

**Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 19, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.**

St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, Maryland

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Flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy Fisher Hansen, to the glory of God and in memory of Rosemary Fisher.

Prelude and Welcome

Processional Hymn (*stand*) “We know that Christ is raised”

Hymn 296

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 **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 Word of God

The First Lesson (*sit*)

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Emma Leno

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

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

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD’S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Sermon *(sit)*

The Rev. Catherine Manhardt

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)*

Margaret Blaine

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; Eugene, our Assistant 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 our ushers, 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, and for those we now lift in prayer, silently or aloud.

We pause so the people may add their own petitions.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, welcome into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

We pause so the people may add their own petitions.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill 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)*

“Panis Angelicus”
Dylan Nohilly, bass

César Franck

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.

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

All



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.



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.

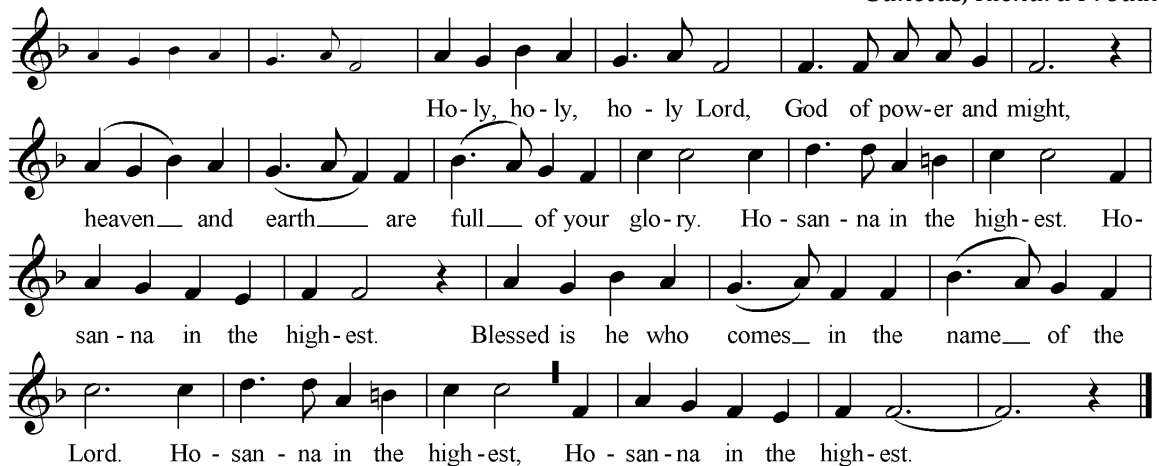


Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



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



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

“My God, thy table now is spread”

Hymn 321

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)*

Recessional Hymn *(stand)*

“This is the feast of victory”

Hymn 417

Dismissal *(stand)*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude

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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’.

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Ministry Minute: Ushers

St. James’ ushers welcome and assist churchgoers at worship. They are the friendly faces greeting newcomers, and helpful ministers during the offering and communion. Ushers open and close the church for services, and they help assure safety and assistance with any special needs during our time together.

Anyone who can pass an offering plate can begin serving as usher! We invite older children and teens to offer their help with the offering collection when they are in church. Our experienced ushers are happy to guide new servers. To learn more, speak to the clergy or contact Amy Metcalf via the parish office, office@stjamespotomac.org.

What ushers do: Ushers arrive early at worship to unlock the church doors and distribute bulletins. They help visitors find seats, guide parishioners to the communion rail, count attendance, and collect the offering. After worship, they tidy up the pews and lock doors.

Adult ushers remain in the narthex during worship where they are available to respond to calls for assistance and to monitor the entrances. Ushers are on hand for emergencies during worship and ensure security while the church is open on Sundays.

About Today's Music

by Newton Lewis, St. James' Music Director

The text of today's hymn, "This is the feast of victory" is rumored to have been written at a Lutheran student gathering in 1962 in Williams Bay WI. More likely, it was written by John Arthur, a member of the Liturgical Texts Committee, a sub-committee of the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship.

The text is a paraphrase of Revelation 5:12-13 and was intended to be used in place of the "Gloria" in the Lutheran communion service. While the original intent was to offer an alternative among several options, for Lutherans it has become the most popular and widely used songs of praise in place of the Gloria.

In 1969, Richard Hillert composed the music that has remained with this text ever since. It was included in our present hymnal as a statement of our strong ecumenical ties between the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches.

Worship Music Calendar



- Apr. 19 Dylan Nohilly solo
- Apr. 26 St. James' Ringers bell choir
- May 3 St. James' Singers choir

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.

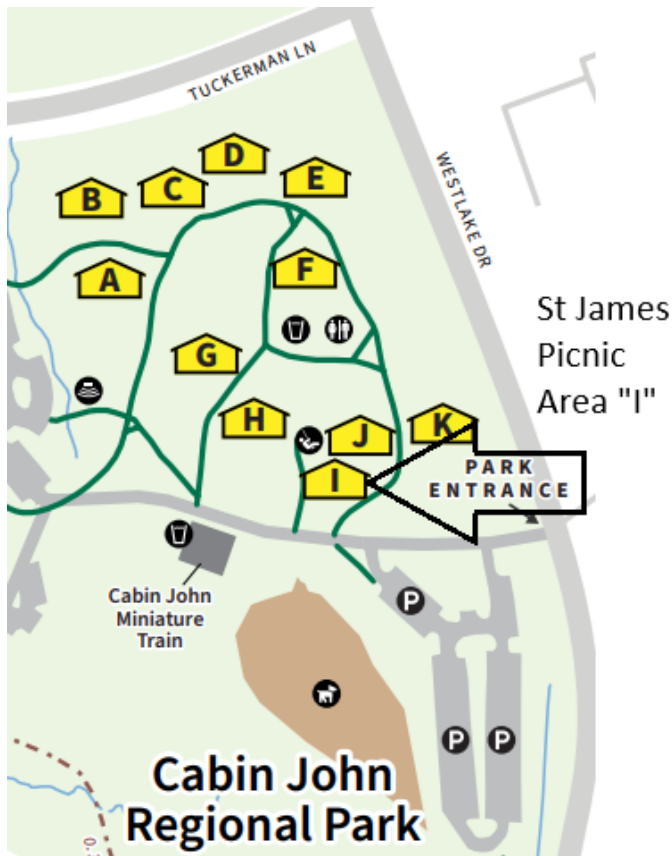
The Westminster Ringers provides gifted area musicians the opportunity to play advanced handbell music. Questions? Contact newton@stjamespotomac.org.



St. James' Potluck Picnic Today!

12:30 p.m. in Cabin John Park

Come enjoy a spring picnic potluck in the park! Bring a dish to share and a ball or game to play outside. Invite family and friends!



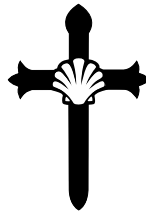
- Cabin John Park entrance is located at **7701 Tuckerman Ln, Potomac.**
- We have reserved a sheltered picnic area at Picnic Area "I" (see map)
- Parking is nearby, as well as the kids' train and the dog park.

See you there!





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St. James' has discerned a call to mental health ministries. If you are ever in crisis, a 24-hour response is offered at the Montgomery County Crisis Center: 240-777-4000. OR call the National Crisis Hotline: 988