



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 205

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE WORD OF GOD

## Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Collect for Purity

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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.**

## Hymn of Praise: 193

*Puer nobis*

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out — with fair - er light,  
2 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy - self — our hearts pos - sess  
3 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live;  
when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ri - sen Lord.  
that we may give thee all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
to God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Commentary: On Pentecost, Peter, newly indwelt by the Holy Spirit, addressed the assembled crowd in Jerusalem. In this part of his speech, Peter cited two proofs that Jesus was the Messiah: His miracles and His resurrection. Jesus' miracles bore witness to the fact that God had empowered Him and His ministry. Peter pointed out that Jesus' crucifixion had been no accident but was part of God's eternal plan. It was impossible for death to hold Jesus because He had committed no sin. Jesus had not personally earned the wages of sin, but He voluntarily took upon Himself the sins of others. Peter referred to Psalm 16 as Old Testament prophecy of Jesus' resurrection.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 16

"Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you"

*Conserva me, Domine*

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



Protect me, O God, for I take / **refuge in you;** \*

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all / **other.**"

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the / **land,** \*  
upon those who are noble among the / **people.**

### Antiphon

But those who run after other / **gods** \*  
shall have their troubles / **multiplied.**  
Their libations of blood I will not / **offer,** \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my / **lips.**

### Antiphon

My boundaries enclose a pleasant / **land;** \*  
indeed, I have a goodly / **heritage.**  
I will bless the Lord who gives me / **counsel;** \*  
my heart teaches me, night after / **night.**

### Antiphon

I have set the Lord always be-/**fore me;** \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not / **fall.**  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re-/**joices;** \*  
my body also shall rest in / **hope.**

### Antiphon

For you will not abandon me to the / **grave,** \*  
nor let your holy one see the / **Pit.**  
You will show me the path of / **life;** \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for ever-/**more.**

### Antiphon

## The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3–9

NRSV, p. 1105

*Commentary: This epistle is only 105 verses long, but it is a microcosm of Christian faith and duty. It was written to Gentile Christians living in the Roman province of Asia Minor. Peter wrote to encourage his readers, who were facing persecution for their faith, to stand firm (see 1 Peter 5:12). In this passage, Peter called on his readers to praise God for their salvation, which cannot be destroyed by any enemy, or stained by evil, or decayed by time. Peter reminded the people that present troubles were temporary and brief, but eternal joy lay ahead. Besides that, believers could experience joy now because even in trials, they have hope, faith and love.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 194

“Jesus lives! thy terrors now”

St. Albinus

## The Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

NRSV, p. 991

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

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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, 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

## The Nicene Creed

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*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The response to each petition:*

...Our Lord and our God, **Have mercy on us.**

## The Peace

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

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Thomas Foster; *arr.* John Sullivan

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!

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!

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.

*~Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles, alt.*

## Presentation Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *fourth stanza only*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To  
 God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in One,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **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 him thanks and praise.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...*

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:

**Sanctus**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

John Sullivan

*Organ:*

*All sing:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**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**

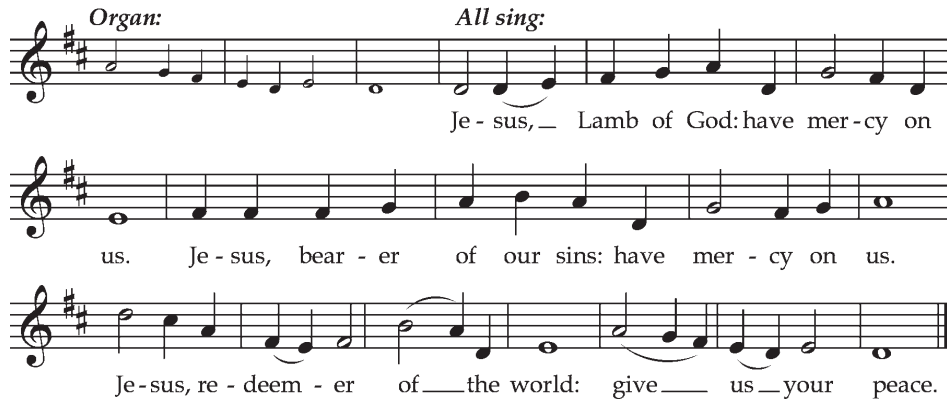
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*Cantor* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



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

*Organ:* *All sing:*



Je - sus, — Lamb of God: have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of — the world: give — us — your peace.

