

# St. James Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist

March 31, 2024

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### The Opening Hymn Hail thee, festival day! (H175)

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival day!  
blest day that art hallowed forever, day whereon Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death

1. Lo, the fair beauty of earth,  
from the death of the winter arising!  
Every good gift of the year  
now with its Master returns: [Refrain]

2. He who was nailed to the cross  
is Lord and the ruler of nature;  
all things created on earth  
sing to the glory of God: [Refrain]

3. Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with glory of blossom;  
heaven her gates unbars,  
flinging her increase of light: [Refrain]

4. Rise from the grave now, O Lord,  
who art author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death,  
life thou bestowest on all: [Refrain]

5. God the Creator, the Lord,  
who rulest the earth and the heavens,  
guard us from harm without,  
cleans us from evil within: [Refrain]

6. Jesus the health of the world,  
enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
only-begotten of God: [Refrain]

7. Spirit of life and of power,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that dost lighten all,  
life that in all dost abide: [Refrain]

8. Praise to the Giver of good!  
Thou Love who art author of concord,  
pour out thy balm on our souls,  
order our ways in thy peace: [Refrain]

#### Hymn tune (verse differences)

##### Hail Thee, Festival Day

Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day that art hal-lowed for ev - er.  
Day when our Lord was raised, break - ing the king - dom of death.

1. All the fair beau - ty of earth from the  
3. God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the  
5. Spir - it of life and of pow'r, now

death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good  
rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, Guard us from  
flow in us, fount of our be - ing, Light that en -

gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns.  
harm with - out; cleans us from e - vil with - in.  
light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bid.

2. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of  
4. Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our  
6. Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
minds great Re - deem - er. Son of the Fa - ther su -  
Au - thor of con - cord, Pour out your balm on our

death, new life you give to us all  
days, on - ly be - got - ten of God,  
or - der our ways in your peace.

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## ***Liturgy of the Word***

*Our service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People His mercy endures forever. Amen.*

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**

*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 Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

*People And also with you*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

#### **Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **The Response**

#### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

#### ***Confitemini Domino***

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Church.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn** The strife is o'er , the battle done (H208)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shout of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!  
Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.  
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to *John*.

*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Gospel of the Lord

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him,

and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*People                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**                      *Pastor Steve Quist*

## **The Nicene Creed page 358**

*We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and 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 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 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 dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People page 392 Form VI**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Craig our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions)*

Reader Hear us, Lord;  
*People For your mercy is great.*

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People And praise your Name forever and ever.*

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(The People may add their own petitions)*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People Who put their trust in you.*

### **The Confession page 360**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 your Name. Amen.*

*The Bishop, when present, or 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 page 360**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

## **Offertory**      Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary (H190)

1. Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary,  
Christ has risen from the tomb;  
on the cross a suffering victim,  
now as victor he is come.  
Whom your tears in death were mourning,  
welcome with your smiles returning.  
Let your alleluias rise!

2. Raise your weary eyelids, Mary,  
see him living evermore;  
see his countenance, how gracious,  
see the wounds for you he bore.  
All the glory of the morning  
pales before those wounds redeeming.  
Let your alleluias rise!

3. Life is yours for ever, Mary,  
for your light is come once more  
and the strength of death is broken;  
now your songs of joy outpour.  
Ended now the night of sorrow,  
love has brought the blessed morrow.  
Let your alleluias rise!

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and forever. *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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

## Post Communion Hymn Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (H205)

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Good Christians All, Rejoice 307

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is risen to-day; death's might-y stone is  
3 We praise in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life, which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a-way: let ev-ery tongue re-joice and say:  
can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:

*Refrain*  
"Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!"

*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 Blessing**

**Recessional**     Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! (H207)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## **The Dismissal**

**Priest:**     Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**     *Thanks be to God.*