



**Third Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer II
April 19, 2026 10:00 AM**



Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1751 – Today

A trusting community that invites us to find God's light in this beautiful space – through fellowship, music, and liturgy; to find the sacred in ourselves and help others on their journey and to share our gifts with a world in need



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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Prelude Peace Piece for Karen by Michael Mulder **Michael Mulder**

Processional We know that Christ is raised and dies no more **Hymnal # 296**

Sentences of Scripture **BCP 77**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: If then you have then been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Colossians 3:1]

Invitatory and Psalter **BCP 80**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Antiphon

Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia! **BCP 81**

Invitatory Psalm: Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum [1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22] **BCP 83**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Psalm Appointed

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 Dilexi, quoniam **BCP 759**

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord *

for all the good things he has done for me?

- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading **A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles [2:14a, 36-41]**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21: You Are God *Te Deum laudamus*

BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

Lay Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter [1:17-23]

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia! The strife is o'er the battle won

Hymnal # 208

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke [24:13-35]

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Ms. Karen Midkiff

Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

BCP 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrage A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sundays**BCP 98**

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance**BCP 100**

Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being; We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission**BCP 101**

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

O Breath of Life arr. Alan Bullard

The St. James Choir**Announcements****Prayers of the People Form II****BCP 385**

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: Pray for those who have died.

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Anselm, *Archbishop of Canterbury and Theologian* (1109); Hadewijch of Brabant, *Poet and Mystic* (13th Cent.) Toyohiko Kagawa, *Social Reformer* (1960); and Mark, *Evangelist*.

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Mackenzie, Jennifer C., Marissa, Randy S., Fawn, Logan, Michael W., John C., Alan, Linda, Vince P., Mike T., Family and friends of Tom Cikoski, Family and friends of Kevin Smith, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: O God, whose fatherly care reaches

People: to the uttermost parts of the earth:

Reader: We humbly ask you to graciously behold

People: and bless those whom we love, now absent from us.

Reader: Defend them from all dangers of soul and body;

People: and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you,

Reader: may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit,

People: and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

BCP 101

and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you;

People: and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Officiant: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

People: granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness!

Hymnal # 492

Dismissal

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. [2Corinthians 13:14]

People: Amen.

Postlude

Postlude by G. F. Handel

Michael Mulder



Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Celia, Felix, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Carmine S., Liv C.



Upcoming Services and Events

- April 25: **Art for Action** art show and benefit in the Village Hall at 5:30 pm
April 26: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
May 3: *Fifth Sunday of Easter*: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
May 10: *Sixth Sunday of Easter*: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am; Mother's Day
May 17: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
May 24: **Day of Pentecost–Whitsunday**: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am;
May 31: *First Sunday after Pentecost–Trinity Sunday*: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

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INTERFAITH Discussion

April 23, 7 pm

The Dangers of White Christian Nationalism



Kathryn Stewart, journalist & NYT Best Selling Author of *Money, Lies, and God*



The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, PhD, author of *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*



The Rev. James Lynch, Lay Buddhist and Minister in Charge at New York Dharma Center



Hussein Rashid, PhD, Co-Director of Religion and Public Life at Union Theological Seminary, author & NYT award-winning "op-doc"

Join BISHOP ALLEN SHIN and this interfaith panel for a discussion on the Dangers of White Christian Nationalism Thursday, April 23rd 7pm

SAVE THE DATE
Webinar w/ registration soon

