



St. James Episcopal Church

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Easter Sunday

*Order of Worship
April 5th, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.*

Preludes: *“Christ Lay in Death’s Bonds” (Pachelbel)
 “Christ Hath Burst His Prison” (Martin)
 “Fanfare on ‘Easter Hymn’” (Wagner)*

Processional Hymn 175: *Hail Thee, Festival Day*

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed forever,
day where-on Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

1. Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns: *Refrain*

2. He who was nailed to the cross
is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth
sing to the glory of God: *Refrain*

3. Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars,
flinging her increase of light: *Refrain*

4. Rise from the grave now, O Lord,
who art author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
life thou bestowest on all: *Refrain*

5. God the Creator, the Lord,
who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without,
cleanse us from evil with in: *Refrain*

6. Jesus the health of the world,
enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
only begotten of God: *Refrain*

7. Spirit of life and of power,
now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all,
life that is all dost abide: *Refrain*

8. Praise to the Giver of good!
Thou Love who art author of concord,
pour out the balm on our souls,
order our ways in the peace: *Refrain*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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*

Hymn 178: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *(Spoken in Unison)*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

St. James Choir: “Angels Visit When We Sing” (Troeger/ Trenney)
with Beth Williams and the Cantate Youth Choir

Second Lesson ~ Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #179: Welcome, Happy Morning (vv. 1-3 before; vv.4-6 after)

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
 hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
 Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
 Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

2. Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
 all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
 bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
 speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. *Refrain*

3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
 hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
 Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
 Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. *Refrain*

4. Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. *Refrain*

5. Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! *Refrain*

6. Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! *Refrain*

The Gospel John 20:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Thomas Trees

Nicene Creed

We believe 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III (BCP 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
That we may all be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for **Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop; Tom our Rector; Art and Sebastiana our Deacons** and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for **Donald our President, Ron our Governor, and Allyson our Mayor**, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We especially remember **Alex Biby, Martha Biby, Kurt Cessna, Rev'd Janet Galbreath, Anthony Gannon, Michael Gray, Court Hintze, Deacon Art Hollows, Tiffinay Meyer Hood, Robin Robuck Manchester, Kelly Rolon, Cynthia Sharer and Karen Sofield.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We especially remember **Paul Smigel**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We offer our thanksgivings for both the newly born, and for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week, especially, **(5th) Kathleen Trees, (6th) Mary Jane Crane, (7th) Charles Doti, (8th) Gary Neumann, (9th) James Soltysiak, (11th) Michael Saylor.** and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage especially, **(5th) James & Wendy Breeden.**

Your own intercessions are invited at this time, either aloud or in the privacy of your hearts.

The Celebrant concludes with the following Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory: *Jubilate Children's Choir "Just As He Said!"* (Manor)

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Celebrant Lift up your hearts
People We lift them to the Lord
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. *(Mass of Creation)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the

God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (*2x Mass of Creation*)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

Celebrant and People

AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (*6x Mass of Creation*)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace. *(Mass of Creation)*

Communion Hymn 193: *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

1. That Easter day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave

That Christ was risen from the grave.

3. O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess
That we may give thee all our days
Th willing tribute of our praise.

4. O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;
From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

5. All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Hymn 335: *I Am the Bread of Life*

1. I am the bread of life;
They who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain

And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up to the last day.

2. The Bread that I will give
Is my Flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live for ever, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

3. Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his Blood,
You shall not have life within you,
You shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

4. I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me,
Even if they die,
They shall live for ever. *Refrain*

5. Yes, Lord we believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God

who has come into the world. *Refrain*

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (Wolfe)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 Celebrant says the Blessing:

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, now and always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 207: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Aleluia!

Postlude: “Toccata in G” (*abr., Dubois*)

The Altra Flowers are given in Thanksgiving for family by Becky & Bill Binneveld.

The Madonna Flowers are given in Thanksgiving for Atticus & Cosmos McEvoy
by Gail Robinson.

The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of Nancy Austin by Dan Austin

Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev'd Thomas Trees **Deacon:** Rev'd Sebastiana Springmann

Altar Guild: (Team 1) Sandy Bonofiglio, Wendy Krauss, Sherry Lash
& Joyce Walworth

7:00 a.m. Service:

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: David Lossing & Sebastiana Springmann

Lector: Margaret Branham

Ushers: Wylie Hill & Jim Logan

8:15 a.m. Service:

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Breeden & David Lossing

Lector: Jeannine Rowell

Ushers: Steve Millett & Stuart Mowatt

10:15 a.m. Service:

Acolytes: (Team 3) Maggie Delgado* Sadie Rae James Anna Delgado

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Kermode & Ted Wolf

Lector: Lara Lahey

Ushers: (Team VII) Terry Crabtree, Phil Rondello, Ed Walther
& Jim Walworth

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Loved Ones

Henry E. (Hank) Boudreau, Jr., Deceased Family Members

*Ford Bowersox, Mildred Bowersox, Fr. Ned Bowersox, Irene Taylor,
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(parents of Cheryl), Paul Dudley, Clare Dudley, Sharon Watson
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<i>Jeff & Stephanie Engel</i>	<i>John & Dottee Engel, Anthony & Rose Genella</i>
<i>Van & Terri Galyon</i>	<i>Our Family</i>
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<i>Bob & Chris Meade</i>	<i>George & Jane Engelhard, Ben & June Meade</i>
<i>Steve Millett</i>	<i>My wife Nadine</i>
<i>Alex, Colten & Joe Northcott</i>	<i>John & Dot Northcott</i>
<i>Eileen Pens</i>	<i>Doug, parents, family & friends</i>
<i>Monika Potter</i>	<i>Loved Ones who have left an imprint on my life.</i>
<i>Bruce & Debbie Saylor</i>	<i>Jeannie Hartman, Fritz Hartman, Jane Saylor, John Saylor</i>
<i>Michael & Denise Saylor</i>	<i>Ike & Joan Saylor, Myra Davis & John Brisach</i>
<i>Richard & Tanina Singeltary</i>	<i>George Lee Singeltary, Mary Singeltary O'Grady, Elizabeth McLean, Harry & Carmen Giarratana, Mary Singeltary, Estella Campbell</i>
<i>Bert & Karen Sofield</i>	<i>Charles Leroy & Jenny Ruth Sofield, John & Martha Sayben</i>
<i>Patti & Ted Wolf</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>

Given by *In Thanksgiving For:*

<i>Margaret & George Bolton</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Charlotte Boudreau</i>	<i>Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren</i>
<i>Ted & Sharon Bowersox</i>	<i>Family</i>
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