



# *The Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 27, 2025 • 10:15 a.m.*

**Participants**

*Celebrant - The Rev. Matt Handi*

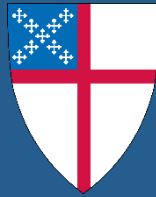
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*Usher – Carl Benker*



St. James' Glastonbury  
Episcopal Church  
In Glastonbury

We Welcome You!  
We're so happy that you are  
joining us for worship today.

Welcome to St. James'!

If you are new to  
St. James', we hope that  
you will join us for  
coffee hour after the  
Worship Service.





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# THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

#205 *blue hymnal*

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

#417 *stanzas 1-2; blue hymnal*

The Hymnal 1982



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

*Please be seated.*

*Lessons and Psalm may be found  
on the worship insert.*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Acts 5:27-32**

Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 118:14-29

*Book of Common Prayer, page 760*

# NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

## Revelation 1:4-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

# SEQUENCE HYMN

#194 *blue hymnal*

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# THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 20:19-31**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Gail Lebert**

# THE NICENE CREED

*Stand, as able.*

**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.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Stand or kneel, as able.*

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; and we thank you."

Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry 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.

You are our God;

**And we thank you.**

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus,  
your word is a word of peace: speak forth in  
a weary world.

You are our God;

**And we thank you.**

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes:  
give us a respect for all you have made.

*You are invited to add your thanksgivings*

You are our God;

**And we thank you.**

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses  
in our community, that our neighbors  
might come to know that you love them  
and have freed them from the power of  
sin.

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

O Lord, you are good; your mercy  
endures forever: be the strength of the  
weak especially for Alice, George, Becky,  
Eileen, Fred, Barbara, Marcky, Michael,  
Rochelle, Bob, Ray, Randy and Family,  
Don and Charlie and the song of those  
who mourn.

*You are invited to add your  
thanksgivings*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Alpha and Omega, you do not hand your  
beloved ones over to death, but promise  
life eternal to all those baptized into your  
Son: to you be glory and dominion  
forever.

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you;" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God  
and our neighbor.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

# EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Members of the Congregation greet one  
another in the name of the Lord.*

*God's Jar is a St. James' tradition and an  
opportunity for children to come forward  
with their financial gifts.*

# BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your child, O Lord,  
as *his/her* days increase; bless and  
guide *him/her* wherever *he/she* may be.  
Strengthen *him/her* when *he/she*  
stands; comfort *him/her* when discouraged  
or sorrowful; raise  
*him/her* up if *he/she* fall; and  
in *his/her* heart may your peace which  
passes understanding abide all the days  
of *his/her* life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*see handout*

# PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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.

#380 The Hymnal 1982

*Stanza 3*

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 369

*Please stand, as able.*

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

....you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

....and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created  
and have their being.**

....and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord,  
for we are sinners in your sight.**

....to open for us the way of freedom  
and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

**SANCTUS**

**#S125**

Remembering now his work of  
redemption, and offering to you this  
sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death  
and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

....that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.      Amen.**

# FRACTION ANTHEM

*Choir:* Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.

*All:* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir:* The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

*All:* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir:* One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

*All:* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

# THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please follow the instructions of the Usher.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to let the clergy know.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers, individual cups and consecrated grape juice are available upon request to the priest or the Minister of Communion.*

# PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Prayed by those worshipping remotely*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.

# COMMUNION HYMN

#178 *blue hymnal*

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# POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 AND DISMISSAL

*R/* **Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

# THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

#209 *blue hymnal*

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