



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 10:15 a.m.

Participants

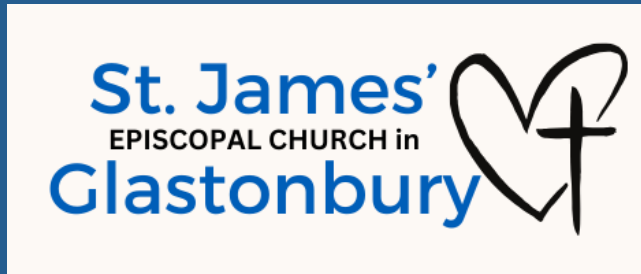
Celebrant - The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer

Preacher – Erin Perrelli

Minister of Communion – Sharon Phipps

Reader – Jeannette Brown

Usher – Carl Benker



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

Adult Bible Study

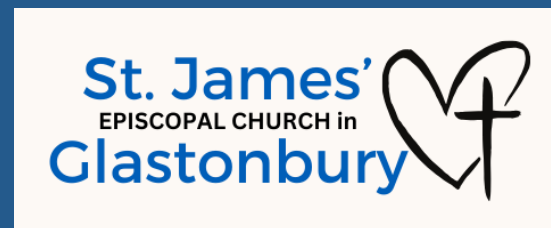
Will return

Sunday May 5th

The Gospel of John

Currently reading

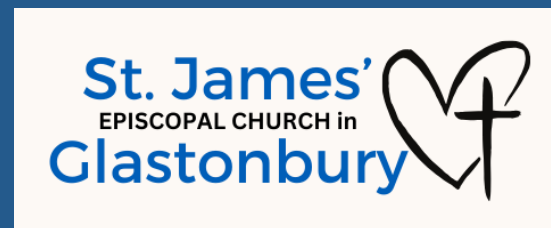
Chapter 18



We encourage you to wear a name tag so that we can get to know each other. If you need a name tag, please sign up in the Atrium.



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is seeking donations of
casual summer
clothing for
men and women.



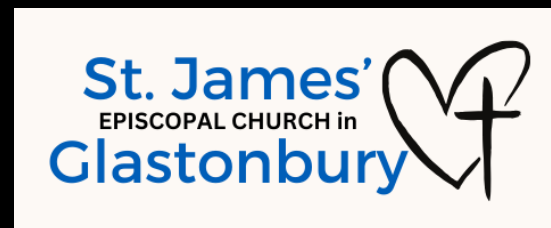


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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#296 *blue hymnal*

The Hymnal 1982

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant
All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia.

The 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 blue hymnal

stanzas 1-2

The Hymnal 1982

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

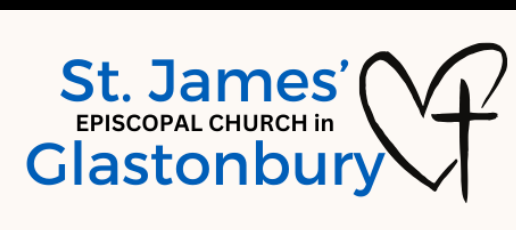
Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before
him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for
ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,

