Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Susan & John Joseph	Jim & Phyllis Foster
Lay Reader	Scott Cudney	Betsy Birchenough
Intercessor	Kit Huggard	Michele Hotko

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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: Christ the Lord is risen again	Hymnal 184
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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23 **BCP 476**

The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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rector.stjameslg@gmail.com deacon.stjameslg@gmail.com He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;* thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely 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: Revelation to 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Give thanks

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

It was the festival of the Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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 (omit *)	Hymnal 645*
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: 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 Mother's Day by Kitty & Steve Lobban

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in Korea, and the Dioceses of Long Island in NY and Los Angeles in CA. In our Diocese we pray for St Mary's Church in Lake Luzerne, St. Eustace in Lake Placid, St. Hubert's of the Lakes in Lake Pleasant, and for all mothers on Mother's Day.

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.

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. Vestry meeting after church.

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!

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

<u>Weekly at St. James'</u>

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

July 30: Deanery wide picnic at the Hatchery Pond Park in Warrensburg. 5-8 pm. See Dcn. Barb to help.