

**St. James'**  
*Episcopal Church*  
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



APRIL 28, 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 Ray Longo



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE:

*John Romano, clarinet*

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 182

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

*Truro*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

## Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE - S-280

*Glory to God (Canticle 20)*

*Powell*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; 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.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.*

#### THE FIRST READING

ACTS 8:26-40

*Read by Jane Roth*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it

and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Refrain**

Lord, in you I trust.      You are my God.

I come with praise before the Lord,  
 Release me from all strife;  
 The poor will feast at tables full  
 And find eternal life.

**Refrain**

The far-flung corners of the earth  
 Shall turn to God and sing;  
 And nations of the world shall rise  
 To hail the Lord as King.

**Refrain**

The mighty on their knees will bow;  
 As mortals they discern  
 That, as from dust God gave them breath,  
 To dust they shall return.

**Refrain**

Descendants of the coming years  
 Who walk the paths well-trod  
 Will sing to children yet unborn  
 The mighty acts of God.

**Refrain**



*Read by Melissa Sutton*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

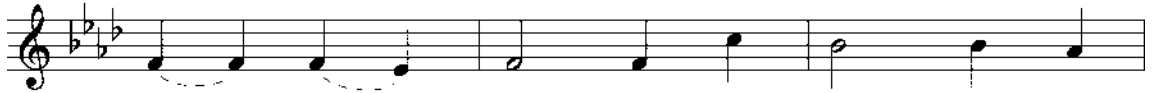
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

*Peter Scholtes*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



one in the Lord, We are one in the  
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
work side by side, We will work with each  
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -  
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:  
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Carolyn Brites*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve  
you;

**That your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our presiding bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Mark  
and Gayle; for our priests, Chad and Marybeth; for our seminarian,  
Kara; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We lift up all those on our prayer list, remembering especially...

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Kneeling or standing as able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## 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

## 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:

*O Blessed Spring*

*arr. Robert Buckley Farlee*

O blessed spring, where Word and sign  
Embrace us into Christ the Vine,  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be  
A branch of this life-giving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years,  
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
The boughs will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must,  
We breath our last, return to dust;  
Still held in Christ our souls take wing  
And trust the promise of spring.

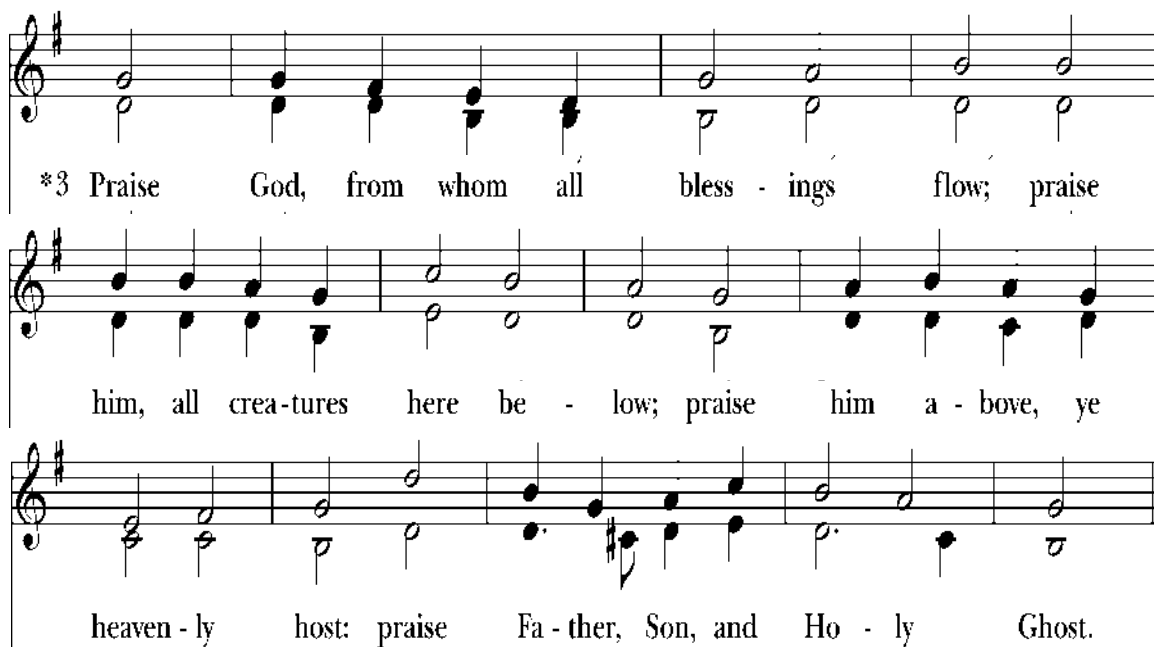
Christ, holy Vine, Christ living Tree,  
Be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive  
And join us to your Tree of Life.

