

St. James' Episcopal Church  
Hyde Park, New York



**Holy Eucharist**

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. James' Church!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



SONG OF PRAISE

Christ our Passover/ *Pascha Nostrum*  
 Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal #880

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 224

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116: 1-3, 10-17

St. Helena Psalter

*Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.*

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, \*

**because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.**

The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon your holy Name: \*

**“O God, I pray you, save my life.”**

How shall I repay God \*

**for all the good things done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

**and call upon the Name of God.**

I will fulfill my vows to God \*

**in the presence of all people.**

Precious in your sight, O God, \*

**is the death of your servants.**

O God, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and call upon your holy Name.**

I will fulfill my vows to you \*

**in the presence of all your people,**

In the courts of God’s house, \*

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver

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or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia 1 (Taizé)

*Please stand as you are able.*

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a treble clef and a 7/4 time signature. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef and a 7/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The music is in a simple, rhythmic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Deacon*

As members of Christ's Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

For the holy Church of God,

**that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming.**

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew and Allen our own Bishops, and for all the holy people of God,

**that in faithful witness we may preach the Good News  
to the ends of the earth.**

For the peace of the world,

**that a spirit of respect and forbearance  
may grow among nations and peoples.**

For a blessing on all human labor,  
and for the right use of the riches of creation,

**that the world may be freed  
from poverty, famine, and disaster.**

For all in positions of public trust,

**that they may serve justice,  
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

**that they may be relieved and protected.**

For this congregation,  
**that we may be delivered from hardness of heart,  
and show forth your glory in all that we do.**

For our enemies and for all whom we have injured or offended,  
**that we may stand reconciled before you.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers,  
including all we name now:

*Silence—please add your own names silently or aloud.*

For our many blessings, including all we name now:

*Silence—please add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

And for our families, friends, and neighbors,  
**that we may live in joy, peace, and health.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and all  
whose faith is known to you alone, including all we name now:

*Silence—please add your own names silently or aloud.*

That, with all the saints,  
**they may have rest in that place  
where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Blessed Mary the Godbearer, Blessed  
James of Jerusalem, and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and  
one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS

# The Holy Communion

## THE OFFERTORY

*Thank you for your offering to support the ministries of St. James' Church. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online (Paypal or Venmo @stjameshydepark) by scanning the QR code. Thank you!*



## OFFERTORY HYMN #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Please stand as you are able.*

## DOXOLOGY HYMN #380, VERSE 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* *People*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our 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 #S-125 Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

*Continued*

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Following the Sanctus, please stand or kneel as you are able.*

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

#### THE GREAT AMEN

*Celebrant*

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 ev- er. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* *People*

A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then follows*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM #S-154

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER FOR SENDING EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Following the communion of the people, the Eucharistic Visitors come forward and are commended for this ministry.*

*Celebrant*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #296

We know that Christ is raised

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go forth into the world,  
witnessing to the power of the Resurrection.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

## HEALING PRAYER



*Please join us for Coffee Hour  
in our Parish Hall right after the service.*



## Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson  
*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback  
*Deacon*

Daniel Conroy  
*Musician*

Abel and Kathleen Ferreira  
*Ushers*

Anne McGrath  
*Acolyte*

Wilma Tully, Regina Dahlgren  
*Readers*

Anne McGrath, Susan Gausepohl, Wendy Walrath  
*Altar Guild*

Andy Hall  
*Livestream Production*

Patty Drake, Austin Horne  
*Pledge Clerks*

Eric Zavadil  
*Coffee Hour Host*

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