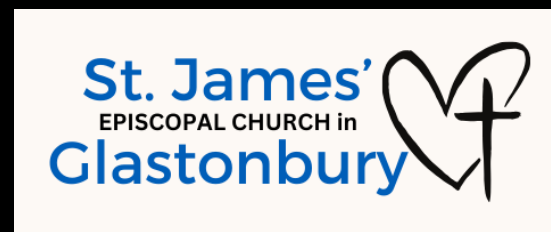
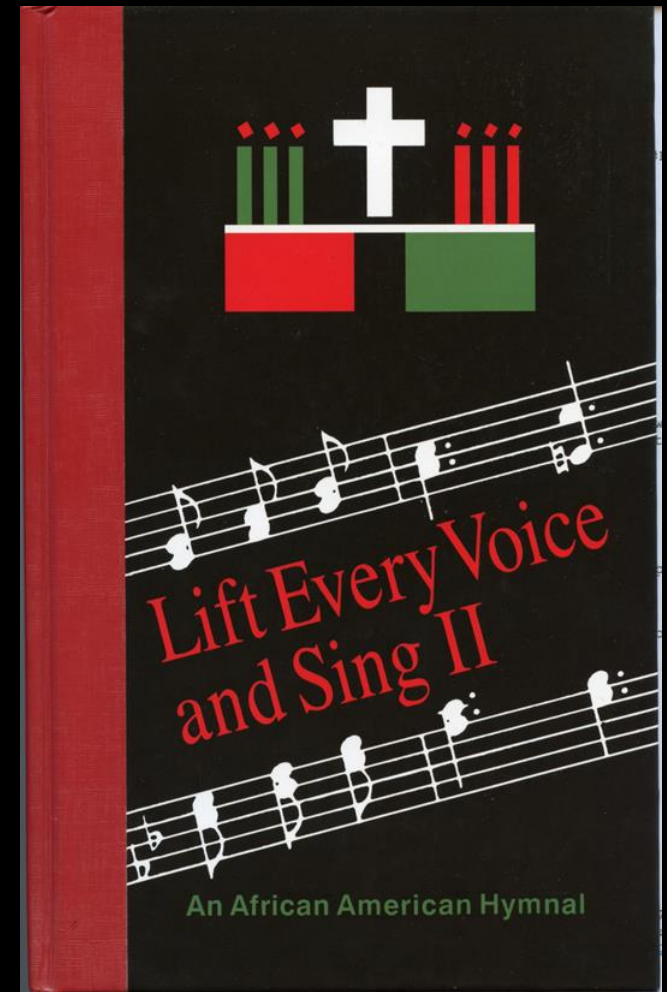
cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

#62 *red hymnal*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

John 15:1-8

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you,
Lord Christ.**

Sermon
Erin Perrelli



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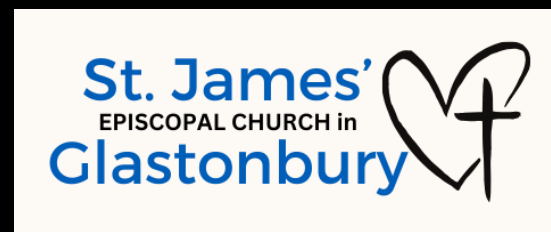
(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

**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.**



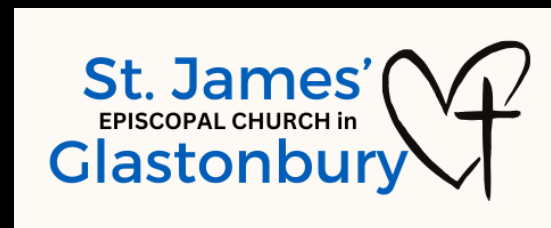
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The congregation stands or kneels as they are able.)

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people – for bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership.

Pray for God's Church.

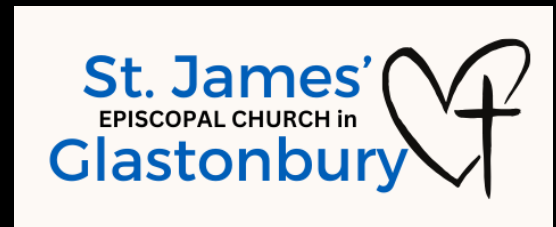
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We offer prayers for the leaders of our nation – for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace.

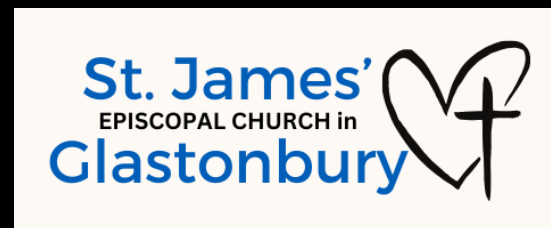
Silence



We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help.

Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence

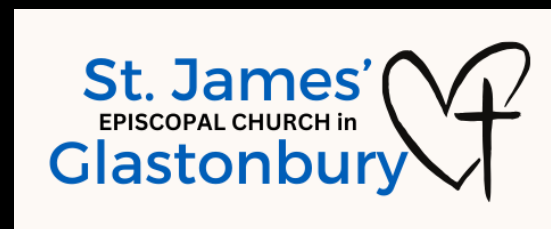


We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home.

