

 **ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*Welcome!*

***April 14, 2024***

***Third Sunday  
of Easter***

**Presider and Preacher**

The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia,

Interim Priest

**Minister of Music**

James Jelasic

**Eucharistic Minister**

Sally Soran

**Lector**

Leslie Malek

**Cantors**

Ann Aarhus & Leslie Malek

**Violin**

Bill McAdams



# Thanksgivings

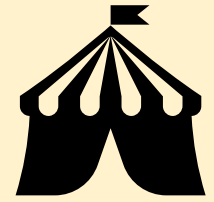
Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. You set us free when we are hard-pressed; you have mercy on us and hear us when we call upon you. We know that we are loved by you and called your children, and we thank you. We thank you for the faithful worshipping community of St. James and for the ways that we gather. We thank you for those who give of their treasure, time, and talent. Thank you for the gift of community. Amen.



# Announcements



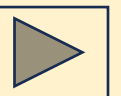
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## Prayer List

Randall Danioth, the family of Jack McLaughlan, Aidan Dike, Bailey Aylward, Sharon Rockwell, David Danioth, Anne Richardson, Sister D. Bracher, Chris Huff, DJ Danioth, Cliff Sipe, James Sipe, Tom Soran, John Farber, Cathryn Wilkerson, Lillie Makumbi, Jeremy Bacon & Mother Ruth Anne, Darla Reed, Doreen Miller, Olivia & Luke Eldredge, Adam Radford, Marcia Wesley, Ellen Flick, Kathy Scholl, and Dorothy Yantis; and for the repose of the soul of Jack McLaughlan.




Prelude

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**

Fred til bod (Danish - Peace for Penance)

G. Winston Cassler

*James Jelasic, Organ*



Welcoming Hymn  
**He is Risen, He is Risen!**  
1982 Hymnal 180, v. 1-4

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He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.



Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

## Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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**Glory to God/*Gloria in Excelsis*  
1982 Hymnal S#277**

**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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider 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 First Lesson: A reading from Acts 3:12-19.**

*All scriptures are from the NRSV.*

When Peter saw it, he 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. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **The Response: A reading from Psalm 4.**

**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.**

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
**when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
**and put your trust in the Lord.**

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better  
times!” \*

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O  
Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
**more than when grain and wine and oil  
increase.**

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
**for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

## **The Second Lesson: A reading from 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.

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# The Gospel

Presider     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke 24:36b-48.

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

Jesus himself stood among them 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.

**Presider**     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The background of the slide features a warm, golden-orange sunset or sunrise over a field. Three wooden crosses of varying heights are silhouetted against the bright sky. The central cross is the tallest, flanked by two shorter crosses. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Sermon  
**The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia**  
*Interim Priest*

We pause for reflection...



# The Nicene Creed

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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified.  
Who 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 Peace**

**Presider**

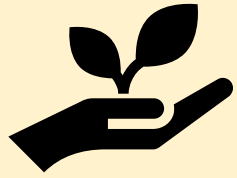
**The Peace of the Lord  
be with you!**

**People**

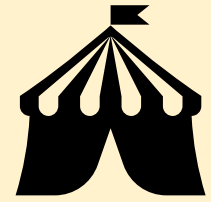
**And also with you!**



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## Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Romans 12:1*

Offertory  
**Amazing Grace**  
Traditional/Bock  
*James Jelasic, Piano*

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# **The Doxology**

1982 Hymnal #380 (v. 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 Holy Eucharist**

*(Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372)*

Presider    The Lord be with you.

**People    And also with you.**

Presider    Lift up your hearts.

**People    We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People    It is right to give God thanks and  
praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* 1982 Hymnal S124**

**† 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.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." †

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All      We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Bishop Provisional Melissa Skelton and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.



And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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**

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is  
sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia!**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ  
died for you, and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns  
**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

1982 Hymnal 199

**Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice**

1982 Hymnal 212


# Post Communion Prayer

Presider        Let us pray.

**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



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Sending Hymn  
**Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**  
1982 Hymnal 214, v. 1-4

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Hail the day that sees him rise  
glorious to his native skies;  
Christ, awhile to mortals given,  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits;  
lift your heads, eternal gates!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene;  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!



1982 Hymnal 214, v. 3-4

See! he lifts his hands above;  
See! he shows the prints of love:  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow,  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight,  
raise our hearts to reach thy height,  
there thy face unclouded see,  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

## **The Dismissal**

**Presider** Let us go forth in the  
name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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



Postlude

**Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

*James Jelasic, Piano*