

St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
&
BAPTISMS



APRIL 21, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Founded in 1812

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WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available beginning at 8:45. The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs – the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. All children under 10 are welcome to come up for a short children's sermon, followed by Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall. Children's Chapel is for ages 4 to 10; however, ages 3 and under are welcome to attend Children's Chapel with a guardian. We will celebrate God's love through music and a brief activity before rejoining our families to take part in the Eucharist.

ST. JAMES' SUNDAY VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE

The Vestry is composed of 12 elected church members who serve a 3-year term as leaders in the parish. The primary responsibilities of the Vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. A Vestry Representative will be in the back of the church before and after each service to answer questions and share more about the exciting things happening at St. James'.

Today's representative is Mike Scott



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

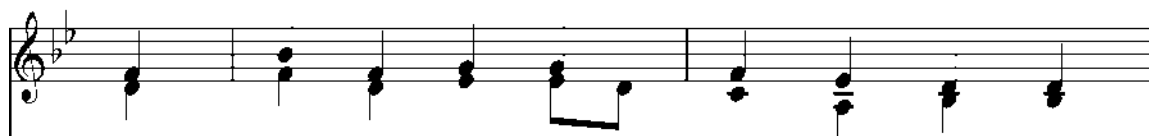
Echo Fantasia

Jan Pietersoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 391

Before the Lord's Eternal Throne

Winchester New



1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast



1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy



1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin

*All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of Fr. Chad followed by
Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 4:5-12

Read by Kathleen Hughes

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFRAIN

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in-to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **[Refrain]**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **[Refrain]**

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **[Refrain]**

You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **[Refrain]**

Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **[Refrain]**

Read by Mike Carren

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing the hymn, and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 343

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnus

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the

shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. CHAD T. MARTIN

THE HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Abel Dylan Goodrich

Milo David Goodrich

Asa Deene Goodrich

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Sponsors We present Abel Dylan, Milo David,
and Asa Deene to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children

Question Will you be responsible for seeing that these children are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Question Will you, by your prayers and witness, help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant, addressing the congregation and invites the people to stand.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

ALL RESPOND

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for Abel, Milo, and Asa who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

An appointed Leader leads the following petitions.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All Amen.

The people may be seated. All children are invited to the front pew for the baptisms.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM, CHRISM & PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon each candidate.

[Candidate's Name], I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross.

[Candidate's Name], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying,

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people stand and greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF SACRED SOIL SOCIETY

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today, I present to you these persons who have accepted a special ministry of caring for God's creation and for the church's natural spaces. Do you reaffirm your commitment to this ministry?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living thing: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we,

remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

MEMBERS OF THE SACRED SOIL SOCIETY

Stacy Cleveland

Claire DeAngioletti

Stephen DeAngioletti

Sherri Dennis

Trudy Gross

Dina Hernandez

Pamela McGraw

Tony McGraw

Catherine Patton

Ellen Pinson

Kim Prevost

Marybeth Sanders-Wilson

Fred Williams

Sandy Wilson

THE OFFERTORY



The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world. You may now make your offering by scanning the QR code on the left.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

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.

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;

Their 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 forever.

The people stand to sing the presentation acclamation and remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION HYMN - 380

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Old 100th

*3 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line, and the lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the text.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S-128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Mathias

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

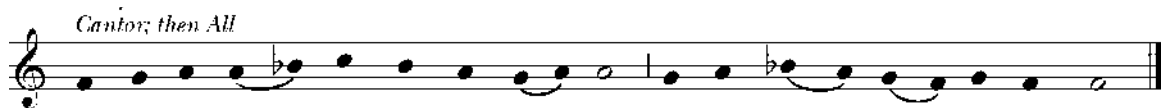
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM - S-167 *Cantor; then all.*

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Mason Martens



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

INVITATION

The people are seated.

Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized to receive the bread and wine at Communion. Please come forward to the altar. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

*During Communion, healing prayers are offered. Please come to the prayer station at the **front** of the Nave with your requests.*

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Hal Hopson

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to save.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our souls now fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 646

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dominus regit me

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 *3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 *4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy purc chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

ORGAN:

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling or standing.

