



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book);

Hymnal numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 292

Please stand as you are able.

“Oh Jesus crowned with all renown”

KINGSFOLD

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Please remain standing.

Presider Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 *Sung at 10:45 am.*

HYMNAL S278

All 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.

KYRIE ELEISON *Sung at 10:45 am.*

HYMNAL S98

Presider Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Presider Lord have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 17: 22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though

indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 66:7-18

BCP 674

Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. The choir or the cantor sings the Psalms at 10:45 am.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I
was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the first book of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned,

those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

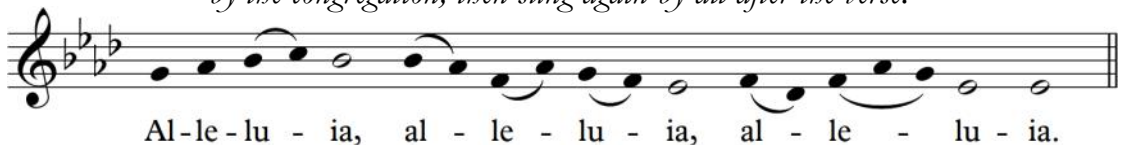
For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SEQUENCE *At 10:45 am the alleluia is sung by the choir, repeated by the congregation, then sung again by all after the verse.*



Cantor Christ is risen and hath shewed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious blood.

As the Gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND DEBORAH HILL

At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able.

All **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 VI BCP 392

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

<i>Leader</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Leader</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Leader</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<i>People</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
<i>Leader</i>	For all bishops and other ministers;
<i>People</i>	For all who serve God in his Church.
<i>Leader</i>	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
	<i>Silence. The People may add their own petitions.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Hear us, Lord;
<i>People</i>	For your mercy is great.
<i>Leader</i>	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
	<i>Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	We will exalt you, O God our King;
<i>People</i>	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
<i>Leader</i>	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
	<i>Silence. The People may add their own petitions.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
<i>People</i>	Who put their trust in you.

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Peace of Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.
After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

All God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union, and who blessed the partnership of this couple (*these couples*) remembering their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The announcement section concludes with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

“If ye love me”

THOMAS TALLIS

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 198

Please stand as you are able and the ushers bring the People’s offering to the altar.

“Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise”

MACH’S MIT MIR, GOTT

THE PRESENTATION *Please remain standing.*

Presider All things come of you, O Lord.

All And of your own have we given you.

Please remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in

every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Sung at 10:45 am.*

HYMNAL S128

All

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.

Presider

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming**

Presider

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our

eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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 FRACTION *Spoken.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please remain standing or kneeling.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 323

“Bread of Heaven on thee we feed”

JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please remain standing or kneeling. Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

See next 2 pages.

LEVAS 60

Please remain standing.

“How great thou art”

STUART K. HINE

THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Andy Houltberg, Presiding

The Rev. Deborah Hill, Preaching

Dakota Bennett, Organist

St James Choir

Altar Guild

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Acolyte - Malachi Biffle

Lector - Gary Maycher

Lector - Kim Hain

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM

Acolyte - Jay Price

Chalice Bearer - Amber Newlin

Lector - Jeffrey Newlin

Usher -

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Acolyte - Eve Moore

Chalice Bearer - Korbin Painter,

Rick Milhon

Lector - Bert Clark

Lector - Joan Bledsoe

Usher - Deb Hager, Gene Bledsoe

Livestream - John Robison



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



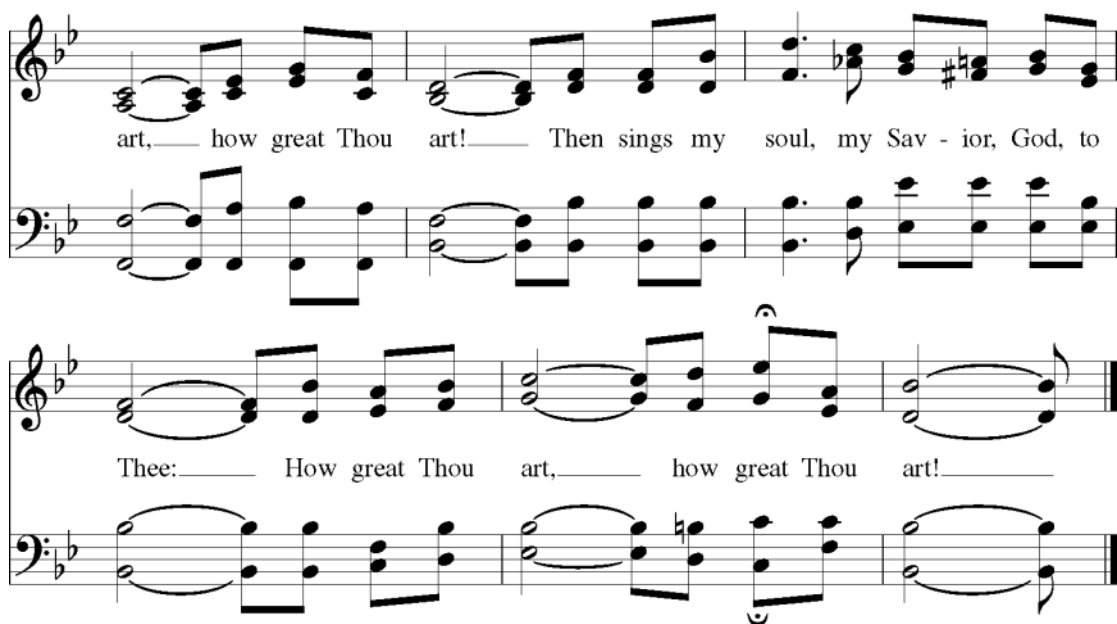
1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou



* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."



The altar flowers today are given in Joyous Celebration and Thanksgiving for Deacon Deedee Evans who is celebrating her 90th birthday today and also Mother's Day. Deacon Deedee was actually born on Mother's Day 90 years ago.

The flowers are given with much love by her children David & Lori Evans and Denise Evans & Chuck Gorney, as well as her 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Also, in loving memory of Ryan Reep (11/3/93-05/10/22) on the anniversary of his death by his family.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, MAY 11

4:00 pm - Centering Prayer
6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 pm - EfM
6:30 pm - Scouts Troop #506
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts #3506

TUESDAY, MAY 12

11:00 am - Staff Meeting
5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish)
3:30 pm - Executive Committee
5:30 pm - Bell Choir
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:00 pm - The Book Club of
St. James/ St. Stephens
5:30 pm - Finance Committee
5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon
6:30 pm - Scouts Troop
Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am - Creation Care
1:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish) II
5:30 pm - Worship Service
7:00 pm - 'Book of Will' tech

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:30 am - Worship Service
9:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish)
9:15 am - Coffee Break
9:45 am - Adult Forum
10:45 am - Worship Service
11:30 am - Phoenix Al-Anon
12:00 pm - Family of young
children luncheon
12:00 pm - Daughters of the
King
12:00 pm - Youth Group at
St. Stephens
5:30 pm - Choral Evensong &
Reception
7:00 pm - 'Book of Will' tech
rehearsal



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Life-Giving**

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Weekly Eucharist Services

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Adult Forum

Every Sunday at 9:45 am
(except second Sundays)

Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel

First Sunday of each month,
starting at 9:30 am

Youth Ministry

Sundays at 12:00 pm at St.
Stephen's

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**WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU
FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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