



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 483

“The head that once was crowned with thorns”

St. Magnus

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

Sine Nomine

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast:
death has no more do - min - ion ov - er him.
though Ad - am's tres - pass dooms all flesh to die,

for - sa - king sin, we share the bread of truth,
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
in Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.

Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36–41The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 994

Commentary: Speaking to a Jewish audience in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, Peter declared that Jesus, although crucified, had been raised again by almighty God. Peter's listeners, convinced by the logic of his words, now realized that they had rejected the Messiah for whom they had been expectantly waiting. In answer to their question, Peter told the people to repent, to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, and to be baptized as an expression of faith and commitment to their Lord.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1–3, 10–17*read responsively by whole verse**Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
 because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 **The cords of death entangled me;
 the grip of the grave took hold of me; ***
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
 "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 **How shall I repay the LORD ***
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ***
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
 is the death of his servants.

14 **O LORD, I am your servant; ***
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ***
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
 Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17–23*NRSV*, p. 1105

Commentary: In this part of the epistle, Peter urged his readers to live holy lives since all will stand before God for an evaluation of our works. Another incentive to holy living is the example of the life and death of Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice who redeemed us from our former way of life. Christ has redeemed us, and because God the Father raised Christ and gave Him glory, our response to God can and ought to be both reverent and confident, even if we are called to suffer for our faith. Obedience to the truth of the gospel produces in believers a sincere love for other people.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 495

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”

In Babilone

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13–35

NRSV, p. 966

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus’ disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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:

...Stay with us, Lord Jesus,

And set our hearts on fire.

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

W.H. Monk, *arr.* Malcolm Archer

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
 The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
 Change and decay in all around I see;
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

~Henry F. Lyte

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

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****Hymn 306**

“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

*Sursum Corda***Hymn 343**

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

*St. Agnes***Hymn 344**

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

*Sicilian Mariners***The Postcommunion Prayer**

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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 296

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

*Engelberg***The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.****Postlude**

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Guest Organist & Choir Director: Martha Hayes*

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

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

BISHOP VISIT: ADULT CONFIRMATION & HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, April 23 | 3:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

St. James is happy to announce that The Rt. Rev'd Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be at St. James on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. to administer the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Baptism. All are warmly welcome!

MEALS ON WHEELS - SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Sunday, April 30 | 7:30 a.m. | Perry Hall Kitchen

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, April 30th and we need volunteers to deliver meals to elderly and shut-ins! **Anyone willing to drive a route or bring cookies or grapes is greatly appreciated.** If you are able to help us pack, please plan to be in the Perry Hall Kitchen by 7:30 am on the 30th. For those planning to bring supplies or food items, please know donations need to be in Perry Hall no later than Thursday, April 27th! If you are willing and able to participate, please contact mollyroush@hotmail.com or Nancy Burgess at nlbplus21@gmail.com.

SPRING NEWCOMER LUNCH & CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 30 | 12:30-1:45 p.m. | Great Hall - RSVP Requested

Sunday, April 30, Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Spring Lunch and Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 11:15 a.m. service, at around 12:30 p.m. We'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of food and fellowship. Come get to know the St. James clergy and other members of our parish family in a relaxed atmosphere. Following lunch, we'll form smaller groups for campus tours. Guides will take you through the campus and introduce you to classrooms and meeting spaces. You will also receive information about programs and ministries offered at St. James Parish. Time commitment is about an hour and 15 minutes. Since a meal will be served, an RSVP is kindly requested. Please email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org to let us know you plan to attend. Childcare is available with your advance reservation.

QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Saturday, May 6 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Our lives, our communities, our world is noisy. We are bombarded all day long with much that asks for our attention. There is little space to slow down, be quiet, rest our spirits. Just as we need air to breath, water to drink, food to eat for our survival, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing needs silence and undistracting spaces to think, to rest, simply to be still, to listen for the moment of the Spirit. If your spirit longs for this kind of quiet and rest, join us at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on the first Saturday of each month, beginning April 1 for a time of quiet and refreshment. The quiet is from 7:30-8:30 AM. You are welcome to come for as much or as little of the hour as you wish. There will be interludes of quiet piano music during the hour. Some poems and prayers will be provided should you wish to have something to read in the silence, or bring your own reading material. There are no rules about how to do this, just an invitation and an offering to a beautiful, sacred space in which to sit and rest. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Questions – email Linda at lindamurchison65@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS UNDERWAY

Please help our 2023 Youth Ministries Outreach and Mission. We thank you in advance for your help and your support. Also, we thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. If you do not feel that you can donate an item / service for the auction, we will be pleased to accept cash donations as well! Please have all gifts / donations at the church by April 30th so we can publish the exciting list of items & their donors. Make plans to bid! Online bidding will begin May 14 at 8:00 p.m. following our "Come and See Dinner" and run through May 17 at 8:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS CLASS** - Gathering with Disciple's Class to participate in "Helping Our Neighbor and Ourselves: Dealing with Mental Health Issues" Speakers: Marion Gittings and Louise Coggins- *The Great Hall or via Zoom*
- **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

- **BISHOP SKIRVING VISIT: ADULT CONFIRMATION & HOLY BAPTISM** *April 23 | 3:00 p.m. | St. James Parish*
- **SJP YOUTH: SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** *April 23 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Lee Perry Hall & The Youth Room*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 24-28

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30-8:30 PM | Graham Parlor
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00-8:30 PM | Choir Room
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GATHERING
7:00-8:30 PM | The Hodsdon Home

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

MEALS ON WHEELS DAY

- 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
- SPRING NEWCOMER LUNCH & CAMPUS TOUR
12:30 PM | Great Hall - RSVP Requested

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 1st Digital Grapevine is Friday, April 28th.
The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 24th. Email 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.*

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