



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 492

“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness!”

*Finnian*

## 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.**

### Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -  
 ceive our prayer. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

**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.**

**The First 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.

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

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



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

**Psalm chant**



It is like fine oil upon the / **head** \*  
that runs down upon the / **beard**,  
Upon the beard of / **Aaron**, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his / **robe**.

**ANTIPHON**

It is like the dew of / **Hermon** \*  
that falls upon the hills of / **Zion**.  
For there the Lord has ordained the /  **blessing**: \*  
life for ever- / **more**.

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

*NRSV*, p. 1112

*Commentary: John wrote this epistle to encourage believers to appreciate and deepen their fellowship with God. John's readers had not known Jesus personally, and John's desire was for them to enter into, and continue to enjoy, the close relationship with Jesus that His disciples experienced. Indications of fellowship with God include fellowship with one another, confession of sins and trust in Jesus as the perfect atoning sacrifice. Joy is the result of fellowship with God. Because Jesus Christ paid the penalty for all our sins, God's promise of forgiveness of sins is consistent with God's perfect justice.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 195**

"Jesus lives! thy terrors now no longer"

*Mowsley*

*During the Sequence Hymn, the children leave for Children's Chapel*

**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.

*People*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**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:*

...Savior, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **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! Hearts and voices heavenward raise”

*Lux eoi*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts and voices heavenward raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.  
Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on this holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
by his mighty enterprise:  
we with him to life eternal  
by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the firstfruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Savior  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

*tune:* Arthur Sullivan; *arr.* R. Shephard, J. 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:

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 high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. 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**

**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.**

**Fraction Anthem: S-417**

*vv. 1 & 2*

*Festival Canticale*

*Antiphon*  
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might to  
 1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Final Ant.]  
*Final Antiphon*  
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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”	<i>Sursum Corda</i>
Hymn 178	“Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>
Hymn 490	“I want to walk as a child of the light”	<i>Houston</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 193

“That Easter day with joy was bright”

*Puer nobis*

### The Dismissal

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

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

### Postlude



*Celebrant & Children's Chapel: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose*

*Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*  
*Guest Organist & Choir Director: Kira Garvie*

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## 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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) to learn more!

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