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.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR PRAYER

Celebrant: *N.*, we send you out to share this Holy Communion. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: In the healing name of Christ, and with the compassionate embrace of the family of St. James', we send you forth bearing these holy gifts of our Lord's body and blood. May the one bread and one wine call us into awareness of our unity in the family of Christ. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond **Amen.**

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 334

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen



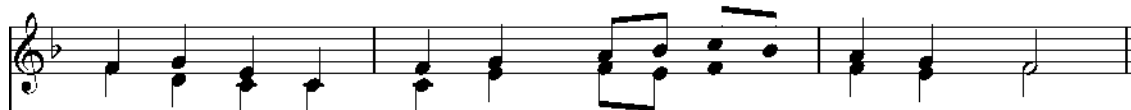
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, cars at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

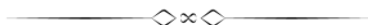
THE DISMISSAL

The minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE:

Organ



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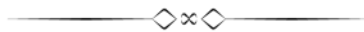
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PRAYER REQUEST'S

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Michael Dowling, Tom Coate, Gale Hudson, Rachele Graves, Ethan Stoller, Bob Menas, The Murphy Family, Joan Eaton, Kaleb Cortes, and McLean Pumphrey.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Emily, Nesbit Hatch, Kenneth Wurster, Bonnie, Jolyon White, Keith Castilon, Kyle P., Ava Blakeslee-Carter, Geri Deane, The Stillman family, Laura Butler, John Powers, Barbara Roark, Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, Carol Connolly, Mary Ellen Hurley, Barb Lash, Walter Krikstan, Scott Clark, Pam Mossburg, Virginia Laughlin, Bruce Bucklin, and Alice Lynn.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: All those impacted by the acts of violence, those affected by COVID-19, the Holy Land, the people of Ukraine and those involved in the Ukraine war, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, April 28 | 9 a.m. | The Parish Hall

Please join us on Sunday, April 28 as we elect our next vestry class, celebrate all that we have accomplished in 2023, and hear more about the exciting things in the year ahead.

*Children's Annual Meeting: Weather permitting, all children are

invited to gather at the playground at 9 a.m. during the annual meeting for a lesson on the church and play time. Drop off and pick up will be on the playground and adjacent lawn.

ADULT SPRING FORUM

Wonder and Wholeness: The Spirituality of Children

Today | 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Join Rev. Marybeth for the second of a 2 part series on the spiritual lives of children and Christian formation, in conversation with Scripture, theology, and social sciences.

Upcoming forum topics include:

May 5 & 12, The Gospel According to the Count of Monte Cristo led by Fr. Chad

May 19, May 26, & June 2, The Nicene Creed led by Michael Fabian

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S FORMATION



Sunday Children's Formation is underway but registration will be open all Spring! All children PreK through 5th grade are welcome to join us on the 3rd Floor of Janney House at 9:00AM. Please use the Preschool staircase across from the Kitty Boyd room. Volunteers are always welcome, including middle and high schoolers in need of service hours. Please contact Rev. Marybeth, msanderswilson@stjamesleesburg.org.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sunday, May 5 | 11:30 a.m. | Community Garden

42748 Edwards Ferry Rd.

Please join us as we gather together to bless this year's crops at our community garden. We will pray for another bountiful harvest that will bless our town and community. Last year we donated over 2,000 pounds of fresh food to Loudoun Hunger Relief. With your help we hope to surpass that amount this year. For more information about this vital ministry and to learn how you may get involved through planting, weeding, harvesting, transporting, or donating, please contact John Jennings at jhjennings@gmail.com or 804-387-4630.

BAPTISM SUNDAYS

Sunday, May 19 | 10 a.m. | The Church

We will offer the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 19, at the 10 a.m. service. If you or a loved one would like to be baptized, please contact the church office at 703-777-1124 or rnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Our 2024 Retreat will be held at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD, on May 24-26, 2024. We have 1 open slot available, and we are also opening a short waitlist. To register or join the waitlist, please email Rev. Marybeth, msanderswilson@stjamesleesburg.org. The retreat fee of \$300 covers 2 nights, with an accessible single room with ensuite bath,

all meals, and meeting rooms. Details on programming will be available in late April.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



August 12-16 from 9am to noon

St. James' will host Vacation Bible School for all children ages 3yrs through rising 5th grade. Registration and more information available at www.stjamesleesburg.org/vacation-bible-school

or scan the QR code

FOR THE CURRENT YOUP SCHEDULE



Scan the QR code or use the link to see the full schedule for YOUP.