*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*



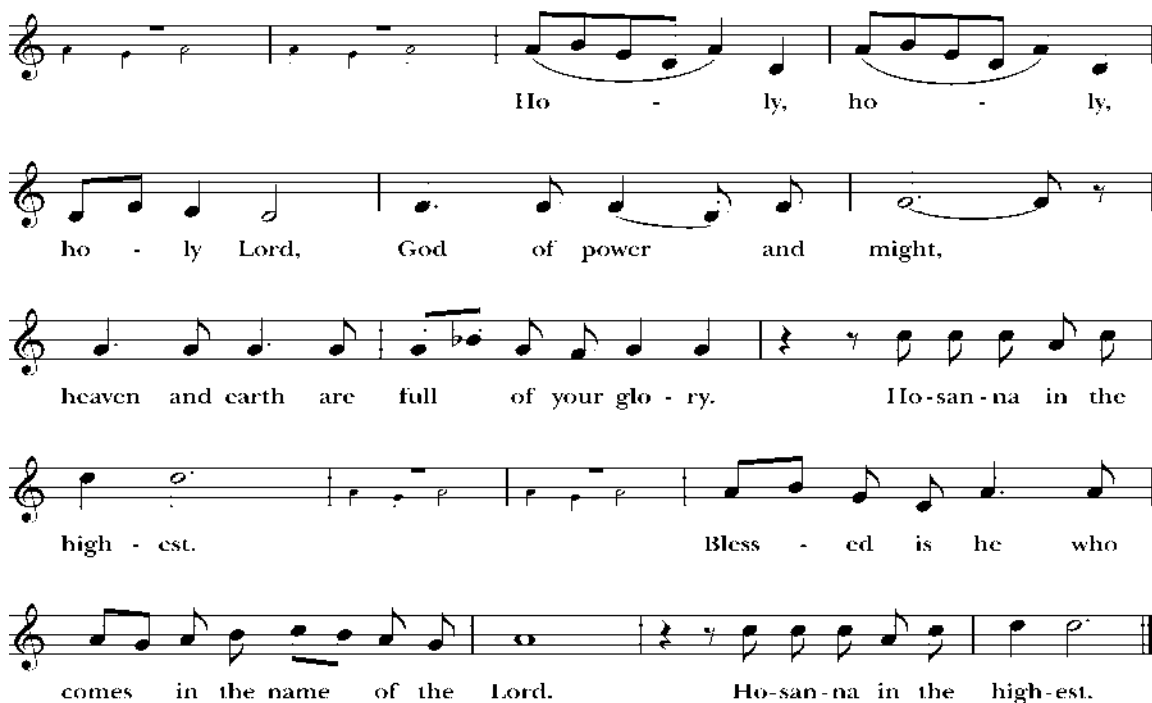
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S-128

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

*Mathias*



Ho - ly, 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*

*Cantor; then All*

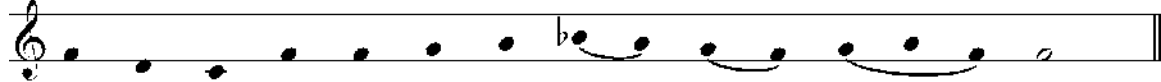


The dis - ci - ples    knew the Lord Je - sus    in the break - ing    of the bread.

*Cantor*




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




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

*Cantor*



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

*Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me*

*K. Lee Scott*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me know thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me know the pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!



HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 304

*I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord*

*Land of Rest*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO:

*John Romano, clarinet*

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.**

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 - 388

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

*Hanover*



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

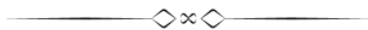
## THE DISMISSAL

*The minister says the dismissal.*

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.

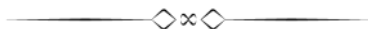
POSTLUDE:

*Organ*



## DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of Joyce and Al Foltz by Michael and Lori Fabien.



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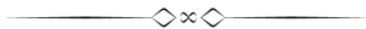
## **PRAYER REQUEST'S**

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Elayne Hovsmith, Janet, Teri Fortier, Debi Maykranz, Michael Dowling, Tom Coate, Gale Hudson, Rachelle 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 HAVE DIED: Margaret Haight

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.



