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St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH + RICHMOND VA

February 4, 2024 9 am

WELCOME. We're so glad you're here.

If you're visiting St. James's today, let us begin by saying WELCOME. We're delighted you've decided to join us.

St. James's is a community drawn together by our love of God and our desire to serve Christ in the world. We pray together, work together, learn, laugh, and sing together. We are eager for you to join in our worship and fellowship today.

Here are a few things that we hope will make your visit easier:

- We have nursery services available on Sundays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. The nursery is through the brown double doors at the right front of the church.
- During the sermon at the 9 am service, we offer a Children's Chapel, where children sing, play and learn.
- During our regular programming year (September through May), there's an active adult learning and children & youth formation (aka, Sunday School) program that goes on between the services.
- You can also attend our live-streamed services at 9 and 11:15 am (or any time after) on doers.org/live. You can view a recorded version on our YouTube page.
- Many people here like to dress up for church, but we encourage you to wear what's comfortable for you. Some of us wear suits and dresses, others are more casual.
- There are restrooms downstairs from the narthex (the entrance to the church). The stairs are on the west side of the church.
- Sit where you like. There are no assigned seats.
- As for communion, if you receive communion in your home church, you're welcome to receive it at St. James's too. With some exceptions, we also offer Special Prayers and Blessings during communion. Just go to the Chapel to the left of the communion rail.
- Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. It will help us get to know you better.
- You can learn more about our church at doers.org.

We have regular Newcomer Events throughout the year. Watch this space for the next one. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our clergy plus others who are new to St. James's.

St. James's Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024
9 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.
After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.*

Prelude: Prelude and fugue in F Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as able.

Hymn 411: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, "O bless the Lord my soul"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer* 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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.*

Gloria S280

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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 216

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated while reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

BCP 804

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
 Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.
 The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.
 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.
 He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;
 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.
 He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.
 He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor. Hallelujah!

The people stand as able.

Hymn 546, vs. 1-2: *Sirae*, “Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue at Capernaum and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Procession (*The children may follow the clergy to Children's Chapel at this time if they wish.*)

Hymn 546, vs. 3-4: *Siroë*, "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve"

Sermon: The Reverend Blake Singer

The people stand as able.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 people stand or kneel as able.

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Let us open our hearts to God.

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 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.

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.

Silence

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and
who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Leader and People

Ellen, Aaron, John, Vicki, Tom, Kathy, Norris, Julia and Jacobi, Alan,
Bunky, John, Allie and Bill, Shelby, Courtenay, Paul, Sandra, Mickie,
Joyce, Larry, Kenna, Bradford, Patrick, Johnnie Lou, Meriel,
Anastasia, Langdon, Brady, Zara, Chris, Josh, Laura, Bowie, Chuck,
Ruth, Beryl, and Barbara

The Leader continues.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the
multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who
turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you
we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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 people stand as able.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. To receive a blessing at the altar instead, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Julian of Norwich

trad., arr. V. Whitmire

Loud are the bells of Norwich and the people come and go;
Here by the tower of Julian I tell them what I know.

Refrain Ring out, bells of Norwich and let the winter come and go;
All shall be well again, I know.

Love, like the yellow daffodil, is coming through the snow;
Love, like the yellow daffodil, is Lord of all I know. *Refrain.*

Ring for the yellow daffodil, the flower in the snow;
Ring for the yellow daffodil, and tell them what I know. *Refrain.*

Invitation to Communion

At this time the children may come forward to the altar for a closer view of the celebration of Holy Communion.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S129

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 people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron saint, and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

As the children return to their parents, the people sing

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 3 Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain*

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come to the Chapel after receiving Communion to receive a blessing.

Music at Communion

Song: Bright Morning Star Appalachian Spiritual, trans. V. Whitmire

Bright morning star a' rising.
Day is a' breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear Fathers?
They are down in the valley a' praying.
Day is a' breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear Mothers?
They are gone to heaven a' shouting.
Day is a' breaking in my soul.

Hymn 383: *St. Elizabeth*, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

The people stand or kneel as able.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

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 people stand as able.

Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn 539: *Tidings*, “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Burwell Laird Reid, Joseph Gillespie Reid, Alice Burwell Reid, Joseph Neal Reid,
Patricia Wemyss Roach, Henry Keeling Roach, Lucille Bayol Carneal, and
James Cameron Wemyss*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Blake Singer

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Anne Manson

Lectors: Yvonne Gibney, Helen Kemp

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Hein

Greeter: Newnie Rogers

Altar Guild III: Carole Conner, Sarah Innes, Tyler Kilpatrick, Liza Leitch;

Leader: Lucy Meade; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

Acolyte Team 4: Harper Matthews, Virginia Matthews, Ruby Reed; *Crucifer*

& Team Leaders: Grace Harbach, Anne Hubbard; *Adult Leaders:* Megan

Matthews, Katie Reed; *Acolyte Masters:* Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubbard

Usher Team 4: Ferd Baruch, Janet Baruch, Jim Cosby, Randy Ellis, Jay

Jennings, Ed Jewett, Vance Spilman, Scott Ukrop, Murray Wright; *Team*

Leader: Jay West; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

Musicians: West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble

Offertory Soloist: Jane Harrison

Communion Soloists: Kristin Cox, Sabrina LaFleur, Allison Marchetti,

Karen Townsend

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the congregations and clergy of Clarke Parish (Grace & St. Mary's) in Berryville, Leeds in Markham, St. Andrew's, Ada in Marshall, St. Barnabas in Annandale, and St. John the Baptist in Ivy.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Jake Acey, Althea Frederick, Miles Greenawalt, Steve Guarnieri, Meg Johnson, Grace King, Madison Palmer, Gary Riddle, and Henry Willett III.

Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Jane Dowrick (dowhitz52@gmail.com).

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, Jeff Herget

Stephen Ministers: Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price.

eChimes News and Events

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Music Notes

Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1413) was an English recluse and mystic. In 1373, she received fifteen visions centered on the Holy Trinity and the Passion of Jesus. She soon thereafter dedicated herself to a solitary life, living in a small cell attached to St. Julian's Church in Norwich.

Bright Morning Star is an Appalachian spiritual. This transcription is from the Wailin' Jennys cd *Bright Morning Stars*. There are many versions of this song with varying verses. The original title of the song is singular, and in this season, we are reminded of the star the wisemen followed to the manger, but even more to the point, a reference to Jesus himself, as found in Peter's letter: "You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (II Peter 1:19) and in Revelation: "I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

Organ Recital this Friday at 7 pm- The Chenault Duo

Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault have indisputably earned "The World's Premiere Duo-Organ Team" title given by the Atlanta Journal & Constitution. Ray and Elizabeth were organists here at St. James's in the early 70s. The Chenault Duo concert career began in 1979 and they have since performed at Washington National Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral (London), York Minster Cathedral (England), Kauffman Center (Kansas City), and the Mormon Tabernacle, among hundreds of others.



February 18: Grammy-nominated orchestral musicians join us at the 11:15 am service

Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* will feature violinist Anna Williams and cellist Mikhail Veselov, members the Grammy-nominated Neave Trio (Neave is Gaelic, meaning bright and radiant). Anna and Michael will be joined by violinist Violaine Michel and bassoonist Matt Lano. *Gramophone* has praised the Neave Trio's "taut and vivid interpretations," while *The Strad* calls out their "eloquent phrasing and deft control of textures" and *BBC Music Magazine* describes their performances as balancing "passion with sensitivity and grace." The Neave Trio is the first Ensemble-in-Residence at Virginia Commonwealth University.



Today's Events

Adult Formation: St. James's Stories returns this week with St. James's Couples. Join us in Valentine Hall between the services to hear stories of couples who met at St. James's.

Children's Ministry: Godly Play and Growing in Faith meet in their usual locations.

Youth JYF and SYF: meets in 302 to discuss "doubting faithfully."

Upcoming Events



Join us for this year's Interfaith Dialogue with learning, dessert, and fellowship! This year the clergy of Beth Ahabah and St. James's will share a series of special learning sessions exploring the history of Judaism and Christianity, including how they developed alongside each other and influenced each other. Each session will begin at 7 pm.

Jews, Israel, and Jerusalem Leading Up to the Birth of Christianity

Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm @ Beth Ahabah

Jesus in Ancient Israel and Jerusalem

Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm @ St. James's

Birth and Development of Rabbinic Judaism

Tuesday, February 27 at 7 pm @ Beth Ahabah

Birth and Development of Christianity

Thursday, March 7 at 7 pm @ St. James's

Get ready for our most ambitious Interfaith Dialogue ever. Each session stands alone but attending all four will make it a richer experience. We'd love for folks to sign up in advance. You can find the sign-up link in the eChimes or the Sunday email.

Have you caught Lent Madness?

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born. (Think March Madness, but with saints).



The madness begins when you fill out a bracket (only one per person, please), then during Lent you go to LentMadness.org to vote on the latest saint matchup. You can also find out previous results. You can keep track of your success on your own, or you can check out the eChimes, where we'll be putting updates of the leaders.

Brackets will be available in Valentine Hall until Tuesday, February 13th or you can find a link to print out a bracket in the eChimes or at doers.org. Please turn your completed brackets to the box labeled Lent Madness Brackets in Valentine Hall, or you can scan and email them to Amelia at aarthur@doers.org. Don't forget to write your name on your bracket!

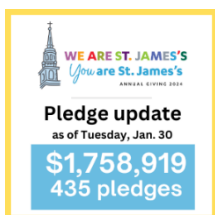
Join our Krewe of Doers (Feb. 13, 6 pm in Valentine Hall) for a night of fabulous food, drinks, raffles, and an exciting live auction. Your generosity will support St. James's Financial Outreach Committee by funding yearly grants to our 10 local outreach partners. Use the QR code to get your tickets.



We also need a Krewe of Doers to keep making Mardi Gras the legendary event we love. You can help by setting up, decorating, assisting with check-in, being a server or bartender, and more. Use the QR code or see the link in the eChimes.



We have 15 **Wednesday Night dinners** scheduled between now and May 22 (with two weeks off around Easter). Many of those nights will also include Adult Formation activities. We've also changed the way you can buy Season Passes. In addition to a full season pass, you can buy a pre-Easter pass or a post-Easter pass. See the eChimes or the New Squares on our home page, doers.org, for details.



We are so close to reaching our goal of \$1.8 and need YOUR help! It's not too late to mail in your pledge card or go online to make your pledge. You can even set up your recurring gift at the same time you make your pledge. It has never been easier to make your pledge!