

**Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 12, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.**

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Prelude

“Allegro” from *Sonatine bureaucratique*

Erik Satie

Welcome

Processional Hymn (*stand*) “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

Hymn 182

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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 (*stand*)

“Glory to you”

Hymn S-236, John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord God of our fa - thers; _____
_____ you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_____ for the ra - di - ance of your _____ ho - ly Name; _____ we will praise you and high - ly ex -
_____ alt you for - ev - er. _____ 3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the
_____ splen - dor of your tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. _____
_____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; _____

Music continues on next page

— we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for - ev - er. —

5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the depths; — in the high vault of

hea - ven, glo - ry to you. — 6. Glo - ry to you, — Fa - ther, Son, — and

Ho - ly Spi - rit; — we will praise you and high - ly ex -

alt you for - ev - er. —

The Collect of the Day (*stand*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

All **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson (*sit*)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Linda Ellis

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

"For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not

abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *(sit)*

Psalm 16

Linda Ellis

*The leader may choose for all to read in unison or responsively
by verse or breaking at the asterisk.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(sit)*

The Nicene Creed *(stand)*

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 *(stand)*

Amy Black Metcalf

Adapted from the Episcopal Church's Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation

Leader Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour out your blessings upon all who work for the good of this planet. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Meredith, James, and Catherine, our priests; for all who minister in Christ, lay and ordained, and for all the people of God.
God, Giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Breath of life, help us to acknowledge the beauty of our local habitat and the dignity all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.
God, Giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, receive our gratitude for sources of refreshment and restoration, and continue to nourish the places and people who feed our lives and spirits. We pray for our parish ministries; for St. James' Children's School, the Bishop Walker School, and our partner church and school in Haiti, Bon Samaritain Parish, L'Acul. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your grace.
God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.
God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. We pray for those living with mental illness and those who love them, and for all on our parish prayer list, including Wynne, Karen, and Katherine.
God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, welcome into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and full our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace *(stand, remaining at your pew)*

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Announcements *(sit)*

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence *(sit)*

Ephesians 5:2

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

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Offertory Anthem *(sit)*

“O Sons and Daughters”
St. James' Singers

arr. by Mark Schweizer

Presentation Hymn *(stand)*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

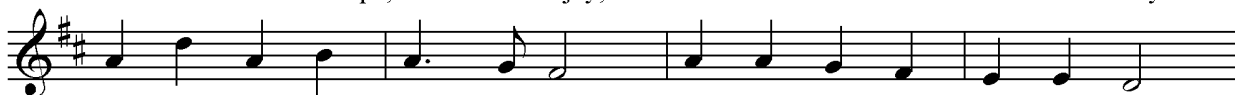
Tune: Salzburg

Text: Latin (1632)
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702)



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side:
From sin's pow'r do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sac - red Blood for wine,
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim Christ the priest.
ri - sen Lord all praise to thee with the Sp - rit ev - er be.

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP pp. 369-372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All



Glo - ry to you for e - ver and e - ver.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.



By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All



Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



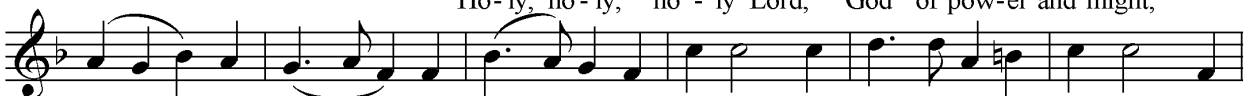
By his blood, he re - con - ciled us. By his wounds we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

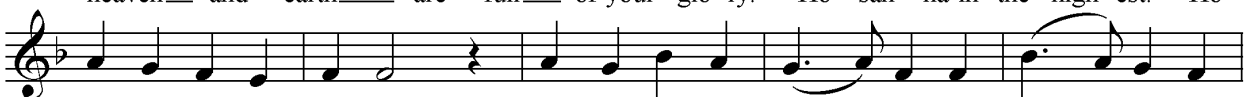
Sanctus, Richard Proulx



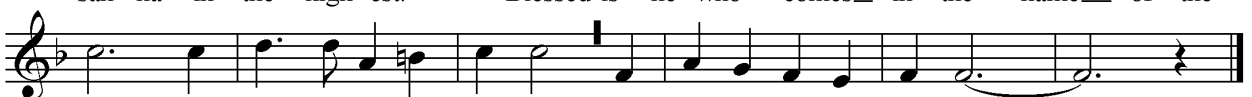
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. 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.

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



We_ ce - le - brate his death and_ res - ur - rec - tion, as we a -



wait the day of his com - ing

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Miriam, and Mary; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



Ris - en_ Lord, be known to_ us in the break - ing_ of the_ bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn

David Hurd

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.

Celebrant 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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Please follow the ushers' guidance to receive Holy Eucharist at the altar.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will bless you. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may touch the base of the chalice as the words are spoken, or request grape juice from the server.

If you prefer intinction as we share the common cup, you are invited to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharist Minister when they offer the wine, and they will dip it for you. Having only one person intinct keeps the cup more sanitary for all of us.

If you are uncomfortable partaking of wine or juice, you may abstain. To honor the Blood of Christ, you are welcome to touch the chalice as the wine is offered. Communion in one kind (bread only) is full communion.

Communion Hymn “For the bread which you have broken”

Hymn 341

Post Communion Prayer *(stand)*

Celebrant Let us pray together.

All **Eternal God, 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 *(stand)*

Lord, grant us a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor.

Give us the gift of faith,
to be renewed and shared with others each day.

Teach us to live this moment only,
looking neither to the past with regret,
nor to the future with apprehension.

Let love be our guide, and our lives a prayer;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be with us always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *(stand)* “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

Hymn 199

Sing vss. 1-2, play kazoos, sing vss. 3 and 4

Dismissal *(stand)*

Celebrant Go in laughter, go in grace;
with the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude “Vivache” from *Sonatine bureaucratique*

Erik Satie

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All are invited for fellowship immediately following the service. **Newcomers, welcome!**
Please introduce yourself to the clergy and learn about the ways God is working at St. James’.

About Today's Music

by Newton Lewis, St. James' Music Director

This year's musical offering to Humor Sunday will be two movements from a sonatina by Erik Satie. In the 1910s, Satie wrote a series of humorous musical pieces. This was the last one he wrote. It's a full-scale parody of a single work of 18th century keyboard music: Muzio Clementi's Sonatina No. 1 in C Major, Op. 36. Many a first-year piano student has played the collection of Clementi sonatinas. Note for example that in the last movement, the Italian "Vivace," meaning "lively," gets Gallicized to "Vivache." "Vache" means "cow." (Lively in a bovine sort of way?)

Ironically, the "irreverent reinterpretation of 18th century music" led to a new musical trend: neoclassicism. After a few decades of atonal music that was never really popular, Satie and his contemporaries Stravinsky and Prokofiev turned to the formal structures and principles of the classical period of the late 18th century. The underlying harmony was standard common practice harmony, albeit with ornamental dissonance. What started as satire led to a serious new direction in music.



Worship Music Calendar

Apr. 19 Dylan Nohilly solo
Apr. 26 St. James' Singers

Want to be a part of worship music by singing or playing an instrument? Contact Newton Lewis: newton@stjamespotomac.org.

Westminster Ringers Bell Choir Performs at St. James'! Saturday May 2, 5 p.m.



The one-hour concert in our church will celebrate familiar sacred songs, secular favorites and original bell compositions. **No charge!** A freewill offering will be collected.

The Westminster Ringers provides gifted area musicians the opportunity to play advanced handbell music. Questions? Contact newton@stjamespotomac.org.



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