

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY

10:45 a.m., April 18, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Variations on “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

J. PACHELBEL

The People stand as the ministers enter.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Minister of the Word
People

Grace and peace in the name of Christ.
Thanks to be God.

SONG OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

D. FISHEL, ARR. J. HONORE

SALUTATION

Minister of the Word
People
Minister of the Word

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The lector concludes the reading and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL MUSIC *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

T. GIESCHEN

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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36B-48

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON

LAUREN SCHMEIDLER, PREACHER

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 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

FROM “FEASTING ON THE WORD”

Reader God has made the One who was rejected
the cornerstone of a new community.
In the name of Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.
Holy One,
as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples
to understand the Scriptures
and gave them power through the Holy Spirit
to walk boldly in this world,
open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith
given in your Word;

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader Prince of Peace,
as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet
to the terrified apostles,
reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith,
the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families,
and the avenues toward healing;

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader Author of life,
we beg for peace among nations,
peace throughout communities,
peace within families.
Guide leaders and voters,
legislatures and parliaments,
judges and juries.
Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed
so that all creatures, plants, and people may have plenty;

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader Light in our darkness,
let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence.
Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret.
Unveil the needs of our own hearts
so that we may know the power of vulnerability.
Your Son was raised to life even from the grave.
Show us again that life comes from death;

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader Healer of our every ill,
we pray for all who are in need,
for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms,
for rescue workers and medical teams,
for those whose bones are weary,
for those who show us the power of community
to give hope to the frightened,
and for all who have asked for our prayers;

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God,
and we pray now for those persons and concerns
that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence. . . .

[A time of silence is kept.]

People **Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Reader Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God,
we commend into your care all for whom we pray,
and our own lives;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Minister of the Word Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Minister of the Word and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will and People in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Minister of the Word Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Minister of the Word
All

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Julie-O*

M. SUMMERS

THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister of Reserved Sacrament
People

God be with you.
And also with you.

Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Let us pray.
Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister of Reserved Sacrament
All

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Minister of Reserved Sacrament The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Risen Today

ARR. W. CUTTER

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister of Reserved Sacrament and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ your savior. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC *Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing*

ARRANGED R. LIND

GRACE AND DISMISSAL

Minister of Reserved Sacrament

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People

Amen.

Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Go forth in Jesus' Way of Love.

People

Thanks be to God.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon and Minister of Reserved Sacrament
Lauren Schmeidler, Preacher
Deb Bagby, Minister of the Word
Mary Halley, Verger
Marlene Hallstrom, Organist and Music Director
William Compton, tenor; Olivia Laycock, cello
Eve Moore, Reader
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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. They will be hosted on Zoom at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings starting April 25. To keep the groups small, you must RSVP for an evening that best fits your schedule. Please email or call Chelsea Whipple, our director of programs, at formation@stjameswichita.org or 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@stjameswicita.org.



**Whoever you are and
wherever you find yourself
on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here.**

St. James
Episcopal Church
CELEBRATING

YEARS
1920-2020
A COMMUNION
OF SAINTS

PRAYERS

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

Pray for those who have died: 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 Vince Nix, the son-in-law of Buck and Gladys Alley. 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 and Mike and their granddaughter, George; George II, Christina, Bill, Floyd, Gene, George, Jean, Jan and family.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're thrilled to announce that Children's Chapel will meet in person at 10:45 a.m. May 2.

Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use the nursery if needed.

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

MUSIC NOTES

Variations on “Abide, O Dearest Jesus:” *Composer: Johann Pachelbel; Kalmus Publishing Corp.; public domain.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (Alleluia No. 1). *Composer: Donald Fishel; arranged by Jeffrey Honore’; ©2001 Augsburg Fortress; performed by permission OneLicense #A-721636.*

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright. *Tune: Puer nobis; arranged by Thomas Geischen; ©1982 Concordia Publishing House; performed by permission OneLicense #A-721636.*

Risen Today. *Arranged by William Cutter; based on Were You There When They Crucified My Lord, traditional spiritual, and Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, text by W.C. Dix, tune by R.H. Prichard; ©1993 Alfred Publishing House; performed by permission One License #A-721636.*

Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing. *Composer: Melchior Vulpius (1609); arranged by Robert Lind; ©2006 Darcey Press; used by permission of the publisher.*