

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 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 on *Middlebury* Russel Schulz-Widmar

The people stand as able.

Hymn 178: Alleluia No. 1, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30 Deus, Deus meus

BCP 610

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD;

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *the saving deeds that he has done.*

The people stand as able.

Hymn 588, v. 1: Call Street, "Almighty God, your word is cast"

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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 588, vs. 2-3: Call Street, "Almighty God, your word is cast"

Sermon: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

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, 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*.

5th Grade Bridge Ceremony

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. This Sunday's loose plate offering will benefit the clergy's discretionary fund.

Anthem: Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

Where charity and love are, there is God.
The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock.
Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And let us love from a pure heart. Amen.

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



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: Love rescue me

Bono/Bob Dylan

Love rescue me - come forth and speak to me Raise me up and don't let me fall

No man is my enemy, my own hands imprison me.

Love rescue me

Many strangers have I met on the road to my regret Many lost who seek to find themselves in me They ask me to reveal the very thoughts they would conceal. Love rescue me

And the sun in the sky makes a shadow of you and I Stretching out as the sun sinks in the sea I'm here without a name in the palace of my shame

Said, love rescue me

In the cold mirror of a glass I see my reflection pass See the dark shades of what I used to be See the purple of her eyes, the scarlet of my lies Love rescue me

Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow Yea, I will fear no evil I have cursed thy rod and staff, they no longer comfort me Love rescue me

I said love, climb up the mountains, said love On the hill of the son, I'm on the eve of a storm And my word you must believe in I said love, rescue me

I've conquered my past, the future is here at last I stand at the entrance to a new world I can see The ruins to the right of me will soon have lost sight of me Love rescue me

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 477: Engelberg, "All praise to thee"

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Captain David M. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN, Retired

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Amelia Arthur Celebrant: The Reverend Penny Nash Assisting Priest: The Reverend Blake Singer Lectors: Andrew Sherrod, Matt Weisenfluh

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Bain, Leigh Hulcher

Acolyte Team 1: Caroline McGetrick, Henry Peace, Henry Stock, Tommy Stock; Crucifer & Team Leaders: William Holland, Camden Peace; Adult Leaders: Mary Parke Holland, Chris Peace; Acolyte Masters: Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubard

Altar Guild Group 1: Mary Craig Bryant, Corinne Davis, Julia Scott, Lynn Young; Leader: Staige Grymes, Co-Chairs: Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

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

Soloists: Alan Stone, Sam Zimmer, Kevin Murray, George Bishop, Hank Artz

Harmonica: George Bishop

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

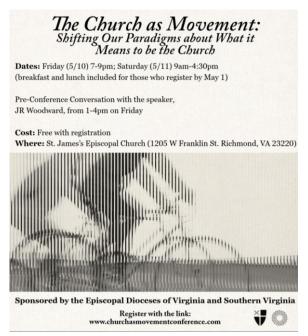
Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the congregations and clergy of Emmanuel (Beckford Parish) in Woodstock, Grace & Holy Trinity in Richmond, Immanuel on the Hill in Alexandria, and St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish) in Mt. Jackson

For the newly born: especially Mary Spady Van Selow, daughter of Lexie and Tyler Van Selow, and Mason William Hulbert, son of Elizabeth and Ben Hulbert and grandson of Ann Rumble and Richard and Mary Lou Rumble

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Gabby Strickler, Thomas Strickler, Darnley Adamson, Katie Guerin, Thomas Disharoon, Grace Jennings, and Connie Spilman

The Church as Movement. Everyone is invited on May 10 & 11.



The Dioceses of Virginia and Southern Virginia have come together to co-sponsor two-day free conference for anyone interested in church church planting, revitalization. shifting the paradigms of existing churches from one of attraction to one centered on mission and discipleship. Author, speaker, and National Director of the V3 Church Planting Movement, Woodward, will invite

us to consider why our current paradigms of Church need to change and offer guidance on ways to bring about such change.

This conference will provide space to pray, dream, and discern how God may be calling you to think of and be the Church differently within your own Episcopal context. Individuals (both lay and ordained) and church groups are invited to attend.

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Music Notes



Ubi caritas is by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978). Gjeilo studied composition at the Norwegian Academy of Music (1999-2001). He transferred to Juilliard School and later studied at the Royal College of Music, London. He currently resides in Manhattan, where he works as a freelance composer and is composer-in-residence with the ensemble Voces8.

Love rescue me is a song co-written by Bono of U2 and Bob Dylan. It can be found on U2's Rattle and Hum album, 1988.

Remember and Give Thanks for our Veterans - May 26

This year's Memorial Concert, featuring *Solemn Vespers* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will take place on Sunday, May 26, at 7:00 pm.



Flags will be presented as we sing "America the Beautiful." We will also sing "Eternal Father, strong to save" and "God of our Fathers" accompanied by strings, trumpet, organ and timpani. At this concert we honor and thank our members for their past and present service in the United States military, and remember all our faithful departed who have served in the United States military.

Music Calendar

May 5 Youth Choir Recognition
Sunday, 11:15 am Festival Te Deum (Britten)

May 12 Cherub and Children's Choir Recognition

Sunday, 9:00 am Jonah-man Jazz (Hurd)

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.

This Morning at St. James's

Adult Forum: There will be a clergy-led bible study of today's readings.

Youth: JYF and SYF will meet on the third floor of Michaux House. We have a service project to do!

Children: Godly Play and Growing in Faith will meet on the second floor of Michaux House.

Upcoming Events

Get your tix and sign up! 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. Use the QR code to get tickets and sign up to volunteer and/or bring food.



WomanKind



Join the WomanKind community next Friday, May 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Valentine Hall to celebrate the last 20 years of WomanKind and to announce the 2026 Conference dates, theme, and speaker. Use the orange QR code below to purchase tickets.

You can also get your tickets at Wednesday night dinners and Sunday mornings in Valentine Hall. If

you can't join us, please consider a donation to support WomanKind.

We also need volunteer help with the WomanKind Celebration. You can cook, make desserts, set-up, serve at the bar, decorate and much more. Use the black QR code below to sign up to volunteer.



Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate WomanKind! And anyone is welcome to volunteer.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Please sign up by May 1.



VBS is a little over a month away – June 3 thru 6, from 9 am to noon each. Our hope is for everyone to sign up by next Wednesday, May 1. All the sign up links are in the echimes. Reach out to Ashlee Ligon at childrensministry@doers.org with any questions.