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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026, 10:00 AM
Mother's Day
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

Choral by Flor Peters

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

We plow the fields and scatter

Hymnal # 291

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you;

People: you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. [Isaiah 66:13]

Celebrant: Jerusalem above, she is free,

People: and she is our mother. [Galatians 4:26]

Easter Season Proclamation

Celebrant: Christ, you are risen from the dead.

People: We are risen with you.

Celebrant: May our life never deny this eternal life,

People: this peace and hope and joy.

Celebrant: Praise and glory to the God of life

People: who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia!

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 Collects of the Day

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Everloving God, your care for us is greater

People: even than a mother's love for her child;

Celebrant: teach us to value a mother's love

People: and see in it an expression of your grace,

Celebrant: that we may ever feel more deeply

People: your love for us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 674

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.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

- 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.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

○ Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymnal # 292

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [14:15-21]

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 III

BCP 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

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

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops: Matthew and Allen; and all
bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray for comfort
and strength for Dennis Grimaldi-Button.

People: That they may be delivered from their distress;

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest; today, we especially remember the day of Dick
Button's burial, which was May 10th last year.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially Johann Arndt
and Jacob Boehme, *Mystics* (1621, 1624); Frances Perkins, *Social Reformer* (1965);
and Pachomius of Tabenissi, *Monastic* (348).

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

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., Bob F., Larry D., Mary Pat, Claudia, Family and friends of Tom Cikoski, Family and friends of Mike Marshall, 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: Jesus, Son of God,

People: our true and only Savior:

Reader: you died on the cross,

People: a criminal under a curse;

Reader: you are God who forgives.

People: You died helpless, a failure and in pain.

Reader: You are God with whom there is hope;

People: you showed us the greatest love there is;

Reader: for you died for us with the passover lambs.

People: And rose victorious with the archangels.

The Peace *All stand.*

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Susan Marshall called to say that Mike passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 4. Because of Alzheimer's, he has not been present at St. James for a while, but he is remembered fondly as a regular member of the St. James choir and his presence at the annual Auctions.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. [*Hebrews 13:15, 16*]

Offertory Vexilla Regis plainchant

The St. James Choir

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Holy, holy, holy

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 tree of life my soul has seen

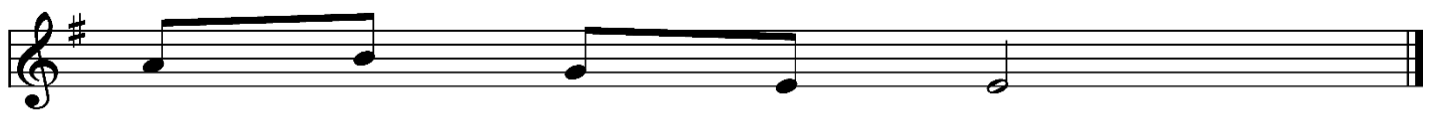
Wonder Love and Praise # 749



1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,	La - den with fruit, and
2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel:	By faith I know, but
3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought,	And pleas - ure dear - ly
4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil,	Here I will sit and
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,	It keeps my dy - ing



al - ways green:	The trees of na - ture fruit - less be	Com - pared with
ne'er can tell the glo - ry	which I now can see	In Je - sus
I have bought:	I missed of all: but now I see	'Tis found in
rest a while:	Un - der the sha - dow I will be	Of Je - sus
faith a - live;	Which makes my soul in hast to be	With Je - sus



Christ the ap - ple tree.

Postcommunion Prayer

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.**

Mother's Day Blessing

Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of strength and patience;

People: yours is the love our mothers showed us,

Celebrant: yours the care we need now;

People: as we learn to care for one another

Celebrant: and to share your love,

People: may it be with our mother we share it first of all.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal # 400

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Postlude by Flor Peeters

Michael Mulder



Frances Perkins, Social Reformer (1965) was an active member of the Episcopal Church and the first woman to serve a President of the United States as a member of the cabinet. Born in Boston on April 10, 1880, and educated at Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University, Perkins was passionate about the social problems occasioned by the continuing effects of industrialization and urbanization. She became an advocate for industrial safety and persistent voice for the reform of unjust labor laws. This work got the attention of two of New York's governors, Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt, in whose state administrations she took part. President Roosevelt later appointed her to a cabinet post as Secretary of Labor, a position she would hold for twelve years. As Secretary of Labor, Perkins would have a major role in shaping the New Deal legislation signed into law by President Roosevelt, most notably

the establishment of the Social Security program. During her years of public service, Frances Perkins depended upon her faith, her life of prayer, and the guidance of her church for the support she needed to assist the United States and its leadership to face the enormous problems of the time. During her time as Secretary of Labor, she would take time away from her duties on a monthly basis and make a retreat at the Episcopal convent of the All Saints Sisters of the Poor in nearby Catonsville, Maryland. She spoke publicly of how Christ's incarnation informed her conviction that people ought to work with God to create a just Christian social order. Following her public service, she became a professor of industrial and labor relations at Cornell University. She remained active in teaching, social justice advocacy, and in the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church. She was an eloquent example of lay ministry, writing that "the special vocation of the laity is to conduct and carry on the worldly and secular affairs of modern society . . . in order that all men may be maintained in health and decency." She died in New York City on May 14, 1965.

[*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, 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, Annie, Bill



Upcoming Services and Events

- 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

Looking for Pentecost Readers

Rev. Judy would like volunteers to read the following sentence in different languages on the Day of Pentecost: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” If you are fluent in a foreign language and would like to participate, please contact Rev. Judy by May 17.