

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: Come my way Hymnal 487
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing
Recessional: Praise the Lord through every nation Hymnal 484
The Dismissal

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Victoria Glandon by Bob Glandon.

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Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Phyllis & Jim Foster	Sally & Elliott Schrieber
Lay Reader	Betsy Birchenough	Scott Cudney
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: Jesus Lives! Thy terrors now Hymnal 195
Opening Sentence BCP 355
The Gloria S280, BCP 356
The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 BCP 622

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me,

you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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: O Praise ye the Lord!

Hymnal 432

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

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 North India, and for the Dioceses of Long Island in New York and Los Angeles in California. In our Diocese we pray for those graduating from college this month and for all hospital and prison chaplains.

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 Fr. Colin, 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 John Hersey and Grace Tucker who celebrate birthdays this week.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

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

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

Parking sign-up sheets are in the parish hall.

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.

July 4th begins our Fireworks Parking events.

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