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next, especially for

Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Brazolvich,
George, George Evans and family, Kurt Griffith,
Joan Mantle, Fred Manganelli, Barbara Massy,
Jay and Cathy McKeeever, Denise P., Pat, Bob
Therian, Paul Eastlyn, The Logan Family,
Sandra Merz, Ray, Randy Bresson and Family,
Nancy Dryer, Don Sauer, Barbara Welchman
and Dennis Macomber. Tender Shepherd,

Silence



We pray for those who have died.

Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

(The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.)

Blessing and praise be to you, Lord our God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

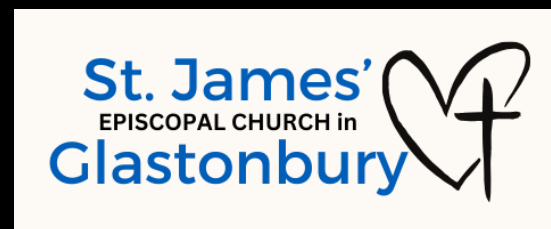
By your mercy you have given us new life
and new hope

through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ from the dead.

You have brought us into an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading
and in heaven.

To you be praise, through Christ our Risen
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen.



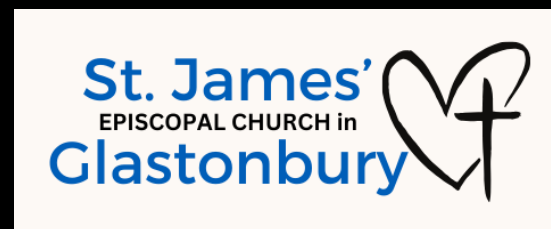
Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins
against God and our
neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant 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.**

Absolution

Celebrant

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

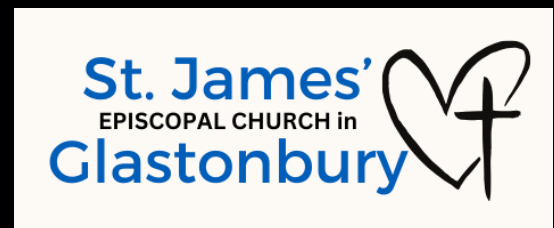
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be
always with you

All **and also with you.**

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

God's Jar

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.***

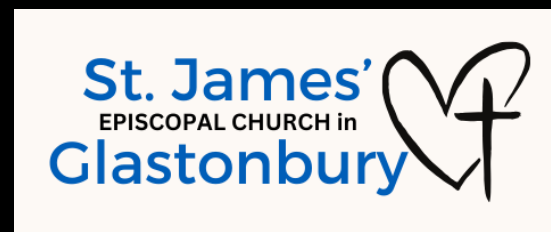
ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

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

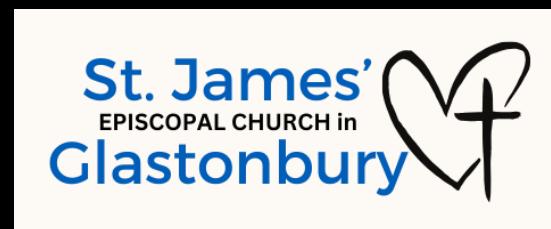


PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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



*(as the offering is brought forward, the
Celebrant says:)*

Celebrant: All things come from you, O
Lord.

**All
And of your own have we given you.**

The Holy Communion - *Book of Common Prayer* *Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367*

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

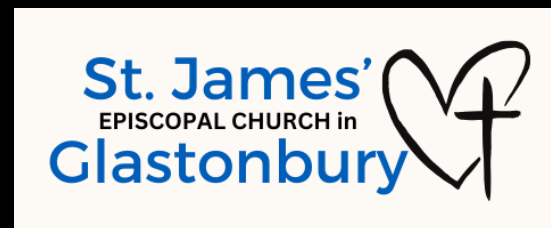
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

