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St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH + RICHMOND VA

April 14, 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 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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 224

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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 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 remain seated while reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

BCP 587

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices

and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;

for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 305 (v. 1): *Rosedale*, “Come, risen Lord”

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

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 305 (vs. 2-4): *Rosedale*, “Come, risen Lord”

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 Prayers of the People

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the People remain standing as able.

Leader

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that you will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be your sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

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 are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader 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

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *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.*

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 section of the bulletin.

Anthem: O Love that wilt not let me go

Albert Peace

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's glow its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thro' pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thro' the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to hide from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.

Invitation to Communion

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

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

The people stand as able.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 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

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Verse

Sing with all the peo-ple of God,
and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.

repeat Antiphon

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

Anthem: One bread, one body

John Foley, SJ

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

Hymn 178: *Alleluia No. 1*, “Alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Lord”

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.

Easter Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 195: *Mowsley*, “Jesus lives!”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*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

Celebrant: The Reverend Penny Nash

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

Lectors: Andrew Sherrod, Linda Owen

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Brinkley, Emily Thrower

Acolyte Team 4: Harper Matthews, Virginia Matthews, Ruby Reed; *Crucifer*
& *Team Leaders:* Grace Harbach, Anne Hubard;

Adult Leaders: Megan Matthews, Katie Reed;

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 2: Rob Brumley, Scott Elles, Scott Matthews, Henry Spalding,
Ned Turnbull, Banks Turner, David Wade, Harry Warner; *Team Leader:*
Brad McGetrick; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

Musicians: West Gallery Choir

Soloists: Christopher Ryan, Ray Inscoe

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

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 Love that will not let me go was written by Scottish theologian, George Matheson. The music was written by Albert Peace, a prominent Scotch organist, who was requested by the Scottish Hymnal Committee to compose a tune for this text. He entitled the tune *St. Margaret*. The hymn references Jeremiah 31:3, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

One bread, one body was written by John Foley, SJ (1939-2021), an American Jesuit priest. Foley earned a doctorate in liturgical theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. In 1992 he founded the Stroble Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University where he served as Director until his retirement.

Music Calendar

April 21

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Earth Day Evensong

Benedicite (Carter)

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’.

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

Upcoming Events

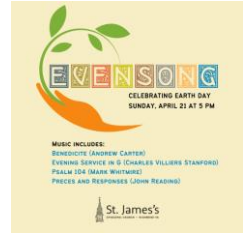
Transition Workshops Continue...



Join Penny in Valentine Hall the next two Sundays between the services for the next series of transition workshops. This series will be similar in format and content to our previous Wednesday night series, giving folks who were not able to attend those workshops an opportunity to engage in community conversations around heritage and mission at St. James's. Those who attended on Wednesday nights are also welcome to join in the guided small group discussions.

Celebrate Earth Day a Day Early

You're invited to a special Evensong celebrating Earth Day featuring our Parish Choir on Sunday, April 21 at 5 pm. This is the perfect way to end a spring day and to reflect on our relationship to the natural gifts that God has given us. The Rev. Kristen Wickersham will be the preacher for the service.



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/60B0844ACAE2EA4FA7-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.



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