ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

May 17, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Gathering of God's People

*****Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship*****

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord.
Before worship, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

Opening Hymn *Crown Him With Many Crowns* *Hymnal #494*

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King,to whom is given,
the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

The Easter Acclamation **BCP #355**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading **Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Refrain: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Second Reading **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence Hymn *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus* *Hymnal #495*

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

The Holy Gospel **John 17:1-11**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have

believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

To end, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Christian Villagomeza

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 *We pray as one:*
The people respond ***To be the glory forever.***
At the close of the Prayers, the People respond **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.

Offertory Anthem *He is The King Of Kings* *SJHOP Choir*

Presentation Hymn *Hymnal #380 (v.3)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Rite II, 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 up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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.

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.

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.

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

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. 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 Hymns

It Was Poor Little Jesus *Hymnal #468*

1 It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes; he was born on Christmas, yes, yes;
and laid in a manger, yes, yes; wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
wasn't that a pity and shame?

2 It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes; child of Mary, yes, yes;
didn't have a cradle, yes, yes; wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
wasn't that a pity and shame?

3 It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes; they nailed him to the cross, Lord, yes, yes;
they hung him with a robber, yes, yes; wasn't that a pity and a shame, Lord,
Lord, wasn't that a pity and shame?

4 It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes; he's risen from darkness, yes, yes;
he's 'scended into glory, yes, yes; no more a pity and a shame, Lord, Lord,
no more a pity and shame.

If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee *Hymnal #635*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

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 *All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name* *Hymnal #450*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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

For healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo
Denise Andretta
Margaret Booth
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder
Delores Thomas
Stella Jacob
Warren Nunn
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Deborah Blanchett
Virginia McKinney
Denise Morris
Joan Dublin Paul
Gene Samuel
Cayden Pinnock
Linda Ruescher
Javaris Smith

Give thanks for…
Birthdays this week: None this week
Anniversaries: None this week

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Christian Villagomeza
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell
Musicians	Jay Findlater, Julius James and SJHOP Choir
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