



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk in love with God.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

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Prelude: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Arr. Jane Holstein

Processional Hymn #203 *O sons and daughters, let us sing (Please Stand)*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S-280

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

The Book of Common Prayer, page 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David

spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (please turn to page 599 in the *Book of Common Prayer*)

(We will read as instructed by the Lector)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #209 *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Please Stand

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Very Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed (Please stand and turn to pg. 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Prayers of the People (please kneel or be seated as you are able)
(the congregation will respond with the **bolded italicized words**)

Leader: In his victory over death, Christ Jesus gives us the blessing of new life. Let us offer our prayers for new life for all the world, saying “Christ, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.”

Leader: Gracious God: Guide our hearts, that our witness to your abundant love will bring reconciliation to the Church. Guide our feet to those places where the awareness of your loving presence is needed. Guide our hands to those who need your loving touch. Guide and sustain **Sean Rowe**, our Presiding Bishop, **Mark Stevenson**, our bishop, **Jennifer**, our rector, and all your ministers. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Justice: Guide this nation toward a path of justice for all peoples and grant all those in authority the desire to seek the common good so that the barriers which divide us may disappear. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Mercy: Open our eyes to the poor, the destitute and the homeless and to victims of racism, exploitation or violence in any form. Sustain us in our efforts to combat fear, prejudice and ignorance in ourselves and in others. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Creator God: Open our eyes to the renewing work of your Spirit that we may see in the beauty of spring flowers your promise of new life. Fill us with such reverence and awe for the mysteries of our world that we will strive to be faithful stewards of our natural resources. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Loving God: Open our hearts to your love each day as we live together in community that we may see your face in our neighbors. Deliver us from pride, pretense, or self-occupation so that our time and energy may be spent seeking your wisdom in the service of others. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Healing: Guide us to those who suffer and send your healing touch on those who are broken in body or spirit, for **Bill Treiber**, **Errol & Anna Lou Flynn**, **Gerry Higgins**, **Marie Farrell**, **Pat Nolen**, **Pattie Cooke**, **Warren Gehle**, **Carol Coleman**, **Linda Boxley**, **Sunny Agee**, **Jill Schumacher**, **Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh**, **Mary Morris**, **Jimmy & Karen Funke Caldwell**, **Liz Blanchard**, **Lydia Hayes**, **Jack Steele**, **Ken**, **Zach Yarborough**, **Ted Crackel**, **Chris Stanley**, **Cathy & Bill Collins**, **Kim St. Clair**, **W. A. Dickinson**, **John Cochrane**, and **Nancy Miller**. Christ in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Light and Life: Receive all those who have died that they may live eternally with you in your Light. Christ, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of Glory: Accept our heartfelt thanksgivings for the many blessings you have bestowed on us by your grace. We give thanks for our time together in this place as we prepare to be faithful servants of your Word. We give thanks for the joy of spring, and for those celebrating

birthdays this week, including **Brian Southall, Gerry Higgins, Megan Barrett, and Anna Dockum**. Christ, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes: Guide us and sustain us, Almighty God, and grant us knowledge of the power of your love that has turned death into life, so that we may die daily to ourselves and live eternally in your Light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace & Greeting

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant "Although you have not seen [Jesus Christ], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (*1 Peter*)

Anthem: *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* 5th-c. text; PUER NOBIS, 15th-c. tune

Doxology (*please stand*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host / Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Book of Common Prayer, 372

(*please remain standing*)

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you increasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus S-128

Celebrant and People

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.

(*Please remain standing*)

Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so

that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant 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.

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.

Fraction Anthem S-164 *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Communion Hymns:

#212 *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

#712 *Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)*

Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, page 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.

Blessing

Celebrant Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as you ever can. And may the blessing of new life promised to us by our Resurrected Lord, Jesus, be among you and with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #178 *Jesus is Lord of all the earth*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer/Intinction Cup Holder: Phil Bennett

Chalice: Greg Schumacher

Lector: Dale Williams (8) / Linda Brickey (10)

Prayers of the People: Kim Williams (8) / Tom Woolfolk (10)

Usher: Patty & Emma Madison

Videographer: Jim Brickey

Altar Guild: Lin Kogle

Counters: Patty Madison / Tom Woolfolk

Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Terry Cole

Intercessions

Church Members: Bill Treiber, Errol & Anna Lou Flynn, Gerry Higgins, Marie Farrell, Pat Nolen, Pattie Cooke, Warren Gehle, Carol Coleman, Linda Boxley, Sunny Agee, Jill Schumacher, Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh

Family of Church Members: Mary Morris, Jimmy & Karen Funke Caldwell, Liz Blanchard, Lydia Hayes, Jack Steele, Ken

Friends of Church Members: Zach Yarborough, Ted Crackel, Chris Stanley, Cathy & Bill Collins, Kim St. Clair, W. A. Dickinson, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs

For those in military service, especially: Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin

For those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgiving:

13-Brian Southall; 14-Gerry Higgins, Megan Barrett; 16-Anna Dockum

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card as well as the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your email and mailing address, so that someone can contact you. Thank you for joining us this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given by Greg & Jill Schumacher to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children, Katie & Matthew, on their birthdays.

Thanks so much, members of St. James! Due to your enormous generosity (and the inclement weather on Easter Sunday, we have lots of leftover candy that we will be donating to Louisa County Resource Council. Also, thanks so much to all the children who participated in our modified Easter celebration! And remember, Easter is not over! Please join us in Sunday school during the 10 AM service for the remainder of the Easter season. We love seeing your smiling faces!

The Adult Formation will meet this Tuesday, April 14th, from 10-11:30am in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday, the VA Extension Office will begin a 4-week session on Balanced Living with Diabetes. The time is 2-4:00pm in the Parish Hall. Open to all.

The SILAS Support Group will meet on Thursday, April 16th, from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

The Pathways Co-Hort meeting will be held on Thursday at 4:00pm via ZOOM. A link will be sent prior to the meeting.

ACE (Adult Community Education) will hold ACE Trivia on April 19th, from 2-4:00pm, at Callie Opie's Event Center. The cost is \$35 per person and registration begins at 1:30pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Please see Jill Schumacher or Terry Cole for tickets or information. You can also contact the ACE office at 540-967-5660 or email literacylouisia@gmail.com.

On April 25th the Charlottesville Region of the Diocese of Virginia will be hosting a Racial Justice & Healing Workshop at Trinity Episcopal Church in Charlottesville. Rev. Jennifer will be attending and would love to have anyone from St. James join her. Please register with Tammy Lewis at tlewis@episcopalvirginia.org.