

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York



Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. James' Church!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

A few notes about today's service

Hymns: Most hymns not printed in the bulletin are in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in your pew. Hymns marked "LEVAS" refer to the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, the book with a multi-colored cover and red binding.

Responses: Please join the congregation by saying the responses marked in **bold font**.

The Word of God

PRELUDE

"Mother's Hands"

Drew Hemenger

ENTRANCE HYMN #516

Come down, O Love divine

Please stand as you are able.

EASTER ACCLAMATION *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

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 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

St. Helena Psalter

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

Bless our God, you peoples; *

let the sound of praise be heard;

God holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare *

and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water, *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth, *

and high praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

God would not have heard me;

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But in truth God has heard me *

and has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

whose love has not been withheld from me.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia 1 (Taizé)

Please stand as you are able.

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

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. It features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef and a 7/4 time signature. It features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the vocal line.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form V, BCP 389

Please stand 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.

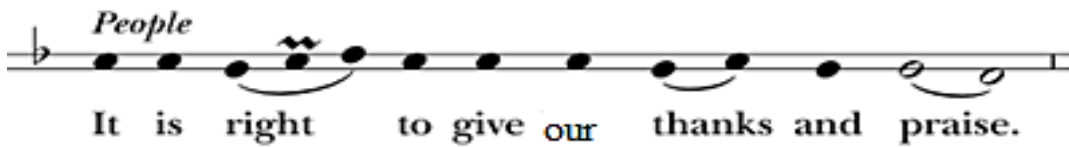
The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS



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

Continued

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 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.

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 LEVAS #42

I serve a risen Savior

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

*“Heimweh II,” Op. 63 #8,
J. Brahms*

Remembering that Sunday May 10 happens to be Mother's Day, our resident clarinetist (and treasurer) Russell Urban-Mead and our Interim Music Director, Dr. Leonard J. Lehrman, will be offering as Prelude and Postlude two lovely pieces that have (to their knowledge) never been played by clarinet and piano before:

The Prelude will be an arrangement of "Mother's Hands," the setting by Drew Hemenger (b. 1968) of a poem by W. Dayton Wedgefarth (1885-1973), composed in 1999 for Grace Methodist Church in Lindenhurst, Long Island.

The Postlude will be an arrangement of one of Johannes Brahms's most beautiful songs, titled "Heimweh II," the first verse of which goes:

O wüßt ich doch den Weg zurück, Den lieben Weg zum Kinderland!	Oh, if I only knew the road back, The dear road to childhood's land!
O warum sucht' ich nach dem Glück Und ließ der Mutter Hand?	Oh, why did I search for happiness And leave my mother's hand?

(English translation by Leonard J.
Lehrman)



*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

Dr. Leonard J. Lehrman
Interim Music Director

Regina Dahlgren and Betsy Porter
Ushers

Taylor Stankus
Acolyte

Russell Urban-Mead, Wilma Tully
Readers

Georgia Verven, Karen Gasparini, Kathy Ferreira
Altar Guild

Valerie Gaulin and Steve Gausepohl
Livestream Production

Audrey Horne and Betsy Porter
Pledge Clerks

Mike Fenwick
Coffee Hour Host

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