



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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| Opening Acclamation | The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323 |
| The Collect for Purity | p. 323 |
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| The Collect of the Day | p. 172 |

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 4:32–35 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 997

Commentary: Immediately preceding this passage, Luke wrote that the Holy Spirit filled the early church, resulting in a sense of unity among members of the body. The unity of the believers extended beyond spiritual matters to physical and material concerns; people owned personal possessions but did not consider them private possessions. Instead, they shared what they had with each other. Their sense of responsibility toward fellow believers was motivated by love, not law. The early Christians demonstrated their faith by works as well as words, and their central, all-important message was the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *read responsively by whole verse*

Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 **It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 **It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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Gluten-free wafers available upon request

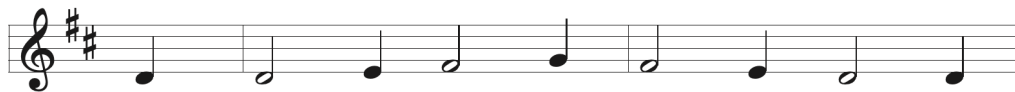
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The Blessing

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.**



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with re - dience glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out— with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 wound - ed hands—and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 thou thy - self— our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 thee, who, dead,— a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ri - sen Lord.
 wit - ness gave that Christ was ri - sen from the grave.
 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

The Dismissal

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 8-12

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- COHI CONTINUING EDUCATION
5:00 PM | The Home of Happy Clark

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00 AM - 12:00 pm | Green Room

Wednesday Continued.

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- EVANGELISM COMMISSION MEETING
11:00 AM | Tatum Parlor
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:45 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- IGNITE! YOUTH GATHERING
5:00 PM | Youth Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the April 15th Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, April 12th.
 The deadline for the May Grapevine Magazine is April 29th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.



Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Guest Organist: Kira Garvie

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH LED: BOOK DRIVE

Due April 15

Through April 15, all are invited to participate in a book drive benefiting the Cape Fear Literacy Council and The Harrelson Center. The Cape Fear Literacy Council, in particular, is in need of new or gently-used books for children about fire safety. They will be coordinating with Wilmington Fire Departments to distribute these books to local children. Both groups are in need to children's and young adult books, they are also in need of kids and adult coloring books and materials. Books for all ages are welcome! You may donate by placing your books in the donation boxes around campus on Sunday mornings or by bringing them to the church office during office hours. If you have questions about the drive or a potential donation, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

NEWCOMER CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 11:15 AM

Save the date! Sunday, April 21, Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 10:15 a.m. service, at around 11:30 a.m. We'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship and we'll form smaller groups for campus tours. We have some tremendous guides lined up. Our Downtown Parish Tour Guides will take you through the campus and introduce you to classrooms and meeting spaces. Childcare is available with advance registration. Please email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org to let us know you plan to attend.

MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE

April 25 - 28, 2024 | Departure: Thursday, 10:00 AM | Return: Sunday, 4:00 PM

This April, the St. James Men on a Mission will travel to Marshall, NC to get Glory Ridge ready for summer 2024. They will also as make some light construction improvements on behalf of the folks in the very impoverished surrounding area. They plan to send a team of 20 MoM members and male adult guests who are ready to serve in this way. No construction skills are needed, but you will need to be able to navigate the uneven paths and terrain of the camp. A \$100 per registrant fee will help cover the costs of food, lodging in the cabins, and transportation. Visit the MoM Page on the St. James website to learn more, donate, or register! stjamesp.org/mom-gr24

ST. JAMES COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL UNITY

Saturday, April 27 | 9:00 - 11:30 am | Great Hall

All are warmly welcome to the Committee for Racial Unity's quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 - 11:30am with a light continental breakfast starting at 8:30am. During our time together, we will hear from Church of the Servant's Racial Equity project, explore Becoming Beloved Community- a framework developed by the National Church, and spend time evaluating our committee's goals and vision for the future. We are open to all, so whether you have already been to some meetings or are new and looking to engage, we would love to see you on April 27!

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: BONHOEFFER IN A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY

Tuesdays, April 16 - May 7, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

The St. James Speaker Series is pleased to announce a very special upcoming four-part evening series on the writings and work of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Led by Bonhoeffer scholar, Dr. Wayne Floyd (husband of SJP special friend Nancy Jose!), we invite you join us on Tuesdays, beginning April 16 for Bonhoeffer In a Time of Responsibility, a present-day deep dive into the wisdom of one of Christian history's most important figures.

Series installments for April will be held in the Great Hall, 6:00-7:30pm, and will begin with a light dinner, followed by Wayne Floyd's presentation and concluding with a time for questions and brief closing Compline. While the series is open to all, reservations for dinner (\$15 per person) are required. RSVP instructions coming soon!

NOW ACCEPTING ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

In 2024 young people and adults from St. James will be participating in a variety of mission and outreach opportunities, learning new skills, helping other people, strengthening relationships, exploring our world and glorifying God through worship and in our daily lives. 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.

Please help our 2024 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 28th so we can publish the exciting list of items & their donors. Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

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