

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

May 5, 2024

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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*The Gathering of God's People*

**Opening Hymn**

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Hymnal #191*

1. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts and voices heavenward raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on his resurrection morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
by his mighty enterprise:  
we with him to life eternal  
by his resurrection rise.

3. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

4. Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

5. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Savior  
who has won the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

**Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer, 355

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**The Collect for Purity** (*in unison*)

**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.*

**Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung) Hymnal S-280 (Powell)**

**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 Collect of the Day** (*in unison*)

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The First Reading**

**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.

*To end, the Lector says* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 98**

#### ***Cantate Domino***

*Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song.*

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 Epistle Reading**

**1 John 5:1-6**

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**      *Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God*      *Hymnal #551*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
Have done with lesser things,  
give heart and soul and mind and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
His kingdom tarries long:  
Lord, bring the day of truth and love  
and end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod;  
and quickened by the Spirit's power,  
rise up, ye saints of God!

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

*To end, the Deacon says  
People*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ed Henley

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God’s word to us.*

**The Nicene Creed** (*in unison*)

**BCP, 358**

**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**

*At the end of each petition, the Deacon says*

*The people respond*

*At the close of the Prayers, the People respond*

*O God, giver of love:*

*Hear our prayer.*

**Amen**

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP, 360**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and**

**forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



*Priest*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.*

*Gifts may be made on the parish website, [sjhoptpa.org](http://sjhoptpa.org),*

*or by texting **sjhop** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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**Offertory Anthem**

*Ubi Caritas*  
SJHOP Choir

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A)

**BCP, 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 \*him thanks and praise.**

**[\*or "our", or "God"]**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People (sung)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 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."

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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

*Celebrant*

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

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

*Hymnal S-164*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

*The Celebrant invites the People to Communion, in these or similar words*

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.

### **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those unable to worship with us in person**

*(if you are watching the live stream, please feel free to say this prayer during the sharing of Communion)*

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)***

## Communion Songs

*One Bread, One Body*

*LEVAS #151*

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord*

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more  
*Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord, of all  
*Refrain*



*In Christ, There is No East or West*

*Hymnal #529*

1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says 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 (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)*

*All are seated for announcements.*



## **THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE**

**Closing Hymn**      Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing *Hymnal #344*

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

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



**Remember In Your Prayers** for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo	Lydia Williams	Janelle Goodwin
Charnell Williams	Carol Moorehead	Peter Lockhart
Denise Andretta	Lejoan Franklin	Olivia Whittiker
Michael Carter	Margaret Booth	Mozelle Rhodes
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder	Joe Buczek	Clare Kennedy
Victor Ferguson	Dorothy Batson	Gina Norris
Delores Thomas	Mac Alexander	Margie Jefferson
Ruby Lockhart	Eleanor Solomon	Stella Jacob
Ernest Reese	Richard Grinnell	Deborah Blanchett
Warren Nunn	Morris Kennedy	Virginia McKinney
Rick and Maureen Cybulski		Roderick James

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** David Glicksberg (5/5), Lydia Williams (5/5),

Brandon Jefferson (5/6), Mac Alexander (5/7)

**Anniversaries:** Esther and Mac Alexander (5/7)

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

**Deacon**

**Musicians**

**Lector**

**Usher**

**Camera Operator**

The Rev. Ed Henley

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell

Julius James & SJHOP Choir

Navita Cummings James and Gina Sanders

Barbara Scotland

Carlotta Walker



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