



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 3:12–19

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 995

Commentary: The occasion for Peter's teaching in this passage was provided by the healing of a man crippled from birth. This miraculous cure caused a sensation, the opening Peter needed in order to talk about Jesus. Peter proclaimed the power and authority of the Name of Jesus, by which His disciples were enabled to continue His ministry on earth. Faith in Jesus, unseen but present in Peter, had given a crippled man complete healing. The miracle was a demonstration of Jesus' sovereignty, and Peter also pointed out that even Jesus' suffering was foretold by the prophets.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

read responsively by whole verse

Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of Humble Access

in unison

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

in unison

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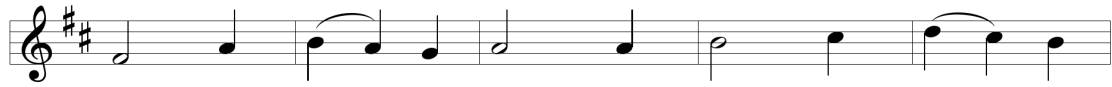
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.**



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The Dismissal



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard ~ Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon ~ Organist: 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 15-19

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- BOOK DRIVE DONATION DEADLINE
4:00 PM | Bacon House
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- SPEAKER SERIES: BONHOEFFER IN A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY
6:00 - 7:30 PM | Great Hall & Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD - INTERIOR HARDWARE DAY
7:45 AM - 2:00 PM | Register Online
- YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE
10:30 AM | St. James Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

YOUTH SUNDAY

- 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
- YOUTH LED: HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
*Reception on the lawn to follow
- NEWCOMER TOUR
11:30 AM | Begins in Great Hall
- GLOVER GATHERING: REMEMBERING THE REV. MORTIMER GLOVER
11:30 AM | Lippitt Room
- WSYO CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT
3:00 PM | Church
- IGNITE! BE THE LIGHT
5:00 PM | Meet in the Perry Hall Parking Lot

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES

YOUTH SUNDAY

CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday, April 21 | 10:15 a.m. Service

Make plans to join us for a special Sunday of worship with our St. James Youth who will be sharing their Faith experiences and their thoughts about spiritual development. We will also celebrate our High School Seniors and hear their plans for their future. Have questions or would like to help support this wonderful time of worship? Reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org. Stick around after the service for a time of fellowship and celebration on the lawn.

NEWCOMER CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 11:30AM | Great Hall

After you've grabbed your goodies from the celebration with our young people, Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Downtown Campus Tour! 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.

GLOVER GATHERING:

REMEMBERING THE REV. MORTIMER GLOVER

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 11:30AM | Lippitt Room

Also following our Youth Sunday service, all are warmly welcome to join the family of the Rev. Mortimer Glover for a time of remembrance on April 21st in the Lippitt Room. We will gather at St. James Episcopal Church following the 10:15 am. Our hope is to collect memories and share stories of Rev. Glover and his time at St. James. Light refreshments are to be served. Have questions about this opportunity or would like to share a story ahead of time? Please reach out to Jane Rippy.

WILMINGTON SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 3:00 PM | St. James Parish

All are invited to join us for a free concert presented by the Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble. Make plans to stop by St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 21st at 3:00 p.m. for beautiful music from our talented neighbors!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- April 27 - Committee for Racial Unity Meeting
- April 28 - Celebrating the Ministry of The Rev. Cheryl & Don Brainard
- April 28 - Bread Breakers Hospitality at Home | The Currin Family
- May 5 - Bishop Visit and Confirmation
- May 19 - Pentecost
- May 26 - Summer services open at Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- June 2 - Parish Picnic and Send-Off for The Rev. Cheryl Brainard

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

Tuesdays Through 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. 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 online.

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 join the Committee for Racial Unity for a time of education and conversation on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 - 11:30am with a light continental breakfast starting at 8:30am. 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! Childcare is available with advance registration.

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