## **SUNDAY CHILDREN'S FORMATION**



Sunday Children's Formation is underway but registration will be open all Spring! All children PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:msanderswilson@stjamesleesburg.org).

### **ADULT SPRING FORUMS**

#### **The Gospel According to the Count of Monte Cristo**

**May 5 & 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall**

Join Fr. Chad for a 2 part series on Alexandre Dumas' classical novel, *The Count of Monte Cristo*. We will watch clips from the popular 2002 movie and discuss the Biblical elements embedded in this beautiful story of forgiveness, peace, and redemption.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**May 19, 26, & June 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall**

Join Michael Fabian for a 3 part series as he discusses the origins of the Nicene Creed.

### **BAPTISM SUNDAYS**

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

We will offer the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, 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 [rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org) or call 703-777-1124.

### **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. The potatoes are in the ground and we have started tomatoes, squash and peppers indoors with more to come! 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 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](mailto:jhjennings@gmail.com) or 804-387-4630.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Edwards Ferry Rd past Costco and across Battlefield Pkwy. Then take the first left at Sage Hill Farm

### **FOR THE CURRENT YOUP SCHEDULE**



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

<https://www.stjamesleesburg.org/family-ministry-pages/youpschedule>

### **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](mailto: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 (now SUMMER CAMP AT ST. JAMES')**



**August 12-16 from 9am to noon** St. James' will host Vacation Bible School for all children ages 3yrs through

rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration and more information available at [www.stjamesleesburg.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.stjamesleesburg.org/vacation-bible-school) or scan the QR code

### **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](mailto:dglvt@yahoo.com) or (703)-431-1820.

### **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 information or if you have questions, please email Mike Scott at [mdscott\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mdscott_2001@yahoo.com)

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S HOUR CELEBRATION**

#### **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jessicalynneastridge@gmail.com) .

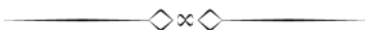


## **“THANK YOU” NOTE FROM LOUDOUN HUNGER RELIEF**

To all our friends at St. James', We are so grateful and lucky to have your long-term partnership. In the last 20 years you have supported our neighbors in need of food with about \$60,000 in monetary donations, and almost 70,000 pounds of donated food. The beautiful fresh produce from your garden and the thousands of volunteer hours contributed by the congregation is truly amazing. Thank you for all your efforts! Trish McNeal & the Team at LHR

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Honor a loved one, remember a special individual in your life or in the life of our parish, or simply beautify our worship space by donating altar flowers. To sign up, please contact the church office at [rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org) or call 703-777-1124.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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