YOUP Picnic today | 1:00 p.m. | Youth Room

[https://www.stjamesleesburg.org/family-ministry-pages/](https://www.stjamesleesburg.org/family-ministry-pages/youpschedule)

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PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

Save the date on your calendars for this year's annual Parish Retreat in beautiful Orkney Springs, Virginia from **Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22, 2024**. You'll have time to relax, spend time with your St. James' family, and opportunities for games, hiking, prayer labyrinths, and even salamander catching! More details coming soon! If you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact Dottie Brannock at dglvt@yahoo.com or (703)-431-1820.

UPDATE ON RESTORATION PROJECT

The stone restoration work on our historic church buildings of the Parish Hall and Rittenhouse continues with good progress, even in

the rain! The parking lot elevation is complete with work now occurring on North & Wirt Streets. Witmer is on schedule for a mid to late May completion. No interruptions in access or use of the church properties are anticipated. Our gratitude to Tom Horne and members of the Property Committee (Tom Horne, Howard Moody, Steve Mayo, and Tony McGraw) for their continuous oversight and coordination with Witmer during this renovation. Most especially, we are grateful for the financial assistance and generosity of an anonymous donor who enabled this critical renovation to occur, assuring its presence for many generations. Please contact Tom Horne with any questions or concerns @ thorne1066@verizon.net.

MENS' SERVICE MINISTRY

All men of St. James are invited to join a weekly MSM meeting at **7 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of the Parish House.** The group is now studying the Gospel of John. For additional info or if you have questions, please email Mike Scott at mdscott_2001@yahoo.com

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S HOUR CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 9th after the 10am service

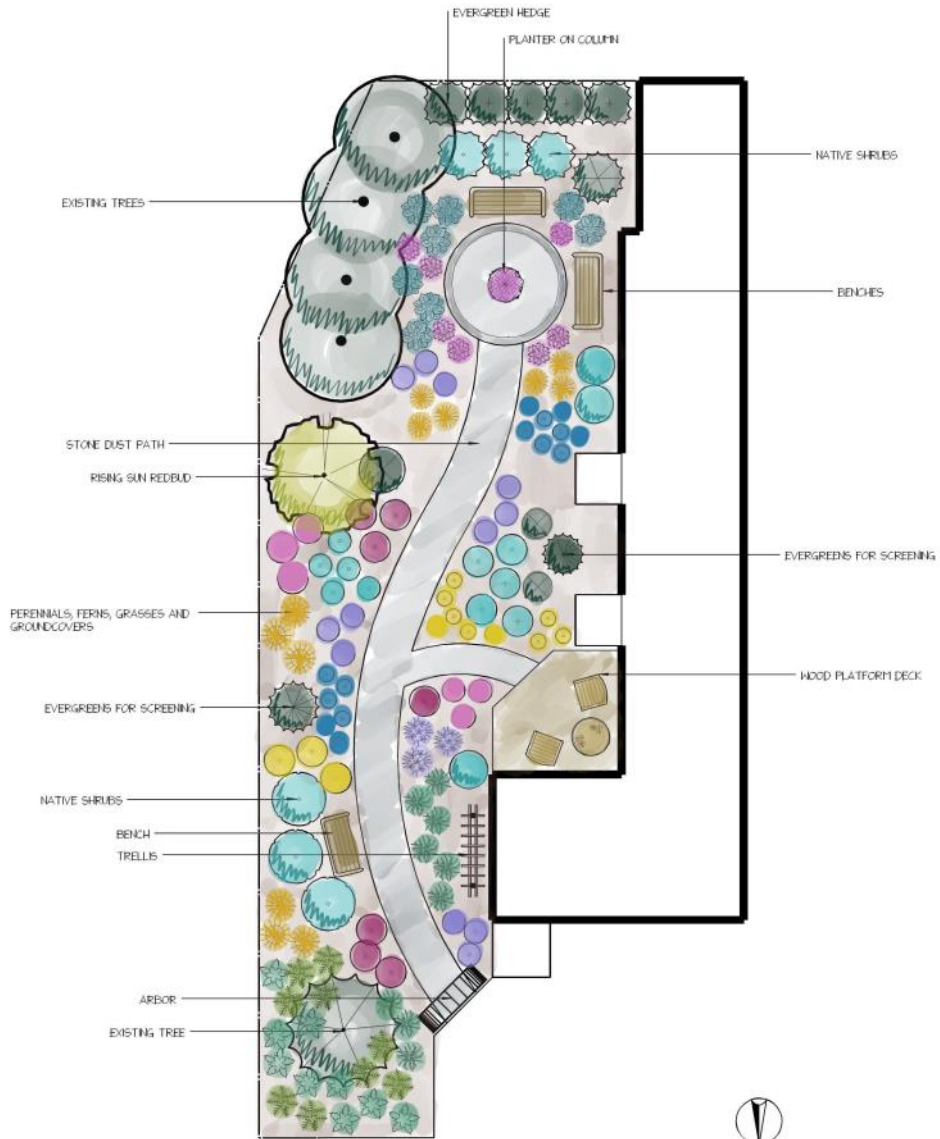
Help us celebrate the beginning of summer with the children of St. James! Items on our wish list include - lawn games, a bounce house, water toys and games, individually packed ice cream, and popsicles. if you are able to donate please email Jessica Eastridge, jessicalynneastridge@gmail.com !

