

**Fourth Sunday of Easter:
April 26, 2026, 10:00 AM
Join the Path Forward**

Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus arr. Penelope Rodriguez

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn This is the hour of banquet and of song

Hymnal # 317

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Season Proclamation

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God you made the universe

People: with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies,

Celebrant: and the infinite complexity of living creatures:

People: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation,

Celebrant: we may come to know you more truly,

People: and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose;

Celebrant: in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry,

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

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,

Unison

7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:42-47]

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 612

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter [2:19-25]

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [10:1-10]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mrs. Janet Keyes

Profession of Faith (South Indian), *said together, standing*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

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 Zita of Tuscany, *Worker of Charity* (1271); Catherine of Siena, *Mystic and Prophetic Witness* (1380); Philip and James, *Apostles* (1st Cent.); and Athanasius of Alexandria, *Bishop and Theologian* (373).

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: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our risen Lord;

People: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant:

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [Romans 12:1]

Offertory

Awake, my heart by Jane M. Marshall

The St. James Choir

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.

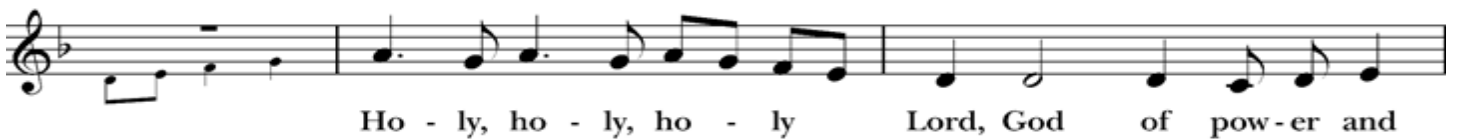
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 we are 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S-129



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Celebrant: 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his 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. **AMEN!**

As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal # 645

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Easter Season Blessing

Celebrant: 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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymnal # 495

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Love Jumped Out by Count Basie

Michael Mulder



Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop and Theologian (373) was born around 295 in Alexandria and was ordained as a deacon in 319. He quickly attracted attention by his opposition to the presbyter Arius, whose teaching that the Second Person of the Trinity was a creature was gaining widespread acceptance. Alexander, the Bishop of Alexandria, took Athanasius as his secretary and adviser to the first Ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325, which dealt with the Arian conflict. Athanasius was successful in winning approval for the phrase in the Nicene Creed which has ever since been recognized as expressing unequivocally the full divinity of the Son: "of one Being with the Father" (*homoousios*). When Alexander died in 328, Athanasius became bishop. He fearlessly defended Nicene Christology against emperors, magistrates, bishops, and theologians. Five times he was sent into exile. He often seemed to stand alone for the orthodox faith. "*Athanasius contra mundum*" (Athanasius against the world) became a by-word. Yet, by the time of his last exile, his popularity among the citizens of Alexandria was so great that the emperor had to recall him to avoid insurrection in the city. Athanasius wrote extensively, including biblical interpretation, theological exposition, sermons, and letters. His treatise, *On the Incarnation of the Word of God*, is a still widely read theological classic, and his work *The Life of Antony* became profoundly influential in the spread of the early monastic movement. In *On the Incarnation*, he writes, "The Savior of us all, the Word of God, in his great love took to himself a body and moved as Man among men, meeting their senses, so to speak, halfway. He became himself an object for the senses, so that those who were seeking God in sensible things might apprehend the Father through the works which he, the Word of God, did in the body. Human and human-minded as people were, therefore, to whichever side they looked in the sensible world, they found themselves taught the truth." Athanasius died in Alexandria in the year 373, after devoting his final years to preaching, writing, and giving spiritual direction. [Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2024]

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., 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, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Jeanette, Dean W., Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Robert, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Bro, Kathleen, Janet, Biran, Nancy Guhrie and family, Annie, Bill



Upcoming Services and Events

- 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
June 7: **Second Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 5:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
June 14: **Third Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 6:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
June 21: **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 7:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
June 28: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 8:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am



The Episcopal Diocese of
NEW YORK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This spring, the Canon team is pleased to invite you into a series of Online Learning Communities designed to support the shared work of ministry across the Diocese of New York.

We know that this is a time of both challenge and possibility for our congregations. *Elevating local communities* is the first of our Mission Priorities.

Equipping lay & clergy leaders is also a Mission Priority. Leadership is complex. Contexts are shifting. And yet, again and again, we see that when leaders gather—across congregations, roles, and regions—new clarity, creativity, and courage begin to emerge.

These Learning Communities are offered in that spirit.

Each gathering is designed as a space for practical tools, shared wisdom, and mutual support. Some are ongoing cohorts that will meet over several weeks; others are single-session workshops focused on a particular area of congregational life. Together, they reflect the breadth of ministry we share: governance, stewardship, property, formation, collaboration, and intercultural engagement.

This spring's offerings include:

- Support for wardens and treasurers serving congregations in transition
- Monthly treasurer check-ins
- A property-focused community
- A series on models of collaboration in ministry

- Confirmation preparation cohorts (adult, youth, and Spanish-language)
- College for Congregational Development (CCD) continued learning
- A cultural and multilingual ministry initiative
- Vestry conversations engaging the Moses Report
- A stewardship workshop for congregational leaders

These communities are open to clergy and lay leaders as appropriate to each topic, and we encourage you to share this invitation widely within your congregation.

We offer these not as programs to complete, but as spaces to join—places where we can think together, learn from one another, and strengthen the ministries entrusted to us.

Registration is open - for full descriptions, dates, and registration [click here](#).

As always, if you have questions about which offerings might be most helpful for your context, please reach out to your Canon.

We look forward to gathering with you this spring.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Canon Alissa Newton, *Canon to the Ordinary*

The Rev. Canon Victor Conrado, *Canon for New York City*

The Rev. Canon Sam Owen, *Canon for Westchester & Putnam Counties*

The Rev. Canon Lisa Saunders Ahuja, *Canon for Dutchess County*

The Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, *Canon for Lay & Clergy Formation*

The Rev. Canon Aaron Hudson, *Canon for Vulnerable Congregations*