

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Every Sunday we meet in person for worship and live stream our service on our Facebook page for those who are not yet comfortable coming into public spaces. Join us in person or on our Facebook page at St. James' Lake George for

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 9:00 am

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

9:00 am

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

WORSHIP & ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Susan & John Joseph	Kitty & Steve Lobban
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Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.

*Please use this Service Leaflet along with the Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Processional: He is risen!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymnal 180

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy

the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord is triumphed!
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
Has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But

each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

Holy Gospel

Luke 24: 1-12

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Laura Miller

Nicene Creed

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

This morning we give thanks for the joyful news of the Resurrection of our Lord; "Rejoice in the risen Lord."

We pray for the Dioceses of Idaho and Indianapolis, IN.

In our parishes we pray for St. John's Church in Johnstown, and St. Paul's in Keesville.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeremiah, our Bishop; Laura, our Priest; Barb, our Deacon; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President; Katherine, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Lake George and all our neighboring communities, for every city and community and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list and for those we hold in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, and of all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem: Jesus Christ is risen today!

Hymnal 207

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing (if able).

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 God 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus:

Hymnal S125

The people remain standing (if able) and the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. 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.**
And 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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: Come away to the skies

Hymnal 213

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: Come ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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* or *Our* from the bell tower window to use in your daily prayers.

Easter Flowers, 2025

Given By

Betsy Birchenough

Jeremy & Rebecca Bradway

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Patricia Dow

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Steve & Kitty Lobban

In loving memory of...

Bob Birchenough
Bill & Louise Langmore
Bob & Ethel Birchenough

Robert & Louella Bradway
Robert K. Bradway, Jr.
Phyllis Shuler

In Thanksgiving for:
Alanna Bradway

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Jency Cudney
Candace Kelly
Al Bantham
Helen Bantham
Fred Lethbridge, Jr.

Bill Dow
Wilber Dow
Ruth Dow
Lynn Webster

Gus Whalen

Carol & Ben Mollidrem
Maude A. Rahm
Frank & Alice Hotko
Frank D. Hotko
Roger Haugen

In Thanksgiving for:
Our children & grandchildren
Knit Wits
Mtr. Laura & Deacon Barb

Sam & Grace Verbeck
Donald & Barbara Lobban
In Thanksgiving for
Our children and grandchildren

Given By

Bonnie Magno

Mick & Dori McDonald

The Rev. Laura Miller

Larry Miller

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In loving memory of...

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In Thanksgiving for:
Mtr. Laura & Larry
Dcn. Barb & Dave
Bishop Jeremiah

Betty & James Mitchell
Bea Speedy
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In Thanksgiving for:
St. James' Church

Given By

Charles H. Tuttle, II

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In loving memory of...

Members of the Tuttle Family

Louella & Robert Bradway

Robert Bradway, Jr.

Dianne Godfrey

Danielle Hammond

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In Thanksgiving for:

James & Alex Wallace

Jaxsen McGowan

BJ Green

Donna Baker

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

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

The office is closed this week.

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...

May 3, Saturday, Installation of Mtr. Laura. Bishop Jeremiah presiding. Details to follow.

May 4: Parish Picnic at noon at the rectory.

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 \$10.00

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the Dioceses of Idaho and Indianapolis, IN. In our Diocese we pray for St John's Church in Johnsville and St. Paul's in Keesville.

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, Charles, Clark, David, Nina, Apryl, Janice, Bill, Sally, Al, Joe, 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.