



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

The Lesson: 1 John 4:7–21 NRSV, p. 1114

Commentary: The theme of this passage, sincere Christian love, is central to John's epistle. Christians love as a response to God's own love and to His loving activity in Christ and in the church. Everything God does is motivated by love, because love is God's nature. If God creates, He creates in love, if God judges, He judges in love. The proof of God's love for humankind is that He sent His Son to provide eternal life for us. That demonstration of God's love is our impetus for showing sacrificial love to others. As believers love one another, the invisible God is made visible to the world and love for the unseen God finds expression in love for others.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship him.

25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: ***
“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

27 **For kingship belongs to the LORD; ***
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 **My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; ***
they shall be known as the LORD for ever.

30 They shall come and make known
to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8

NRSV, p. 985

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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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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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.**

Closing Hymn

Where charity and love prevail”

Land of Rest



1 Where char - i - ty _____ and love pre - vail _____ there
 2 With grate - ful joy _____ and ho - ly fear _____ his
 3 For - give we now _____ each o - ther's faults _____ as
 4 Let strife a - mong _____ us be un - known, _____ let
 5 Let us re - call _____ that in our midst _____ dwells
 6 Love can ex - clude _____ no race or creed _____ if



1 God is ev - er found; _____ brought here to - geth - er
 2 char - i - ty _____ we learn; _____ let us with heart _____ and
 3 we our faults _____ con - fess; _____ and let us love _____ each
 4 all con - ten - tion cease; _____ be his the glo - ry
 5 God's be - got - ten Son; _____ As mem - bers of _____ his
 6 hon - ored be _____ God's Name; _____ Our com - mon life _____ em -



1 by Christ's love _____ by love are we _____ thus bound. _____
 2 mind and strength now love him in _____ re - turn. _____
 3 o - ther well _____ in Chris - tian ho - li - ness. _____
 4 that we seek, _____ be ours his ho - ly peace. _____
 5 Bo - dy joined _____ we are in him _____ made one. _____
 6 brac - es all _____ whose Fa - ther is _____ the same. _____

The Dismissal



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
 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 Sam Mann

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

CELEBRATING THE BRAINARDS

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

After the 10:15 a.m. service, 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. today 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.

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

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

Part III - Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

The St. James Speaker Series is pleased to announce this 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 The Rev. Dr. Nancy Josel), we invite you join 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.

NOW ACCEPTING ST. JAMES YOUTH 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 for your investment in the lives of our young people. Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 29-MAY 3

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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 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, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

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

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, MAY 5

BISHOP VISITATION

- 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 & CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 6th Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 3rd.

The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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