



**SAINT JAMES
EPISCOPAL**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2026
10:30 AM**

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

St. James is part of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Anglican Communion—a fellowship of 70 million Christians throughout the world. Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered community proclaiming God’s word, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, lifting our hearts in prayer, exploring and deepening our faith in community, and serving others as Christ came to serve. We welcome all who seek the living God to journey with us. We are a truly diverse group which gathers around one table as one family in the Body of Christ, each a beloved child of God.

We believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. In this sacrament, our unity in Christ is revealed and from it, we draw our spiritual strength.

All are welcome at God’s altar during communion. Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to join with us in receiving the sacrament, regardless of your denomination. If you are not baptized or are in any way uncomfortable receiving communion today, when you come forward, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate you desire a blessing rather than the sacrament. If you are not baptized and would like to be, please speak with a member of the clergy after the service.

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today to continue in the Apostles’ fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Again, welcome, thank you for joining us, and know that we believe in the words of St. Paul who said:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the clergy at the Altar Rail.



Hearing Loop Available: Hearing aid users can activate their T-Coils benefit from this hearing assistance service. St. James also offers assistive listening FM Receivers with ear buds; please make your request to the usher or sound technician

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A GUIDE TO OUR SERVICE TODAY AT



SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship on this Sunday. We know that visiting a new church can be a little intimidating, so we prepared this to help you feel more at home.

There are a lot of books in the pew - which one do I use?

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book found in the pew rack. The Hymnal 1982, the blue book, contains the hymns and service music; numbers with an S are at the front of the hymnal.

Where are the restrooms?

The restrooms are located in the main hall toward the offices. Go through the double doors at the rear of the church and turn left. Continue down the hall and the restrooms are on your right.

A changing station is located in the accessible restroom on the right near the drinking fountain.

I am hard of hearing. Will I be able to hear?

Hearing aid users can activate their T-Coils to benefit from our hearing assistance service. St. James also offers assistive listening FM Receivers with ear buds; please make your request to the usher or sound technician.

Is nursery care available during the service?

Nursery care for children four years old and under is available during this service should you desire it. The nursery is located on the lower level. Children are welcome at all services.

May my children color during the service?

Children are always welcome in all our services and activity bags are available to help keep our younger children engaged during the service. Children's Activity Bags are now located in the corner of the Narthex by the window. Children may choose which activities they'd like to take in their bag. Please return the bag to the basket after the service. There's no need to sort the items when you return them, a volunteer will restock everything for the following Sunday.

When do I stand, sit, or kneel?

Episcopalians sometimes stand, sit or kneel during the service – in fact, different Episcopalians do things differently! The bulletin will suggest standing, sitting or kneeling during different places in the service, but do what you are most comfortable with and what your physical condition allows. We guarantee that someone else will be doing it too!

May I receive communion?

All baptized Christians, regardless of their religious tradition, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church, including children of all ages.

How do I receive communion?

To receive communion, come forward down the center aisle when the usher invites you to. To receive the bread, lay one hand over the other, forming a cross. The bread will be placed in your hand. Consume the bread and when the chalice is presented, grasp the chalice lightly at the foot and guide it to your lips to drink the wine. Another option is to dip the bread in the wine and then consume it. Return to your pew by the side aisle after you have received.

What if I am unbaptized or uncomfortable receiving communion?

If you aren't a baptized Christian or if you are uncomfortable receiving communion for any reason, you are encouraged to come to God's altar for a blessing. Simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. This lets the celebrant know that you would like to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Once you have received your blessing, you can return to your pew down the side aisle.

How can I find out more about St. James?

The most comprehensive way to find out more about St. James is to visit our website www.stjamesgreenville.org. There you will find information about our ministries, leadership and programs. However, the best way to find out more about St. James is to ask! We would love to get to know you better and share with you why St. James is our spiritual home – just ask one of us! If you prefer, you can fill out a visitor card in the pew and a member of the clergy will be in touch.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Please turn off all cellular phones and similar devices.
Be mindful that this service is being live-streamed; the camera and microphones are live during the prelude
and until the end of the postlude. Children are welcome at all services.*

Prelude

All Nature's Song of Praise

Colin Hand

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand.

Processional Hymn

Earth and all stars

Hymn 412

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

Gloria

Hymn S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. 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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be / heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in / life, *
and will not allow our feet to / slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have / proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is / tried.
- 10 You brought us into the / snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and / water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re-/freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my / vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of / rams; *
I will give you oxen and / goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear / God, *
and I will tell you what he has / done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my / mouth, *
and his praise was on my / tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my / heart, *
the Lord would not have / heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has / heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my / prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, *
nor withheld his / love from me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed

Hymn 589

All remain standing.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Hope Anderson

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

**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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray that the power of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Intersessor: Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Draw us into joyful union with you. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution.

The Peace

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

The Earth Adorned

Waldemar Åhlén

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends raises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.

From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life, creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep your word and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever;
God's word remains forever.

All stand.

Presentation Hymn

For the fruit of all creation

Hymn 424

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer D*

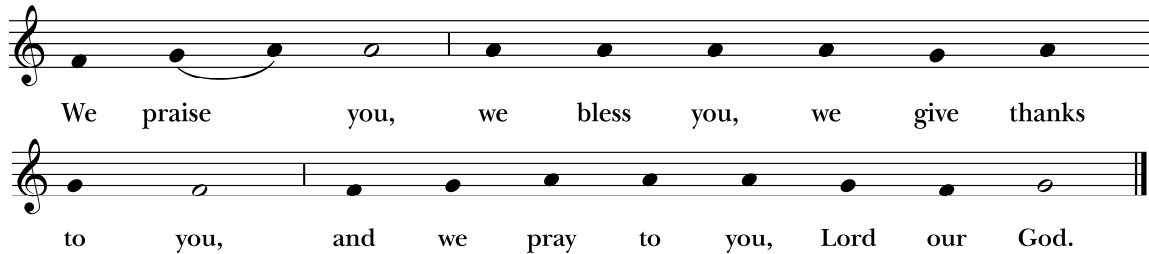
BCP 372

The people remain standing and the Celebrant continues

...Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

Hymn S 140




We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

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The Celebrant continues

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



Celebrant *People*
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn S 119

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Hymn S 171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor:

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Antiphon**
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Antiphon**

Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to receive the sacrament.

All are welcome to come forward to God's altar for a blessing.

At this time parents are encouraged to pick up their children in the nursery and come forward as a family.

At Communion

Love's redeeming work is done

Hymn 189

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymn 292

After Communion, the People standing or kneeling, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

Easter 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.**

Processional Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymn 397

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people and they respond

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

Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott

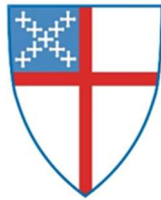
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Setting of Hymn 397

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a welcoming, caring community.*

*We are dedicated to worship, outreach,
fellowship and growth in the service of Christ.*

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