

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 a.m. May 9, 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Sonata in G, K. 32* **DOMENICO SCARLATTI, ED. WAYNE L. WOLD**

The People stand as the ministers enter.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC *Come We That Love the Lord* **VINEYARD HAVEN**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 *Spoken*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God 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.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reader A reading from The Book of Acts.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Spoken in unison

PSALM 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.
 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Reader A reading from the first epistle of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord. or Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL MUSIC *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

DUNEDIN

To honor the teachings of Jesus, all turn to face the Gospel procession.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON

THE REV. CHRISTINE GILSON

Silence is observed following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All **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 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FROM "FEASTING ON THE WORD"

Reader We sing for joy, O God,
for you are coming to judge the world
with righteousness and fairness
between nations and between people.

People Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for the poor and the desperate
as well as for those who abuse and oppress them,
both here and abroad.
Comfort those who suffer
and chasten those who cause their suffering,
that your justice may be known in all the earth.

People Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for families, communities, and nations
torn apart by violence.
Heal the broken places
and imbue your earth with peace.

People Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for the sick and the dying,
for those who are friendless and lonely,
for those living with grief or depression.
Bring them your friendship and renew their joy.
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for ourselves, your church,
that we may bear fruit of peace, hope, and love,
fruit that will last.
Now in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our friend,
and in the Holy Spirit poured out on us,
we sing a new song to praise you
for you are doing marvelous things! **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and
sacrifice to God.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Ubi Caritas* **JACQUES BERTHIER**
“Where Charity and Love Abide, God Is There”

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:

**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.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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 celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the devotional practice of asking to receive the inward and spiritual grace of Holy Communion when circumstances impede us from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

All **Risen Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace and let us never be separated from you. Amen.**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

You, Lord, We Praise in Songs of Celebration
HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All **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.**

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

MUSIC NOTES

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Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet (You, Lord, We Praise in Songs of Celebration).
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PRAYERS

Pray for those serving in the military: Alexis (Lexi) Reed, Will Corkins, and J. David Anderson-Lusk.

Pray for those who have died: Donald Yoder; Marsha Bacon; Nancy Rollins; Christopher "Chris" Erickson, son of Jennifer and Mark Erickson; David T. Childs; The Rev. Wayne Blakely; Jeff Gibson, son of Deacon Barbara Gibson; Larry Edwin Rahal, father of Nancy Carroll; and Caroline Rudnick-Rowley, wife of Bruce, mother of William and Madeline.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity:

Pray for Marge Rine, her son Wes, and the rest of their family. Pray also for Dal Harrison, her husband Rick, and their family. Pray for Joan Janzen and her daughter, Catherine. Please continue in your prayers for the recovery of Gary, Bill, and Pete. Lift up all people with COVID-19 and all health care workers. Please pray for Pam; LouAnn M.; Jayne; Iola; Martha; Betty; Gus; Jessica; Bob; Joe; Jean; Jerry; Teresa; Larry S.; Jan and Joan; Mary; Joann, Mike and their granddaughter, George; George II; Christina; Bill; Floyd; Gene; George; Jean; Jan and family; Tucker; Ashley and Taylor; Carly, granddaughter of Delmar and Mary Klocke; Tom Tadtman, brother of Marilyn Taylor; Ann Gilson, mother-in-law of Mother Christine.

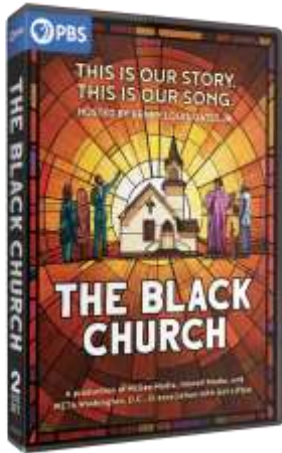
All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to volunteer as one of the people who greeted you or helped you find your seat today? We desperately need ushers, greeters and readers. If you would like to help welcome people back to St. James or read during services, please contact Peggy Johnson at johnsonorganist@gmail.com.

