

Worship & Ministry Leaders

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| Usher/Greeter | Barbara A. Mitchell | Phyllis & Jim Foster |
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Bulletin along with your
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional: Hail thou once despised Jesus **Hymnal 495**
Opening Sentence BCP 355
The Gloria S280, BCP 356
The Collect

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. AMEN.

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

The believers 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.

Psalm 23

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.

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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- 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: 1 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, where is the credit in 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.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laura Miller

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
 Prayers of the People, Form III BCP 387
 The Confession of Sin BCP 360
 The Peace BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: The King of Love my shepherd is (vs 1,2,5,6) **Hymnal 645**
 The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
 The Sanctus S125, BCP 362
 The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
 The Breaking of the Bread

*All baptized persons are welcome
 to receive communion at God's holy table.*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: My shepherd will supply Hymnal 664
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
 The Blessing
Recessional: Savior, like a shepherd lead us Hymnal 708
 The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
 in honor of Tina Mitchell's birthday
 by Dave and Dcn. Barb Mitchell.*

Music with permission CCLI # 1152334

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Nigeria, and for the Dioceses of Kentucky and Lexington in Kentucky. In our Diocese we pray for St. Paul's Church in Kinderhook, and St. James' Church in Lake Deleware.

We pray for protection and keeping for Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Birmania, Micki, Canon Meaghan & Dcn. Denny, Tammy, Austyn, Jill, Jennifer, Kathy, David, Danny, Sue, Matt, Ken, Tim, Pearson, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Duane, Jamie, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Loretta Morehouse who celebrates a birthday this week.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Please join us for coffee hour after the service.

Parish Hall needs: Tall kitchen can bags and big garbage bags.

BBQ and Breakfast tickets available at coffee hour. 50% comes back to the church after the Community Block Party.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

Community Dinner - Wednesday, May 13 at Sacred Heart, 5 pm.

May 16, Saturday - Community Block Party. We will have a bake sale and hospitality inside. Volunteers needed!

May 17, Sunday, 10 AM Community worship service followed by All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Caldwell.

May 28-30: Americade parking event. Please sign up for a shift.

May 31-June 11 - Lake George Music Festival

June 7 - Bishop Jeremiah visits St. James.

August 2 - Parish picnic at the rectory at 11 am.