

*Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Kitty & Steve Lobban	The McGowan Family
Lay Reader	Betsy Birchenough	Mick McDonald
Intercessor	Kit Huggard	Bonnie Magno

## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 27, 2025, 9:00 am*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.  
Please use this Service Leaflet 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!**

**Hymnal 194**

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

The Gloria

S280, BCP 356

The Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

**Psalms 150**

**BCP 807**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
 praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
 praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**Second Reading: Revelation to John 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks**

**Hymnal 178**

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come

to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**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: Rejoice, the Lord is King** Green Hymnal 342  
 The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
 The Sanctus S125, BCP 367  
 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: Now the green blade rises** Hymnal 204  
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
 The Blessing  
**Recessional: This joyful Eastertide** Hymnal 192  
 The Dismissal

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 Rome, and the Dioceses of Iowa and Kansas. In our Diocese we pray for St Paul's in Kinderhook.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, 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 Dinah, Heidi, Charles, Clark, David, Nina, Apryl, Bill, Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

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

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

### *This week at St. James'*

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

**May 3, Saturday, 3 pm.** Installation of Mtr. Laura. Bishop Jeremiah presiding. Please join us to celebrate this new ministry!

**May 4:** Parish Picnic at noon at the rectory.

**Quilt raffle tickets** on sale now! Drawing 10/11/25. \$5 per ticket, or buy 4 tickets for \$20 and get 2 more free! See the quilt in the Parish Hall

### *Weekly at St. James'*

**AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14 at Sacred Heart, 5 pm. Chili, Cornbread & Coleslaw.

**May 17, Saturday** - Community Block Party. We will have a bake sale and hospitality inside. Quilt raffle begins. Volunteers needed!

**May 18, Sunday, 10 AM** Community service followed by All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Caldwell. Tickets on sale now for \$10 - all proceeds go to our church!

**May 29-31: Americade** parking event. Please sign up for a shift.