



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Processional Hymn 205** “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

*Gelobt sei Gott*

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

*BCP p. 355*

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria in excelsis: S-278**

*William Mathias*

**Collect of the Day**

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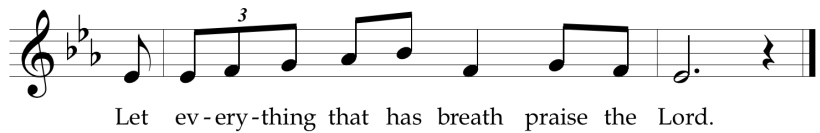
**The Lessons:**

**Acts 5:27–32**

*NRSV, p. 998*

Psalm 150

**Antiphon** *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



**Psalm chant**



*All sing the psalm verses  
and repeated antiphon.*

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

**ANTIPHON**

Praise him with the blast of the / **ram’s-horn**; \*  
    praise him with lyre and / **harp**.  
Praise him with timbrel and / **dance**; \*  
    praise him with strings and / **pipe**.

**ANTIPHON**

Praise him with resounding / **cymbals**; \*  
    praise him with loud-clanging / **cymbals**.  
Let everything that has / **breath** \*  
    praise the Lord. Halle-/lujah!

**ANTIPHON**

**Revelation 1:4–8**

*NRSV, p. 1119*

**Sequence Hymn 194** “*Jesus lives! thy terrors now*”

*St. Albinus*

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31**

*NRSV, p. 991*

**The Sermon**

*The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

MT. LEBANON CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER LABYRINTH COMING TO MT. LEBANON  
CHAPEL THIS SUMMER

After months of careful deliberation and planning, the St. James Vestry and Lebanon Chapel Labyrinth Committee are pleased to announce plans to install a labyrinth on the grounds of Mount Lebanon Chapel. This quiet, simple, and tranquil location adjacent to Bradley Creek offers the perfect setting for our parish family and community-at-large to “grow in faith” for many years to come.

Early on, our Committee decided to seek funding for the Labyrinth from individuals rather than from our church budget, ideally to spiritually connect as many St. James parishioners as possible to this project and place. Therefore we are looking to individuals – from toddlers to adults – to support this project. Cookie Cantwell enthusiastically requested, on behalf of the Youth at St. James, to make the first contribution to the Labyrinth Account, and they have done so in the amount of \$5,000! A big thank you to Cookie and our St. James Youth Group! Our plans include recognizing donors in a meaningful way on the Mt. Lebanon Chapel property.

*If interested in more information about the Labyrinth and/or the Labyrinth budget, please contact Kay Dougherty: kdougherty@thehill.org or 484-919-8261*

*To make a gift, please contact Maria Hollopeter by email: [finance@stjamesp.org](mailto:finance@stjamesp.org) or 910-763-1628 or visit: [stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/](http://stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/)*

*Pictured to the right: 1) Example of the labyrinth selected, 2) Installation location between the All Saints Memorial Garden and Bradley Creek, and 3) Our wonderful team of volunteers who helped clear the grounds for the new labyrinth.*



they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



FAITH FORMATION TODAY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- DISCIPLES CLASS - Great Hall - Meade Horton van Pelt, Executive Director of the Joanne Carter Harrelson Center, will present “Community Transformation”
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Green Room - Stay tuned for more!

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- PRESCHOOLERS - Preschool Classroom
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Yoga Room - Break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!
- 6th - 12th GRADERS - Youth Room - “Confirm not Conform”

Nursery Available during the Christian Faith Formation hour.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 25-29

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, APRIL 25

- SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
5:30 PM | Cantwell Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- MEN’S AL ANON  
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th St.
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON  
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, MAY 1

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & CONFIRMATION  
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- ONLINE LIVE STREAM  
9 & 11:15 AM | Website or FB
- PARISH WIDE CELEBRATION  
10:10 AM | St. James
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES SILENT ACTION BEGINS ONLINE  
8:00 PM | 32Auctions.com

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Grapevine is April 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	R.S. Thatcher
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Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;  
‘Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joys to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu’s resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, not the tomb’s dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing

John Damascene, trans. J.M. Neale

Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3)	“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”	Old 100th
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The Fraction Anthem

Cantor

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



Communion Hymn 206	“O sons and daughters, let us sing!”	O filii et filiae
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Closing Hymn 492	“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”	Finnian
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Postlude:		



*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sam Mann.*

**The Collect**

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

**Acts 5:27–32**

*Commentary:*  
*The apostles were uniquely qualified to lead the early church. Not only were they eyewitnesses to the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, they were now empowered by the Holy Spirit as they taught, preached and ministered. Peter and the other apostles took seriously their responsibility to tell about Jesus, to the point of ignoring the authority of the high religious court, the Sanhedrin. Peter, as spokesman for the apostles, did not attempt to defend their civil disobedience, he simply stressed their duty to submit to God’s authority rather than to man’s. Peter called on the religious leaders to obey God by believing in His Son, so that they too could receive the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit.*

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

**Revelation 1:4–8**

*Commentary:*  
*Revelation, the record of John’s apocalyptic visions, was primarily written to encourage suffering believers and was initially sent to seven churches in the Roman province of Asia. The overarching theme of Revelation is the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ over all enemies and the establishment of His earthly kingdom. In this passage, John greeted the churches in the name of the eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit. John ascribed everlasting glory and dominion to Jesus Christ, who is the subject and the object of these visions. The God of Revelation is the Alpha and the Omega, He is the Lord of time, past, present and future, He is faithful to His promises and powerful enough to bring every promise to fruition.*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31**

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

*continued*