THE FRED WILLIAMS MEDITATION GARDEN

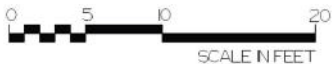


As Father Chad recently announced, the Church ground at the far side of the Parish House is being dedicated as *The Fred Williams Meditation Garden* in honor of Fred's service as Senior Warden. A conceptual plan for this garden has now been prepared and the St. James' gardening ministry, the Sacred Soil Society, is hopeful of beginning its development this summer. The "bones" of this space will feature a meandering pathway and a small deck (Eagle Scout project by Sterett Prevost), a focal point, several small trees, and a hedge on the Cornwall St side. Various native shrubs and plants, along with select annuals will be added in time. The vision of this garden is one of quiet beauty where one can bask in the silence and enjoy the hand of God in creation.

The development of the Meditation Garden is a journey, which can progress with your assistance. Your gifts will help the Sacred Soil Society transform this area to a welcoming Meditation Garden. Any amount, big or small, will make a difference and will be greatly appreciated. **Your generosity will help us create a space that will benefit our church and community for years to come. To donate to this project, scan the QR code.** Larger details of the plan are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please take a moment as you pass to review it. Any questions may be directed to Pamela McGraw, Ministry Leader, Sacred Soil Society at pamelam1950@verizon.net.



THE FRED WILLIAMS MEDITATION GARDEN
 Master Landscape Plan
 April 10, 2024



Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 - Annual Parish Meeting

May 5 - Blessing of the Community Garden

May 12 - Ministry Commission New Vestry Members/Mother's Day

May 19 - Day of Pentecost & Baptisms, Graduation Sunday/Ministry
Commission Youth Ministry

May 24-26 - St. James' Women's Retreat

May 27 - Memorial Day - Campus Closed

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

- 21 SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
7:45 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
9:00 a.m. Children's Formation - 3rd Floor Janney House
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum - Parish Hall
10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II (live-streamed)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
1:00 p.m. YOUP - Picnic & Nature walk
4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments
- 22 MONDAY**
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry Meeting - Youth Room
- 23 TUESDAY**
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Kitty Boyd Room
- 24 WEDNESDAY**
10:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave
- 25 THURSDAY**
8:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel - Nave
8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall
- 28 SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
7:45 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
9:00 a.m. Children's "Annual Meeting" - Outside
9:00 a.m. Parish Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II (live-streamed)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

7:45 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES	BECKY CRISMAN	SAM WELSH PHOENIX MARTIN
READERS	BILL BROOKS RANDY MINCHEW	KATHLEEN HUGHES MIKE CARREN
INTERCESSOR	RANDY MINCHEW	VERGER/CLERGY TERRY HUXFORD
LEMs	BILL BROOKS KAY GREGG	SUSAN MOFFETT KEN GETTY CHASE BANKS ANDY DUROT
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Candy Hayes

Trudy Gross

Ray Longo

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Dottie Brannock

George Garlick

Jane Roth (alternate)

IN NEED OF PRAYER; IN NEED OF CARE?

"In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified."

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or use the resources below:

THE CHURCH OFFICE

(M-TH, 9A.M. TO 5 P.M., FRI 9 AM TO 2 PM)

(703)777-1124

AFTER HOURS PASTORAL CARE LINE

(202)750-4247

Needed prayer for: Yourself Someone Else

Name(s): _____

Details (Optional): _____

Would you like to be added to the Prayer List? Yes No

Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)? Yes No

Can we send you a card? Yes No

Address: _____

Would you like to set up a time to talk with one of our clergy?

Yes No

Phone number: _____

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