We also need front-desk volunteers on Mondays, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons and Fridays. Help answer calls, greet visitors and take on special projects. If you are interested in volunteering at the front desk, please contact Deb Gruver at office@stjameswichita.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Congregational Book Read will begin a new video series on May 13. We will watch "[The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song](#)" by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. It is a moving series tracing the 400 year-old story of the Black Church in America and explores its role in African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power. The documentary reveals how Black people have worshipped and, through their spiritual journeys, improvised ways to bring their faith traditions from

Africa to the New World while translating them into a form of Christianity that was not only truly their own but a redemptive force for a nation whose original sin was found in their ancestors' enslavement across the Middle Passage. This is a great time to join us! We meet every Thursday at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. on Zoom. The Zoom links are on our online church calendar.

May 13 & 20- Part 1: Trans-Atlantic slave trade and the extraordinary ways enslaved Africans preserved and adapted their faith practices from slavery to emancipation.

May 27 & June 3- Part 2: How the black Church expanded its reach to address social inequality and minister to those in need, from the Jim Crow South to the heroic phase of the civil rights movement and the Black Church's role in the present.

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We would like to include members of the parish in congratulating seniors May 16. Olivia, Katie and Jayden are our seniors graduating from high school. Gracie Moore is graduating from Elon University. Please consider bringing or sending a card to church for each senior. If you have questions, please email or call Anne Clark at aws1155@yahoo.com or 816-797-6177.

The nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use the nursery as needed.

If you do not receive the **weekly eTower** by email but would like to, please call the office at 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the outreach committee chose these quotes to share with the parish.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”
— Aesop

“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”
— Matthew 28:20

“No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.”
— Anonymous

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Episcopal Summer Camp at Camp Wood will be June 6 to 12 for youth in third to 12th grades. Registration is open, and scholarships are available from the Diocese of Kansas and St. James. You may register at <https://edokformation.wordpress.com/camp/>. For questions about or assistance with scholarships, please email formation@stjameswichita.org.

Vacation Bible School will be June 21 to 24. For more information and to sign up, visit <http://www.myvbs.org/stjameswichita>.



VBS will be transforming our church into a Winter Wonderland this summer! To do that, we are in need of the following supplies in bulk quantities:

- Blue tablecloths (rectangular size)
- Purple tablecloths (rectangular or round size)
- Polyester fiber fill (lots and lots, to imitate snow)
- White sheets (used sheets are fine, and these also will be used to imitate snow)
- Cardboard boxes (the larger the better, but we will take any size)

Please drop off the supplies in the laundry basket in the front marked “VBS Supplies.” If items are too large for the laundry basket, please set it by the basket and mark “VBS” on it. Once we have enough of a certain supply, we will take it off this list. Thank you! Questions? Please contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org

The youth rummage sale will be July 8 to 11. Please scour your homes for items to donate. You may email or call Anne Clark at aws1155@yahoo.com or 816-797-6177 to arrange a time to take items to church. Volunteers also are needed to help set up and work the sale.

WELCOME

If you are new to St. James (within the last two years), we'd love for you to join our Newcomer Network! These virtual events will be a small group of new and a few seasoned members so you can meet and get to know one another. Future sessions are scheduled for 7 p.m. May 16 and May 23 on Zoom. To keep the groups small, please RSVP. The group is open to people who have been at St. James two years or less. Please email or call Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org or 316-993-4672 for more information and to RSVP.

Please be sure to grab a welcome card at the front desk when you pick up your bulletin.

If you're a first-time visitor, we have a welcome bag for you at the entrance to the sanctuary.

We produce a weekly eTower newsletter and invite you to sign up for it on our website, www.stjameswichita.org or by calling or emailing the church at 316-683-5686 or office@stjameswichita.org.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Christine Gilson, Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

David Johnson, Verger

Marlene Hallstrom, Organist and Music Director

Rick Milhon and Rob Compton, Readers

Deb Bagby, Usher

St. James Altar Guild

Derek Landwehr, Videographer



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