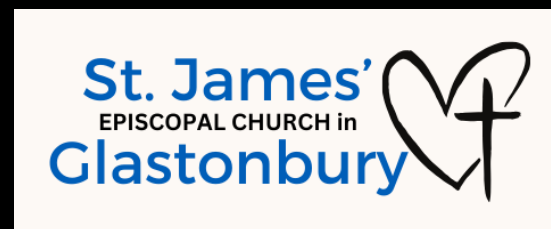
People **It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

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



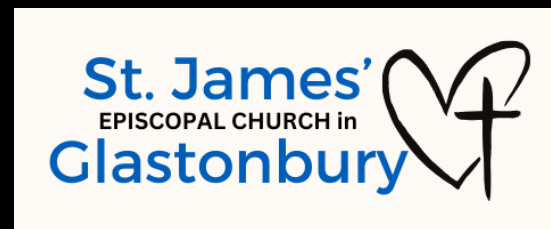
But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



SANCTUS

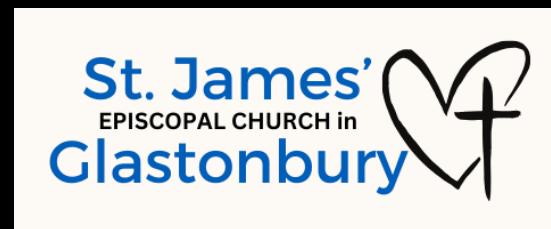
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(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

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.



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."

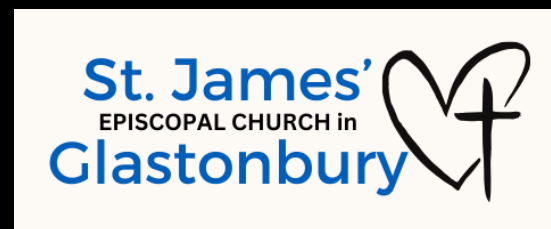
Therefore, according to his command, O
Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 James and 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant

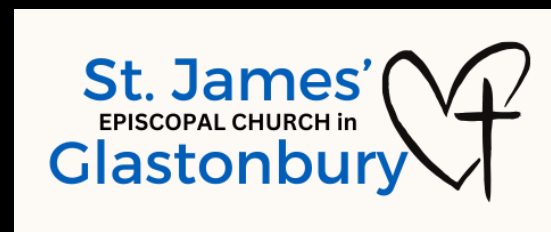
Alleluia, Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

People

**Therefore, let us keep the
feast**

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.

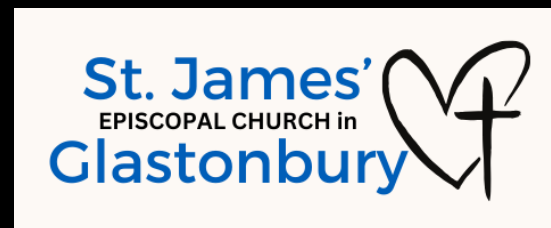


THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

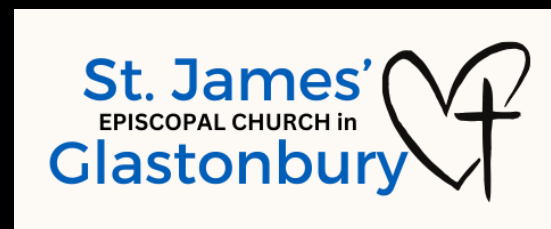
Gluten-free communion wafers, individual cups and consecrated grape juice are available upon request to the priest or the Minister of Communion.



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 MUSIC

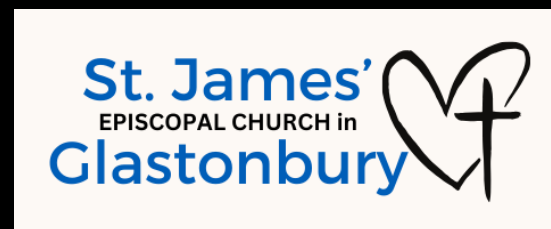
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

***All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**



And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds on God and God's son, Jesus Christ our Savior: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Celebrant

Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us go forth to love and
serve the Lord!

People

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#610 *blue hymnal*

tune: BEACH SPRING

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