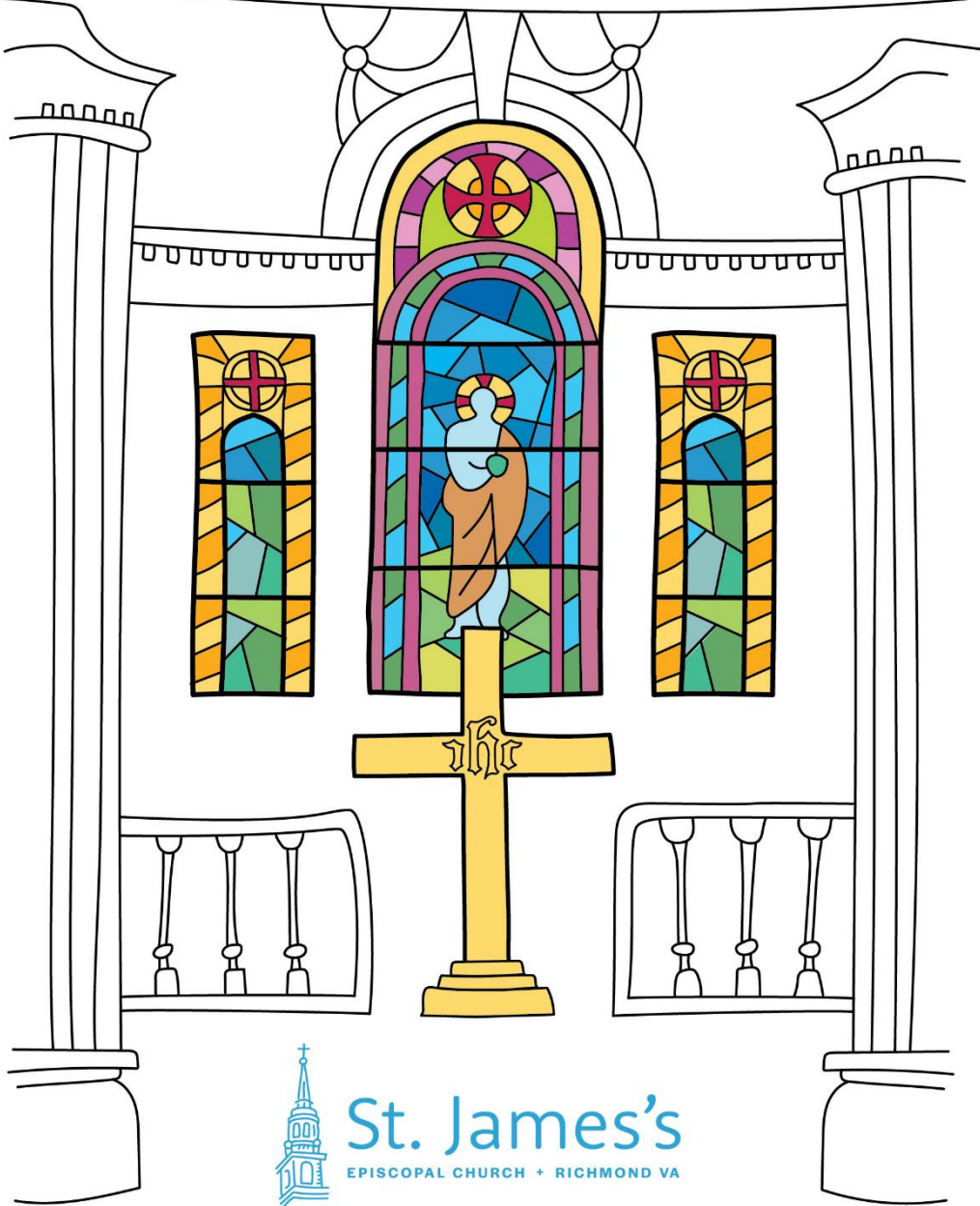


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St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH + RICHMOND VA

April 14, 2024 11:15 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 for children ages four and under 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 Third Sunday in Easter

April 14, 2024

11:15 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I

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: Adagio from *Organ Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

The people stand as able.

Hymn 212: *Richmond*, "Awake, arise, lift up your voice"

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 39

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people stand as able.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.

Officiant and People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite S4

chant: Edwin G. Monk



O come, let us /sing unto the /Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the /strength of/our sal-/ vation.
Let us come before his/presence with thanks-/ giving,
and show ourselves /glad in / him with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / great / God,
and a great / King a-/ bove all / gods.
In his hand are all the / corners of the / earth,
and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.
The sea is / his and he / made it,
and his hands pre-/ pared the /dry / land.
O come, let us worship and /fall / down
and/kneel before the / Lord our / Maker.
For he is the / Lord our / God,
and we are the people of his / pasture
and the /sheep of his / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness;
let the /whole earth / stand in / awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge the / earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the / peoples / with his /truth.

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.

Officiant and People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

The people sit for the singing of the Psalm by the Choir.

Psalm 4

Edwin Edwards

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour:
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the man that is godly:
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Stand in awe, and sin not:
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
Offer the sacrifice of righteousness:
and put your trust in the Lord.
There be many that say:
Who will shew us any good?
Lord lift thou up
the light of thy countenance upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart:
since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.
I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:
for it is thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Te Deum.

Canticle S205: Te Deum

Plainsong

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
 the Father of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honorable, true, and only Son;
 also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints,
In glory everlasting.

All may be seated for the reading of the lesson.

Second Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet;

see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated for the singing of the Canticle by the Choir.

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving;
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Sermon: The Reverend Blake Singer

The people stand as able.

Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages B

BCP 98

- V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day

BCP 173

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

Officiant and people

Rob, Tom, Jeff, Bunky, Jeanette, Allie and Bill, Courtenay, Sandra, the Saint Joseph's Family in Haiti, Donna, Patrick, Will, Langdon, Moonhee, Jim, Ruth, Beryl, Nina, Jan, Janet, Mary, and Rebecca

The Officiant continues.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

Offering of Gifts and Praise

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

Anthem: Most glorious Lord of Life

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

The people stand as able.

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

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, “Our fathers’ God, to thee”

General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

The people kneel as able.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn 195: *Mowsley*, “Jesus lives!”

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Sentences

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

Postlude: Setting of *Unser Herrscher*

Paul Manz

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
J. Harvie Wilkinson and Letitia Nelson Wilkinson*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Blake Singer

Officiant: The Reverend Penny Nash

Lectors: Melinda Davis, Patty Duffy

Acolyte Team 2: Betsy Graham, Livi Menees, Betsy Morris, Gracie Sumrell; *Crucifer & Team Leaders:* Katherine Elles, Gabrielle Strickler, Thomas Strickler; *Adult Leaders:* Shaila Menees, Laura Strickler; *Acolyte Masters:* Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubard

Altar Guild Group 4: Kim Baldwin, Teri Miles, Ginny Poindexter, Jennifer Pollard; *Leader:* Debbie Meigs, *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

Usher Team 10: Robert Claiborne, Dan Gibbs, John Reynolds, Alex Skidmore, Beth Skidmore, Bobbie Smith, Randy Smith; *Team Leader:* David Gardner; *Chief Usher:* Brink Brinkley

Musicians: Parish Choir

Assistant Organist: Charles Lindsey

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. 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 Holy Comforter in Richmond and Holy Cross in Dunn Loring, and the staff and clergy of Episcopal High School in Alexandria and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria

For the recently married: especially Ramsey Carter, daughter of Shannon Norma Carter and Henry Stokes Carter, and Elliot Williams, son of Patricia Ann Williams and David Royall Monroe Williams, who were married here yesterday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Chase Gunter, Kathy Conrad, Mary Michael Spiller, Ted Ukrop, McKenna Oroszlan, Clifford Foster, Kate DeJarnette, Sarah Eck, Dick Miller, David Turner, and Anita Cummins

For those who have died recently: especially June Derrick

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

O be joyful in the Lord is a setting of Psalm 100 by the twentieth-century composer Benjamin Britten (1913-76). Britten employs a style which is not monophonic--as is a unison hymn, or polyphonic--as is a typical Renaissance motet, but heterophonic in style. Influenced by music of Asian folk instrumentalists, Britten developed a style in which the various parts sing almost, but not exactly, together. The small diversions of one part from the other, create mild dissonances which are not unlike the conflicting harmonics one hears in a steel drum, or in the St. James's chimes, for example.

Most glorious Lord of Life is by the 20th-century English composer William H. Harris (1893-1973). Harris became Assistant Organist at St David's Cathedral in Wales at age 14. He went on to serve at Lichfield Cathedral, Christ Church Oxford, and St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Sunday, April 21, at 5:00 pm: Evensong

You're invited to A Service of Choral Evensong celebrating Earth Day featuring the Parish Choir on Sunday, April 21 at 5 pm.

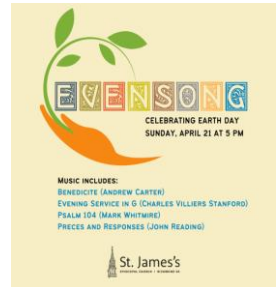
Music includes:

Benedicite (Andrew Carter)

Evening Service in G (Charles Villiers Stanford)

Psalm 104 (Mark Whitmire)

Preces and Responses (John Reading)



Music Calendar

May 5

Sunday, 11:15 am

Youth Choir Recognition

Festival Te Deum (Britten)

May 12

Sunday, 9:00 am

Cherub and Children's Choir Recognition

Jonah-man Jazz (Hurd)

May 26

Sunday, 7:00 pm

Memorial Concert; Choir and Orchestra

Solemn Vespers, K. 339 (Mozart)

Virginia and I will be on sabbatical this summer, resting, re-charging and getting ready as we begin our 30th year at St. James's.

Upcoming Events

Brighten Someone's Day...and Their Home



Now that Lent is over, we are looking to resume our altar flower deliveries. If you're interested in helping with this wonderful ministry, please contact Mary Brown via email at mbrown@doers.org or via telephone at 804-355-1779, ext. 303 for more details. Or, you can just visit our sign-up genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844ACA>

E2EA4FA7-sunday and sign up for as many Sunday deliveries as you wish.

Youth and Parents *Being Well* Workshop

The "Being Well" workshop series begins on **Sunday, April 21** from 6 -7:30 pm with the topic *Embracing and Growing Stronger in the Wilderness (strategies for dealing with challenging times)*. **Dr. Matt Bitsko** of Summit Emotional Health will lead the parent workshop (parents with children of all ages are invited). School counselors Clare Trow and Joy Jones will lead workshops for youth in grades 6-12. Afterwards, there will be a community dinner from 7 to 7:30 pm.



Save the Date for the Spring Parish Picnic Sunday, May 19th, 4-7pm at Rock Bottom

Put on your comfy clothes, bring a folding chair and/or blanket, and join us for the St. James's Spring Picnic! We are thrilled to bring this event back this year, and thankful to the Gottwald family for the use of Rock Bottom.



We'll have Lee's Fried Chicken and Biscuits, and we're asking you to help make the picnic complete by bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Beer and wine will be available, as well as water, tea, and lemonade. In upcoming communications you'll be able to purchase tickets and get more information.

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

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