

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial March

Sir William Walton

Played by Sean Price, organist

(1902-1983)

The flowers on the Altar are given
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for

The Artists of St. James Church

Please stand

Processional Hymn

He is risen, he is risen

Hymn 180

The Greeting (8:15am only)

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

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.**

Leader: Behold! Listen!
Congregation: **This is important!**

Collect for the Community (*Read together in unison*)

Gracious God, strengthen in us the two values that we hold central as a Christian Community. These values are inspired by Jesus' two great commandments. First, we love God or something greater than ourselves with all our hearts and mind, and second we commit to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no boundary or condition to our love and commitment to God or to our neighbor, no matter who they may be. All are welcome in this place. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*Read responsively by the whole verse*)

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.**The Sermon****The Rev. C. Melissa Hall****The Baptismal Covenant (8:15am only)****BCP Page 416****Prayers of the People (8:15am only)****Form III****BCP Page 387****The Baptism****BCP Page 299****OR****Baptismal Booklet***We welcome into the family of God:**Emmeline Woodbridge Saegh-Fleming & Adelia Glaze Saegh-Fleming***The Sharing of the Peace***Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People***And also with you.****Announcements**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Come, Ye Faithful
Sung by the St. James Choir

Reginald Sparshatt Thatcher
(1888-1957)

Doxology

Sung to Hymn 400

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
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Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-155

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymn 306

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Almighty God, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Whether we can be at your table or not, we unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymn 182

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the Sahadi-Knapp family in thanksgiving to St. James Church and all those involved to make it a special place

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Written Word Seminar:** Saturday, April 13th at 10am in the Guild Room
- * **HOLY SPIRIT ART EVENT: Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th at St. James**
 - April 27th at 2-4pm: The Written Word Coffeehouse (opening event) in the Church
 - April 27th at 6:30-8pm: Opening of the Holy Spirit Art Show in the Guild Room
 - April 28th at 4pm: Chamber Music Series: Rose Quartet & Friends Concert in the Church
- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am—3pm Monday—Friday
- * **Little Free Pantry on the Front lawn:** We are in need of sources of protein, especially canned tuna, meats, and peanut butter. Donations can be brought to the church.

THE H.O.S.T CORNER (HERE'S ONE SMALL THING)

I will do this one small thing:

- Write a letter about gun safety to your elected officials
- Come to church as often as I can
- Volunteer for the parish's food insufficiency program
- Sign up for the choir
- Sign up your children for church programming
- Donate food to the soup kitchens
- Give one hour in our thrift store
- Say grace at the dinner table
- Say prayers thanking God for the day at waking and sleeping
- Give one Sunday to help gather this community in worship by being an usher
- Be a Church Reader
- Learn the names of our confirmation class
- Volunteer to work with our teens and youth.
- Offer a ride to church for someone who needs it
- Make a short weekly phone call to the homebound
- Help with social media posts
- Reach out by email to welcome a new member
- Invite a friend to Church
- Talk about our church's good works with others
- Show up to events at the church.
- Say hello to a neighbor
- Volunteer to keep the outdoor food pantry stocked.
- Learn the names of three teens or children in our church
- Say Hello to three teens or children in our church
- Become informed about our town government

Be good stewards.

We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church.