**The Communion of the People***Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.***Communion Hymns**

<b>Hymn 209</b>	"We walk by faith, and not by sight"	<i>St. Botolph</i>
<b>Hymn 188</b>	"Love's redeeming work is done"	<i>Savannah</i>
<b>Hymn 178</b>	"Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

**The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 492**

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

*Finnian***The Dismissal**

*People* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*  
*Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of*  
*Andrew Abbott McArtor and Rebekah Gentry.*



# THE ST. JAMES YOUTH 2023 SILENT AUCTION

To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, The "Silent Auction 2023" will be held Sunday, May 14 - 17 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

We are writing to ask you for a donation to this Auction. Entries can be "one-of-a-kind" items, such as jewelry, original works of art, vacation homes, hunting or fishing opportunities. Gift certificates from local restaurants, entertainment opportunities, legal, medical and automotive services, tickets to college or professional sports events, gourmet dinners and cocktail parties are always popular items.

Please USE YOUR IMAGINATION and have fun with your ideas. And..... YES! You may write a check! Please make it out to "St. James Youth Ministries." Each item that is donated and each check that is written will be used to help other people while we learn so much from them! Oh, YES! You may also donate an item/service/beach house/mountain house/ boating experience/cooking class..... use your imagination. All donations, financial, items, experiences, etc. will be greatly appreciated and used for helping out world be a better place.

We thank you in advance for your help and your support. We thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. **Please have all gifts / donations at the church by April 19** so we can publish the exciting list of items and their donors in the ST. JAMES MAY GRAPEVINE.

**Don't forget to mark your calendars for our ONLINE SILENT AUCTION, May 14 - 17 so that you can join the fun! Watch for further details about this event and TELL YOUR FRIENDS to reserve these dates so they, too, can BID and WIN! If you have any questions, please call us. Thank you!**

**PAST ITEMS DONATED:** Mountain Home, Beach Home, Cooking Class, Boating Experience, Cabins in the Woods, Wine, Babysitting, Smocked Dress, Sonicare AirFloss Pro, Soil Treatment, Premium Car Wash for ONE Year, Handmade Baby Quilt, Paintings, Vasectomy, Crystal Lamps, Jewelry, Homemade Ice Cream, Chiropractic Adjustment, Gift Certificates, Meals delivered to your Home, Flower



Arrangements, Caramel Cake, Gift Certificate to Restaurant of your Choice, Dolls, Interior Design Services, Dog Training, Cooked Smoked Pork Shoulders, Dinner for 20 people, ETC. USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

**DONATION DEADLINE: 4/19**  
**BIDDING BEGINS: 5/14**  
**BIDDING ENDS: 5/17**



## ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH WORSHIP IN ACTION

Several exciting and wonderful experiences await our St. James young people, their friends and adults who accompany our young people on their journeys of faith. This summer many of our young people will be serving God through Outreach & Mission.

During 2023 - 2024, our young people and adults will be participating in Outreach Opportunities and Projects within Wilmington & in other places within our world. Already we have collected over 300 stuffed animals to give to children who will benefit having a snugly stuffed toy nestled up next to them.

"Glory Ridge" in Madison County will be our week long outreach opportunity where we will repair homes, begin to build a home for one of the families for whom we have worked whose home burned to the ground a little over a month ago.

In July, fifteen of us will fly to Ecuador to repair, build, share, learn and worship with our new Ecuadorian friends and we will learn about their history and culture. Historically, St. James has been a leader in helping people who have need that can be met by our gifts and talents.

During the coming year, our youth will be experiencing Episcopal worship in a variety of traditions and cultures, providing Bible School for children, and renovating and building homes, schools, and churches. As a result of our activities we hope to come away with a keener sense of God at work in us both here in Wilmington and in the world.

## FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS** - Helping Our Neighbor: The Healing Place of New Hanover County Guest - Speaker: Brian Mingia, Director of The Healing Place of NHC - *The Lippitt Room or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS** - What does it mean to love self? - *The Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie's Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3's & 4's): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

## TONIGHT

- **SJP YOUTH: SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** April 16 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | *Lee Perry Hall & The Youth Room*
- **FULL-COURT FELLOWSHIP** April 16 | 7:15-9:00 p.m. | *Lee Perry Hall*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.-FRI., APRIL 16-21

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

#### **SJDS CLASSES RESUME**

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- VESTRY MEETING  
5:15 PM | Tatum Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

- MEN'S AL ANON  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTL.  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor
- COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL UNITY MEETING  
7:00 PM | Zoom

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30-8:30 PM | Graham Parlor
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00-8:30 PM | Choir Room

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE BEGINS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR  
10:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- ADULT CONFIRMATION  
3:00 PM | St. James Parish
- YOUTH GROUP  
5:00-7:00 PM | Youth Room & Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.  
The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

*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.*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

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