**June 9** - St. James Newcomer Class

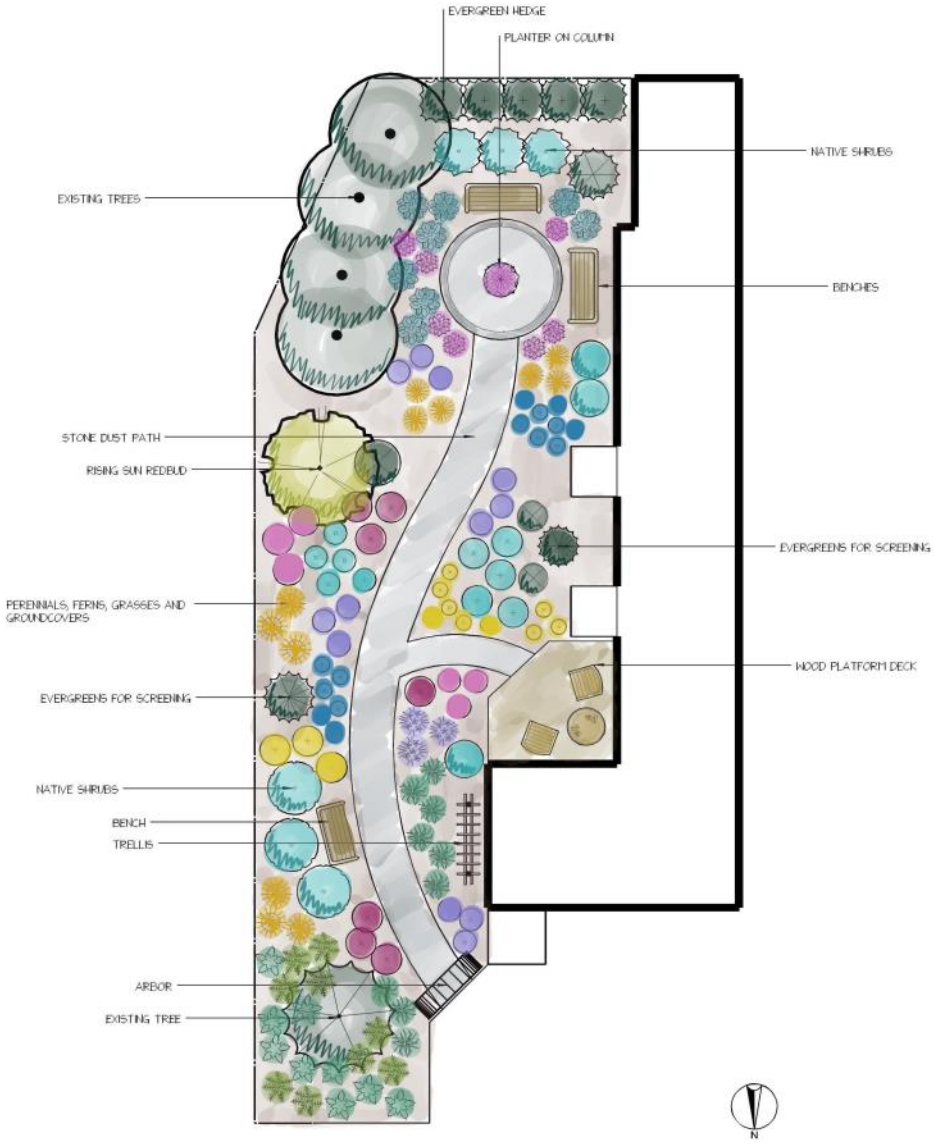
## **THE FRED WILLIAMS MEDITATION GARDEN**



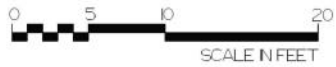
As Father Chad recently announced, the Church ground at the far side of the Parish House is being dedicated as *The Fred Williams Meditation Garden* in honor of Fred's service as Senior Warden. A conceptual plan for this garden has now been prepared and the St. James' gardening ministry, the Sacred Soil 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.** 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](mailto:pamelam1950@verizon.net).



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



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

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

### **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 Formation - 3rd Floor Janney House
- 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

### **29 MONDAY**

- 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry Meeting - Youth Room

### **1 WEDNESDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave

### **2 THURSDAY**

- 8:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel - Nave
- 8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall

### **5 SUNDAY SIXTH 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
- 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the Community Garden -  
42748 Edwards Ferry Rd
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**7:45 A.M.**

**10:00 A.M.**

**ACOLYTES**

DOTTIE BRANNOCK

THERESA SWAIN  
ELAINA COST

**READERS**

BECKY CRISMAN  
BRENDAN MURPHY

JANE ROTH  
MELISSA SUTTON

**INTERCESSOR**

BRENDAN MURPHY

CAROLYN BRILES

**LEMs**

JEFF BRANNOCK  
TOM HOLDSWORTH

TRICIA SAUER  
JEFF BRANNOCK  
WAYNE NEWELL  
ELAINE NUNNALLY  
SCOTT BRILES

**USHERS**

DON SCHEUERMAN

CHARLIE THORNTON  
CHRISTOPHER THORNTON  
MARY DUNLOP

**A/V LEAD**

ROBBIE STETHEM

**EUCCHARISTIC  
VISITOR**

**ALTAR GUILD**

MARGARET AKERS, KAY GREGG, MELISSA SUTTON

## **ST. JAMES' LITURGICAL TEAM**

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*Verger*

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*Lead Sexton*

### **Gustavo del Callejo**

*Sunday Sexton*

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### OFFICERS

Mike Scott, *Senior Warden*

Sherri Dennis, *Junior Warden*

Jane Roth, *Register*

Stacy Cleveland, *Treasurer*

### CLASS OF 2021-2024

Fiona Ahrweiler

Sherri Dennis

Christopher Hatch

Mike Scott

### CLASS OF 2022-2025

Scott Briles

Kathleen Greenough

Troy Harry

Melissa Sutton

### CLASS OF 2023-2026

George Garlick

Candy Hayes

Trudy Gross

Ray Longo

### LAY DELEGATES

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, 9AM. 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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