina, Andy, Gary, Tracy, Kevin, Tara, Lucy and Olivia, John Z. and Gayle's other brothers, Debbie M, Robert, Dan and family, Jerry, William, Dottie, Dave C., Gail and family, Daniel, May, Keith A., Nancy A, Karen B., Christine, Matt S., and Diane, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

May Barbara Bowser be welcomed into your loving kingdom and rest in peace.

For all who serve in the military at home and abroad, especially Ed Burdick.

Guide Father Ben and our Vestry in all they do in their service to our parish family.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Seth, Josh, Kay, Peter, John, Father Jim, Eileen, May, and Hayley.

### **IT'S TIME FOR A FUN FILLED BINGO NIGHT**

#### **The 2024 Claudia White Memorial Bingo Night Will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 In the St. James' Parish Hall**

Games will start at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. As in the past, there will be a \$10 donation for 10 Bingo Games. There will be prizes for game winners, everyone will receive a Door Prize, a 50/50 Drawing will be available, and there will be a variety of refreshments.

Call Nancy Patterson, (302) 239-7649, if you have any questions, and to let us know if you plan to attend our Bingo Night. **Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your seats no later than Monday, June 10, 2024.**

All proceeds are donated to the St. James' Claudia White Memorial Fund. Repairs and renovations to the Parish House were very close to Claudia's heart and the money raised is used to help maintain the Parish House.

We hope you and your friends will join us for a fun filled evening with family and friends.

***The St. James Bazaar Ladies are looking forward to seeing you on June 17<sup>th</sup>!***

### **LEMONADE IN THE CIRCLE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Thank you to everyone who hosted Coffee Hour this year. We will be starting Lemonade in the Circle on May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to bring lemonade and snacks on a Sunday this summer, please speak to Eileen Marvel.

## **EMMANUEL DINING ROOM ~ MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

In months with thirty-one days (January, March, May, July, August, October, and December), members of St. James' gather together to prepare and to serve meals for people at Emmanuel Dining Room. For years this ministry was largely funded by the gifts of an anonymous parishioner, but some time ago this person went on to their great reward. Since that time this ministry has been funded out of our operating budget and smaller donations, and our Emmanuel Dining Room volunteers have done a great deal with those limited resources.

Sustaining this ministry at the current level, though, does require extra funding. If you'd like to give to this ministry, please mark "Emmanuel Dining Room" in the memo line of a check or contact the Parish Office for more details.

Thank you for your consideration and for all of your ongoing support of the many outreach ministries at St. James'.

## **PRAYER TEAM UPDATES**

The prayer team continues to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails or calls to the church office at 302-994-1584, to individual members of the prayer team, or requests left in the prayer basket in the church foyer. We collect the prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world. They are compiled weekly and then these requests are lifted up in the daily prayers of the team members. All are welcome and encouraged to share their prayers.

For those who have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email your prayer needs and request to Carolyn Mack at [cdmack37@gmail.com](mailto:cdmack37@gmail.com) or call 302-565-8675

### **SERVING TODAY**

Celebrant: The Rev. Ben Rockwell

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Pam Smith

Eucharistic Minister/

Chalice Bearer: Margaret Russ

Lector: David Perry

Director of Music: Keith St. John

Videographer Dick Prettyman

Ushers: Steve Prescott

Ian Prescott

Vestry Greeter: Chuck Haywood

Counters: Susan Winward

Dick Prettyman



