

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

*Thanks be to God
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:17

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead,.

1 Peter 1:3

INTROIT HYMN: 171

1. Good Christians men, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all mankind rejoice and say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Thy Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The following may be said by the President and people:

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY**ALL:**

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.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you .

THE COLLECT: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 5: 27-32

The apostles are brought before the council of religious authorities in Jerusalem and again commanded to cease teaching the Good News in the name of Jesus.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Acts, Chapter 5, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

A song of praise and rejoicing in which all that has breath is invited to join.

1. Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him for his mighty acts;*
praise him for his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him with the blast of the ram' s-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
4. Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
5. Praise him with resounding cymbals;*
praise him with loudclanging cymbals.
6. Let everything that has breath*
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:*
and shall be forever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING: REVELATION 1: 4-8

John begins and ends this book as a letter. Literally, it is "to the seven churches of Asia" , that is, of the Roman province in western Asia Minor, but "seven" symbolizes totality, so John may speak to all churches in the province, or to all churches, everywhere.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the

Revelation to John, Chapter 1, beginning at the fourth verse.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 167

1. Come see the place where Jesus lay,
And hear angelic watchers say,
"he lives, who once was slain:
Why seek the living 'midst the dead?
Remember how the Saviour said
that he would rise again."
2. O joyful sound! O glorious hour,
When by his own Almighty power

he rose, and left the grave!
 Now let our songs his triumph tell,
 who burst the bands of death and hell,
 and ever lives to save.

3. The First-Begotten of the dead,
 for us he rose, our glorious Head,
 immortal life to bring;
 what though the saints like him shall die,
 they share their Leader's victory,
 and triumph with their King.
4. No more they tremble at the grave,
 for Jesus will their spirits save,
 and raise their slumbering dust:
 O risen Lord, in thee we live,
 to thee our ransomed souls we give,
 to thee our bodies trust.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 20:19-31

Early on Easter Day, Mary Magdalene has recognized a man standing near the tomb as Jesus. She has told the disciples: "I have seen the Lord." The disciples fear that they may suffer the same fate as their master.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

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.

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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THE SERMON

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
 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 INTERCESSION: FORM E

7:15 A.M. MAURICE WEBSTER

9:15 A.M. SANDRA LEACOCK

LEADER:

Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ,
 and for all God's creatures.

LEADER:

With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and
 Saviour, we offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit and
 in truth.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to intercede for us, we uphold all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may fulfil their high calling in the Faith.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are called to interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their work may edify the people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

For the leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

For our Judges, Magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

In our schools, and in all other places of learning, may true knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and discrimination of any kind, may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice and protection.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

To all who suffer now from pain and disease, from human discomfort and misery, may God in Christ bring

healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That we may use aright the fullness of the earth, that our pursuits in science, and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity, which is created in the image of God.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That we may never become the slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may rather strive for victory through the power of love.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed, we may ever rejoice in the blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won for us in Christ.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Receive these our prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Act of Penitence

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1: 8 - 9)

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

SONG OF PEACE: LET THERE BE PEACE

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 178***Antiphon****Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat, and spake unto the three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. That night th'apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. How blessed are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been;
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
in laud, and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

EASTER:

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 eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**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!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM B:

PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of
your Spirit, that they may-become the Body and Blood
of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night He was betrayed,
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:
"Take this and eat it:
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.

Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;

His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

His continual intercession for us in heaven;

and looking for His coming again in glory,

we offer you, in thanksgiving,

this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,

and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts

may be filled with your Holy Spirit

and become one body in Christ,

and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable

us, in communion with blessed Mary

and the whole company of heaven,

to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

With Him and in Him and through Him,

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

we worship you, Father Almighty,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION: FORM A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL: Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: 578

1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest,
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
2. We meet, as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet:
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
3. One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blest;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Saviour and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
 we thank you for feeding us
 with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you and all persons in you,
 with gladness and singleness of heart,
 through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, Who brought again from the dead
 our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
 through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you
 perfect in every good work to do His will, working in
 you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the
 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
 Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: *Amen*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 175

1. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
 can no more, O death, appal us;
 Jesus lives! By this we know
 Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
 Alleluia!
2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
 but the gate of life immortal:
 this shall calm our trembling breath,
 when we pass its gloomy portal.
 Alleluia!

3. Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!
4. Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
naught from us our love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!
5. Jesus lives! To him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all taking part in this act of worship today.*
We offer a very special welcome to all of our visitors., especially those from overseas
We pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.
- *Best wishes are extended to all those members celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week. We wish them the very best and pray that they will be blessed with many more.*
- *Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating a*

birthday this week. Special greetings are extended to them from all of us.

Bowen, Ena (Mrs.) **April 27**

Bryan, Ethan (Mr.) **April 29**

Richards, Walter (Mr.) **April 27**

- *We invite you to remember in your prayers this week the Church of St. Mark as they celebrate their Feast of Title on Monday, April 28. We specifically ask you to remember the Rev. Rosalyn Harper-Johnson, the PCC, congregation and all the organizations of the Church.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please feel free to depart during the postlude, mindful of those who remain to listen.

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