



# St. James' Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Preacher: The Reverend Zachary Drennen**

**Celebrant: The Reverend Joseph Lutz**

**Deacon: The Reverend Amy McClure**

**April 28, 2024**

10:30 AM

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

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Emily Chittenden  
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Dorothy Hunter

Jody Hammond

Jim Owens

Jake Neumann (Jr)

Greg Johnson (Jr)

Bitsy Shaw

Christine Pollard

## **Vestry Members**

Chalicians:

Amy McClure and Lucie Refsland

Readers:

Old Testament—Victoria Benedict

Epistle & Prayers of the People—Christine Chwirut

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!



humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22: 24-30(chanted with the choir)**



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;\*  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of / those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him:.\*  
“May your heart / live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;.\*  
and all the families of the nations shall / bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD;.\*  
he rules o/ver the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;.\*  
all who go down to the dust / fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;.\*  
they shall be known as the / LORD’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\*  
the saving / deeds that he has done.

**The Epistle: 1 John 4: 7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**       *"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"*

Hymnal # 448

**The Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Zach Drennen  
**The Nicene Creed** BCP 358  
**The Prayers of the People –Form III** BCP 387  
**The Confession and Absolution** BCP 360

**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** “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” .....arr. Landon

**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:**

“Come gracious Spirit” Hymnal #512  
 “I come with joy to meet my Lord” Hymnal #304

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP 366

## The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

*"In Christ there is no East or West"*

See below

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## The Dismissal



**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, Hannah Toler, Ruth Williams, Oretha Morgan, Marshall, Dave, Dakota, Jeff Allen, Teayre K., Mike S., and Bob C.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary by Dave and Mary Lou Lumsden in by Paul and Colleen Mawicke in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

## Announcements

*Join us today for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service.*

**Adult Forum continues at 9:15 am** on Sundays with the study of “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy Jill Levine

**There will be a dedication of a plaque honoring Dorothy Smith today in the Memorial Garden immediately after the 10:30 service. Dorothy was a beloved member of St. James’ who passed away in 2022.**

### **Midweek Service-Wednesday, May 1 at noon**

The Feast of the Apostles, Philip and James

Celebrant: The Rev. Joseph Lutz

Chalicerist: Sally Lane

Lector: Libby Johnson

Meditation-The Reverent Zach Drennen

**Update on Spring Yard Sale**—St. James’ Spring Yard Sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. **Please do not bring items until after church on May 12 and on Monday and Tuesday of that week.** No electronics please. We will also need volunteers to set up, price, sell and clean up. Thank you.

**Food Locker-** Twice a year St. James' participates in the delivery to shut-ins or otherwise mobility challenged individuals for whom we have been collecting and blessing food all year long. Our turn is coming up on Saturday, May 18. If you are willing and able to help with this delivery, please let Sally Cooper know. We will meet at 7:45am at the Old Stone parish hall on that day. It takes about an hour and is so very appreciated by the recipients.

**Church Work Day Update-**Saturday, May 4, is our opportunity to tackle several work projects. Our Junior Wardens, Jake Neumann and Greg Johnson, have identified a number of things we can do, outdoors and indoors. The outdoor projects have already been assigned to particular volunteers with the skills and equipment and they are either underway or will happen that day. The indoor work will consist of cleaning out/rearranging the large room under Joseph’s office, the four closets in the parish hall, the closet where the acolyte robes are kept and the closet in the 12-Step meeting room. We don’t need a lot of volunteers for this - just a few knowledgeable people who can decide which items need to stay, which need to go in the yard sale, which need to go to the Habitat Restore, and which need to go to the landfill. If you show up to work, in all likelihood you’ll be spending your time going through miscellaneous items in these storage areas. Jody Hammond has generously offered to feed the group lunch.