



# St. James' Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday  
with Baptism

**Preacher & Preacher: The Reverend Zach Drennen**  
**Deacon: The Reverend Amy McClure**

**May 19, 2024**  
10:30 AM

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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday- 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## Vestry Members

2024	2025	2026
Emily Chittenden Laird (Sr)	Dave McClure	Dorothy Hunter
Jody Hammond	Jim Owens	Jake Neumann (Jr)
Greg Johnson (Jr)	Bitsy Shaw	Christine Pollard

## Chalicists:

Libby Johnson & Lucie Refsland

## Readers:

Old Testament—Lida Shepherd  
Epistle & Prayers of the People-Sarah Skelding  
Acolyte: Hatcher Skelding

*"The people of St. James' Church are called to love and serve God. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we carry out our ministries through worship, reaching out to those in need, and helping each other and our neighbors understand and live by Christ's commandments."*

## **Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church.**

(Inspired by Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England)

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-healed or down at the heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or down in the dumps, or don't like organized religion (we're not that keen on it either!).

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to look around. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost off of Interstate 64 looking for the State Fair and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters - and especially you....

### **Please come in!**

*A note or two about our worship service:*

All of our worship services are found in our red *Book of Common Prayer* or *BCP* for short.

*Most* of our music is found in the blue Hymnal. Service Music – specific music related to a part of the liturgy – is indicated in your bulletin with an ‘S’ and will be found in the front section of the blue Hymnal. Just to keep you on your toes, we sometimes sing from the green hymnal found in your pews, *Wonder, Love and Praise*, and that will be indicated in your bulletin with the abbreviation WLP.

*About Holy Communion:* You are invited to receive the blessed bread and wine. To receive the bread, hold out your hand and the priest will place the bread in it. Likewise with the wine, help the minister guide the chalice to your mouth and take a small sip, or, if you choose, dip the bread in the small ‘intinction’ cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the chalice bearer will pass by. Those not wishing to receive communion are encouraged come up and receive a blessing from the priest, and we hope you do – we love giving out blessings!

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

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**The Processional**

*“Hail this joyful day’s return”*

Hymnal # 224

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**The Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

**Gloria**

Hymnal # S278

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly

there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 (chanted with the choir)**



- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your / works!\*
- in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full / of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to / number,\*
- crea/tures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Le/viathan,\*
- which you have made / for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to you\*
- to give them their food / in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they / gather it;\*
- you open your hand, and they are / filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are / terrified;\*
- you take away their breath, and they die and re/turn to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre/ated;\*
- and so you renew the / face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for / ever;\*
- may the LORD re/joyce in all his works.

- 33 He looks at the earth and it / trembles;\*  
 he touches the / mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as / I live;\*  
 I will praise my God while I / have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine / please him;\*  
 I will rejoice in the LORD. / Hallelujah!

**The Epistle: Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**        *"Come down O Love divine"*

Hymnal # 516

**The Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Zach Drennen

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate	BCP 301
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Celebrant and People:** We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

**The Peace** (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Announcements

### The Holy Communion

Offertory

Special Music

*“Now let the fire of heaven come down”*

**Doxology: “Lasst uns erfreuen”**

*(standing)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

**Sanctus:**

Hymnal #S128

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**Breaking of the Bread**

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal #S155

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns:** “My Jesus I love thee”

Piano Solo, Lucia Lipton

“Loving Spirit”

WLP #742

“Like the murmur of the dove's song”

Hymnal # 513

“Come to the water”

See insert

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 366

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn**

*“Praise the Spirit in creation” (vs 1,2,3,6)*

Hymnal # 506

**The Dismissal**

### Announcements

*Please join us today for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 Service.*

*Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism as we welcome into the household of God, John Winton New.*

#### **Midweek Service-Wed., May 22 at noon celebrating Helena of Constantinople**

Celebrant: The Rev. Zach Drennen  
Chalicerist: Earl Haddad

Lector: Tom/Ruth Iles  
Meditation-Libby Johnson

**Peterkin Camps 2024-** Peterkin is a Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and hosts summer camps for all ages, including dedicated youth camps as well as intergenerational camps. For registration and more information visit the website at Peterkin.org Summer schedule. Scholarships are available.

#### **Upcoming Events at St. James'**

May 31 @ 6 PM -Amy McClures Ordination, reception following  
June 2 -Bishop's visit with confirmations at 10:30 AM with Coffee Hour  
June 9—Mass in the Grass at 10:30 AM

**QR Code-**Donations can be made online through the attached QR code. Please, point your phone's camera at the code to access St. James' online donation portal.



**To submit a name for prayers, call or email the church at 304-645-2588 or [trish@lewisburgstjames.org](mailto:trish@lewisburgstjames.org) - We pray for our St. James' family:** Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., and David H.

**And for friends and family of the parish—** Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, Carol Waple, Willie, Gerry, Christy, Tommy Sheppard, Karen, Herbert, Kate, Zach B., Sylvia, Ruth Williams, Oretha Morgan, Marshall, Dave, Dakota, Jeff Allen, Teayre K., Mike S., Bob C., the Roth family.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Libby and Greg Johnson.*