



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 518

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

*Westminster Abbey*

## 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Acts 7:55–60**The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1001

*Commentary: Stephen was a Hellenistic Jew who was brought before the Sanhedrin on a charge of slander- ing Moses and God. In his speech before the ruling council, Stephen did not present a personal defense; instead, he defended the new way of worship that Jesus taught and which His followers embraced. Stephen's speech infuriated the members of the Sanhedrin, who were ready to kill him. But Stephen's attention was elsewhere; he beheld a vision of the throne room in heaven, with Jesus standing at the right hand of God. The religious leaders, in their outrage, began stoning Stephen, and Saul of Tarsus was there, giving his approval. Stephen died as Jesus did, offering prayers for his executioners.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

**Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16***read responsively by whole verse**In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
    let me never be put to shame; \*  
    deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; \***  
    **make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
    for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
    for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \***  
    **for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
    for you have redeemed me,  
    O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 **My times are in your hand; \***  
    **rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
    **and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
    and in your loving-kindness save me.

**The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10***NRSV*, p. 1106

*Commentary: Peter wrote to encourage hard-pressed Christians, and he urged them to continue living out God's plan and purpose for them. Peter said his readers should grow like babies, desiring and nourished by the pure spiritual milk that is the Word of God. Greater consumption of God's Word is the key to spiritual growth. Not only is Jesus Christ the source of spiritual sustenance, He is the believer's foundation, the living Stone. Peter saw*

*the church as a living temple to which God was adding with the conversion of every new believer. Each Christian has an individual purpose and also a corporate purpose, which can only be fulfilled in community with other Christians. In the church, God created a new body of people to worship, intercede and minister before Him and to bear His light to the world.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 699**

“Jesus, Lover of my soul”

*Aberystwyth*

**The Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14**

*NRSV*, p. 984

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

**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:*

...Make your face to shine upon us,                      **And in your loving-kindness save 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

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Arthur Sullivan

## 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!

## The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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*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.**

## Agnus Dei

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Sullivan

*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 487	“Come, my Way”	<i>The Call</i>
Hymn 484	“Praise the Lord through every nation”	<i>Wachet auf</i>
Hymn 312	“Strengthen for service, Lord”	<i>Malabar</i>

### 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 525** “The Church’s one foundation”

*Aurelia*

### The Dismissal

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

### Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. Donald Brock Koonce, Mary Bellamy Koonce, Michael Corbett Stovall, Jr.*



# ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY: OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS!**

*Thursday, May 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Graham Parlor*

Ever wonder what the Education for Ministry program is really like? This May brings the perfect opportunity to find out! Our EfM classes are hosting two Open House Nights. On Thursday, May 11th, at 6:30 pm, join us in the Graham Parlor to come and see for yourself. We very much look forward to having you share in a night of study with us and discern if next year's EfM incoming class is an answering of God's call for you. Have questions? Please reach out to Karen Clark at [clark11@gmail.com](mailto:clark11@gmail.com).

### **SJP YOUTH HOST: PARISH MOVIE NIGHT - "BREAKTHROUGH"**

*Sunday, May 7 | 5:00 p.m. | The Great Hall*

Sunday night, May 7, at 5:00 pm we will be watching the movie, "Breakthrough" in The Great Hall. It is a true story that will inspire and amaze you. Recommended for 6th - 12th graders and all interested adults. We will also have a "Pop Corn Extravaganza", a wide variety of popcorn flavors to enhance our movie experience. Hope to see y'all there. Have questions about this event? Please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

### **SJP YOUTH SUNDAY**

*Sunday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m. | St. James Parish*

Join us at the 9:00 Worship Service for a special time of gathering led by our St. James Youth. Following that service, we'll gather for a time of fellowship and celebration of our Seniors. In the evening, we will kick off our Annual Silent Auction with a "Sip'N'See" night in Perry Hall. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and Cash and Carry will go to support our Youth Outreach Projects. Please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

### **2023 SILENT AUCTION**

*Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. - May 17 at 8:00 p.m. | Online*

The St. James Youth Silent Auction is on the way! To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, the fundraiser will be held Sunday, May 14 - 17 8:00 p.m. EST. In addition to the online auction, we'll be hosting a "Cash and Carry" shopping opportunity with small items available for purchase on the Youth Hall. We're so excited to see so many wonderful items, services, and experiences available for bid! We encourage you to share the auction with your friends so they, too, can BID and WIN! Have questions? Please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

### **BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME IN MAY**

*Sunday, May 21 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Maynard Home*

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in May! The Maynard & Colonna Families have teamed up to host this great event. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. We will have juice boxes, water, and some beer and wine.

### **PENTECOST AT ST. JAMES & MT. LEBANON CHAPEL**

*Sunday, May 28th*

Mark your calendars! The season of Pentecost brings so many reasons to celebrate. On Sunday, May 28th, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit among us and the birth of the Church. We wear red in honor of the fire that descended on that first Pentecost so long ago. For our parish family, we will also celebrate the return of the Rev. Cheryl Brainard from her "May Away" and the opening of Mt. Lebanon Chapel for Summer Worship!

## FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS** - "Susan Ingle's Recent Trip To Israel" - Speaker: Susan Ingle- *The Lippitt Room or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS CLASS** - What does it mean to love our neighbors? - *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*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MAY 8-12

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

### MONDAY, MAY 8

- VESTRY MEETING  
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S RETREAT  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | RSVP Requested

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP  
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Location TBA

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - YOUTH LED SERVICE  
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
- SJP YOUTH: SIP'N'SEE EVENT  
5:00 PM | Perry Hall Youth Wing
- 2023 SILENT AUCTION BEGINS  
8:00 PM | online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 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.*

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