

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

TAMPA, FL

April 20, 2025

*Easter Sunday*



*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**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen today*

Hymnal #207

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

**The Easter Acclamation**

**BCP #355**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in excelsis* (sung)**

**Hymnal S280 (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, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,

while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*read in unison*)

***Refrain: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of  
the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **The Second Reading**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

1 I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever others say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

*Refrain*

*He lives, (He Lives), He lives, (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, (He Lives), He lives, (He lives), salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He Lives within my heart.*

2 In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last. *[Refrain]*

3 Rejoice, rejoice. O Christian, lift up your voice and sing.  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *[Refrain]*

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 20:1-18**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together,

but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*To end, the Deacon says*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                              **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.*

**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*

*Christ is risen:*

*The people respond*

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

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

***Amen***



**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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, forever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**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

*Welcome Happy Morning*

HYMNAL #179

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!  
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!  
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

*Refrain:*

*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

2. Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,  
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:  
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,  
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. *[Refrain]*
3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,  
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.  
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,  
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. *[Refrain]*
4. Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,  
thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,  
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,  
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. *[Refrain]*
5. Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,  
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;  
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,  
'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! *[Refrain]*
6. Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! *[Refrain]*

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

*(Refrain)*

3 And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

*(Refrain)*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [*Refrain*]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, [*Refrain*]

*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**

*Christ Is Alive*

Hymnal #182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.
3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

**The Dismissal**

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

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



# *Easter Flowers*

<b>Given by</b>	<b>In Memory</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>
Rich and Lynn Grinnell	Robin, Rich's daughter	
George and Bernice Hodgins	Carolyn A. Hodgins, Weldon Hodgins, Richard Cole	
Isolda Petrie	Zepheniah Ashmeal, Earl Ashmeal, Estrana Gardner	
The Cherry Family	Ronald Cherry	
Phyllis Lee	Clarence E. Lee, Mrs Rose P. Thrash	
Sharon and Joe Buczek	Evelyn Buczek	
Anna Valdes	Juan and Maria Ortiz, Frank Valdes	My children and grandchildren
Rhonda Carter	Eugene and Zaric Thomas, Josephine Carter	Our Family
Arlene Aranha		
Leila Mizer	Charles Mizer, Willy Mae Brown, Cassandra Pierce-Thomas	
Gina Sanders	Lucia Frett	My four children and 4 grandchildren, and for God's love, grace and mercy
Enid Mills	Sarah Jane Vaughn, James Robert, Ellen Graham	God's Blessings
Patrick Thomas	Pauline Thomas Simmons, Clemmie James, Doris Redick, Alphonso Simmons, Charles Simmons, Jacqueline Simmons, Hattie Simmons	
Maisie Reddy	Dr. Fred Reddy, Margie Jefferson, Ollie S. H. Hunter	Life, family, and my church family

Pat and Karla Edwards		Our family and friends, those who are here with us and those who have passed on before us.
Kenneth and Elaine Rollock	Sylford and Sylvia Rollock, Simeon and Mable Clarke and numerous siblings	All the blessings God has bestowed upon us
Dr. Inez Joseph, Deirdre Joseph and Denton Joseph	Mr. Denley Joseph, Mr and Mrs Henry Lee Buggs, Mrs. Ivy Martin, Mr. David Martin	Family and Friends
Elsaela Frazier	Edith and Alfred Rochester, Norman Morgan	
Diane Reece-King and Family	Edgar and Enid Reece, Matthew-Kyle Nugent, Doris Gray, Franklin Coombs, Lloyd and Joyce Mair, Phyliss Mc Morrin, Ken Reece, Clarice Coombs, Norma Baynes	Family, great health and strength. Peace in the world
Barbara Scotland	Pamela C. Ralph, Anglea C. Singh	My children and grandchildren and God's many blessings.
Mary Blackwell	James Blackwell, Sandra Barthlemy, Hazel LaFrance	
The Glicksbergs		Our mother Othley Samuels
Gene Samuel	Diana Lewis, Gloria Samuel Gumbs, George Samual Hodge	
Lorraine Williams-Nunn	Jerome and Hazel Pittman, Beulah O'Cain, Billy Williams	Family and Friends
Olatha Leggett	Alvin Leggett, Sylvia Butler, Jerry Butler, Frank McIntosh, Janice and Donzel Leggett, Donna Kidd	Michele, George, Micaela and Madison
Navita Cummings-James and Julius James	Dr. Yvonne Cummings and Robert Colbert.	For Family, our grandchildren Ellie and Bobby, church family, and many blessings



### **SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	The Rev. Ed Henley
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev'd Dr. Lynn Grinnell
<b>Thurifer</b>	Robert Reeder
<b>Crucifer</b>	Cosmas Edwards
<b>Musicians</b>	Julius James, Jay Findlater, SJHOP Choir
<b>Lectors</b>	Cosmas Edwards and Maisie Reddy
<b>Usher</b>	Barbara Scotland
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Karla Edwards

*Please join us for EASTER BREAKFAST immediately following our  
Easter Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome!!  
Sponsored by the SJHOP ECW.*



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