

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: Come away to the skies Hymnal 213
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: Ye servants of God (vs 3-4) Hymnal 535*
 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	The McGowan Family	Susan & John Joseph
Lay Reader	Mick McDonald	Scott Cudney
Intercessor	Bonnie Magno	Kit Huggard

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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: Ye servants of God (vs 1-2) Hymnal 535*
 Opening Sentence BCP 355
 The Gloria S280, BCP 356
 The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalm 30 BCP 621

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
 and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
 you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
 give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
 his favor for a lifetime.

- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Reading: Revelation to John 5:11-14

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in

because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

The Sermon

- The Nicene Creed
- Prayers of the People, Form III
- The Confession of Sin
- The Peace

The Rev. Laura Miller

- BCP 358
- BCP 387
- BCP 360
- BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B
- The Sanctus
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal 460

- BCP 367
- S125, BCP 367
- BCP 364

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

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Kenya, and the Dioceses of Kentucky and Lexington, KY. In our Diocese we pray for St James' Church in Lake Delaware, St. James' Church in Lake George, and for all who are graduating college this month.

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 Grace, Pat, Rick, 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.

We give thanks for Grace Tucker who celebrates a birthday this week.

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.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Please join us for coffee hour after the service.
Parish Picnic at 11:30 am 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 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 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.