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**St. James's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH + RICHMOND VA

April 21, 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](https://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](https://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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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:** In green pastures

Harold Darke

*The people stand as able.*

**Hymn 657:** *Hyfrydol*, "Love divine, all loves excelling"

## The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer* 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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.*

## 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 225

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people remain seated while reading the Psalm in unison with the lector.*

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 476

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*The people stand as able.*

**Hymn 478, v. 1:** *Monk's Gate*, "Jesus, our mighty Lord"

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

*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 478, vs. 2-3:** *Monk's Gate*, "Jesus, our mighty Lord"

**Sermon:** The Reverend Penny Nash

*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: Lay down your weary tune

Bob Dylan

Refrain: Lay down your weary tune, lay down,  
lay down the song you strum,  
and rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings  
no voice can hope to hum.

Struck by the sounds before the sun,  
I knew the night had gone;  
the morning breeze like a bugle blew  
against the drums of dawn. *Refrain*

The ocean wild like an organ played,  
the seaweed wove its strands;  
the crashing waves like cymbals clashed  
against the rocks and sands. *Refrain*

I stood unwound beneath the skies  
and clouds unbound by laws.  
The crying rain like a trumpet sang  
and asked for no applause. *Refrain*

The last of leaves fell from the trees  
and clung to a new love's breast;  
the branches bare like a banjo moaned  
to the winds that listened best. *Refrain*

I gazed down in the river's mirror  
and watched its winding strum;  
the water smooth ran like a hymn  
and like a harp did hum. *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.*



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-to-ry 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: We shall walk through the valley in peace Spiritual  
arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace,  
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We will meet our loved ones there,  
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

There will be no trials there,  
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

Hymn 399: *Camano*, “To God with gladness sing”

*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 708:** *Sicilian Mariners*, “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

## **Dismissal**

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

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Henry Lee Valentine, Katherine Braxton Valentine,  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hawkins, C. Braxton Valentine,  
Ida Massie Valentine, C. Braxton Valentine, Jr., Ella Gordon Valentine,  
E. Massie Valentine, and Henry Lee Valentine II*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Penny Nash

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Blake Singer

*Assisting Priest:* The Reverend Amelia Arthur

*Lector:* Randy Ellis

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Leigh Hulcher, Susan Siegfried

*Acolyte Team 3:* Watson Andrews, William Andrews, Stuart Baxter,

George Jones, Everett McCoy, Tyler Monette; *Crucifer & Team Leaders:*

Wally Jones, George Kulp; *Adult Leaders:* Belinda Jones, Mary Kulp;

*Acolyte Masters:* Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubard

*Altar Guild Group 5:* Mary Fox, Anita Towell, Betsy Trow;

*Leader:* Kitsie Garland, *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

*Flower Guild Co-Chairs:* Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

*Usher Team 3:* Clifford Foster, Dave Irvin, Scott Kulp, John Lewis III, Grey Ligon, Jay Patton, Barry Scott, Stephen Spraker, Jo Stott, Elizabeth Ware; *Team Leader:* Willson Craigie; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton  
*Musicians:* West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble  
*Soloists:* Trey Sibley, Hank Artz, Richard Rumble, Jeff Herget, George Bishop  
*Harmonica:* George Bishop  
*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 Christ in Alexandria, Good Shepherd in Burke, St. John's in McLean, and Varina in Richmond

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Stacy Brinkley, Liza Moffatt, Page Moffatt, Detta Jewett, Braxton Pollard, Susan Russell, Carolyn Ellis, and Georgia Beazley

*For those who have died recently:* especially Jack Raley

### **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](mailto: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

## Music Notes



*Lay down your weary tune* was written by Bob Dylan, the iconic American singer/songwriter, whose influence has been felt for over five decades. Written in 1963, it is considered by many as a pivotal song in Dylan's life. A music critic called it Dylan's "first withdrawal song," while a sociologist wrote that it represented a focal change "from politics to mysticism" and a theologian called it "one of the greatest theological songs since King David composed his psalms." The song contrasts the music made by nature with man-made sounds and reminds us that our creative efforts do not compare with those of Elohim, Creator God. The day before Earth Day, we offer this song as a reminder of the privilege of caring for this beautiful world.

*We shall walk through the valley in peace* is a setting of a traditional spiritual by Moses Hogan (1957-2003), an African-American composer and arranger of choral music best known for his very popular and accessible settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. He died at the age of 45 of a brain tumor.

### Tonight at 5:00 pm: Evensong

You're invited to A Service of Choral Evensong celebrating Earth Day featuring the Parish Choir tonight at 5 pm.

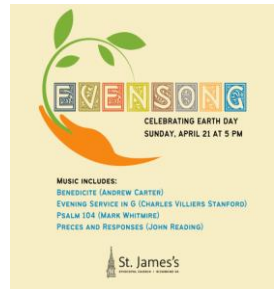
Music includes:

*Benedicite* (Andrew Carter)

*Evening Service in G* (Charles Villiers Stanford)

*Psalm 104* (Mark Whitmire)

*Preres 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 30<sup>th</sup> year at St. James's.*

## Today's Events



### Earth Day Event

We will be focusing on creation care with various “Earth Day” projects. Families are welcome to join outside near the playground (or in the Michaux House basement if there’s rain) and youth will meet on the 3rd floor of Michaux House.

### St. James’s in Transition

We’ll be gathering with Penny in Valentine Hall to participate in guided small group discussions. This will be similar in format and content to the previous Wednesday Night series, but there’s value in it even if you’ve attended workshops.

### Peter Paul Gardening

From 1:30 to 3:30 pm today we’ll be tidying the gardens and building benches at Peter Paul Development Center (1708 N. 22nd Street, Richmond).

### Evensong

You’re invited to a special Evensong celebrating Earth Day featuring our Parish Choir and a homily by the Rev. Kristin Wickersham.

### Being Well Workshop

The “Being Well” workshop series begins today 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. Parents meet in Valentine Hall and Youth meet on the 3rd floor of Michaux House. After the workshops, there will be a community dinner from 7 to 7:30 pm.

## Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

### Save the Date for the Spring Parish Picnic Sunday, May 19th, 4-7pm at 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 eChimes you'll be able to purchase tickets and get more information.



### Brighten Someone's Day...and Their Home. Deliver Altar Flowers.

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](mailto:mbrown@doers.org) or via telephone at 804-355-1779, ext 303 for more details.



Or, you can just visit the QR code on the right and sign up for as many (or as few) Sunday deliveries as you wish.

### eChimes News and Events

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### Giving Online

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