



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 21 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 John 3:16–24

NRSV, p. 1113

Commentary: In these verses, John attempted to answer this question: What does true Christian love look like? The ultimate act of love was that Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. Jesus did this once, but His followers are to lay down their lives repeatedly, in self-sacrificial service for the sake of others. Love for God is manifested by obedience but love for other Christians is manifested by sacrifice. Tangible expressions of self-giving love reveal a believer's essential character. God abides in His people by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, giving them confidence to boldly come before Him now in prayer, and one day face to face.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

read responsively by whole verse

Dominus regit me

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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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 The— King of love my— shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing— wa - ter flow, my— ran - somed
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble— in my sight; thy— unc - tion
 6 And— so through all the— length of days thy— good - ness



1 fail - eth— ne - ver; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he— lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 6 fail - eth— nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1 I am his and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth.
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

The Dismissal



Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon ~ Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. ~ Organist: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Lee Ward, Dorothy C. Davis and Robert T. Davis, Lynn W. Pollock, Adelaide S. Ward

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 22-26

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- ECW- TRAVELING MERCIES - GATHERING WITH REV. CHERYL
5:00 PM | Richardson Home | RSVP

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- SPEAKER SERIES: BONHOEFFER IN A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY
6:00 - 7:30 PM | Great Hall & Zoom
* 6:00 for Dinner - Please RSVP each time
* 6:30 Program Start

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE
Depart at 10:00 a.m. | Register Now
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT SGT ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER
5:00 - 7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE
All Day | Register Now - Glory Ridge

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE
All Day | Register Now - Glory Ridge
- COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL UNITY MEETING
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Great Hall | RSVP Req.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 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
- CELEBRATING THE REV. CHERYL & DON BRAINARD
11:30 AM | Parish Lawn
- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME SERIES KICK OFF
4:00 - 6:00 PM | The Currin Home | RSVP

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

NEWCOMER CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 11:30 AM | 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.

GLOVER GATHERING: REMEMBERING THE REV. MORTIMER GLOVER

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 11:30 AM | 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.

WYSO- 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

- 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

CELEBRATING THE REV. CHERYL & DON BRAINARD

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. | Parish Lawn

After church on Sunday, April 28th, we'll be offering a time of fellowship with the Rev. Cheryl and Don Brainard. While we get to keep them a little while longer (through the beginning of June), we'd like to set aside a time of thanksgiving and fellowship before Cheryl's time away in May. Come and spend some time with Cheryl and Don and enjoy something sweet.

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Currin Home | RSVP

The St. James Bread Breakers are hosting Hospitality at Home in April! The Currin Family is signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcome! RSVP link is up now on the SJP website. If you are interested in helping to host a Hospitality at Home gathering, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

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

Part II - Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00 Dinner | 6:30- 7:30 PM Program

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! RSVP Now online or by calling the church. Childcare is available with advance registration. Have questions? Please reach out to Ginny Woodruff at ginny@vcwoodruff.com.

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