





# *The Fifth Sunday of Easter And Baptisms*

*May 18, 2025 • 10:15 a.m.*

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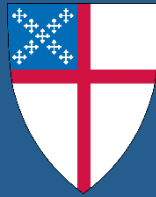
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*Ministers of Communion – Sharon Phipps/Pat Goodrich*

*Minister of Music – Jim Barry*

*Reader – Lisa Gleason*

*Usher – Carl Benker*

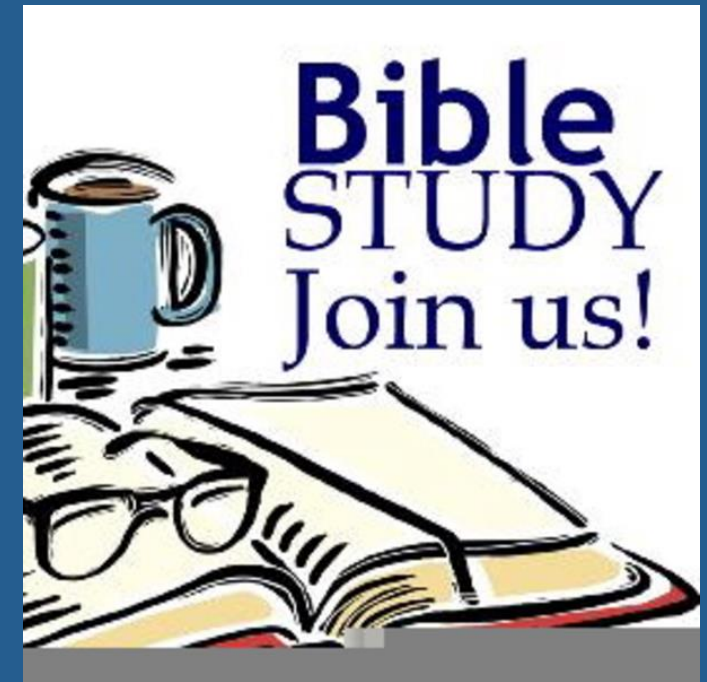


St. James' Glastonbury  
Episcopal Church  
In Glastonbury

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

Adult Bible Study  
Sundays  
9:15am  
The Loft

All are welcome!



Do you have ideas for  
articles for Happenings?  
Or photos from recent  
events?

Please reach out to Gail  
Lebert or contact the  
Church Office.



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

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# EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.*

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

## FIRST READING

**Acts 11:1-18**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 148

*Book of Common Prayer, page 805*

# SECOND READING

## Revelation 21:1-6

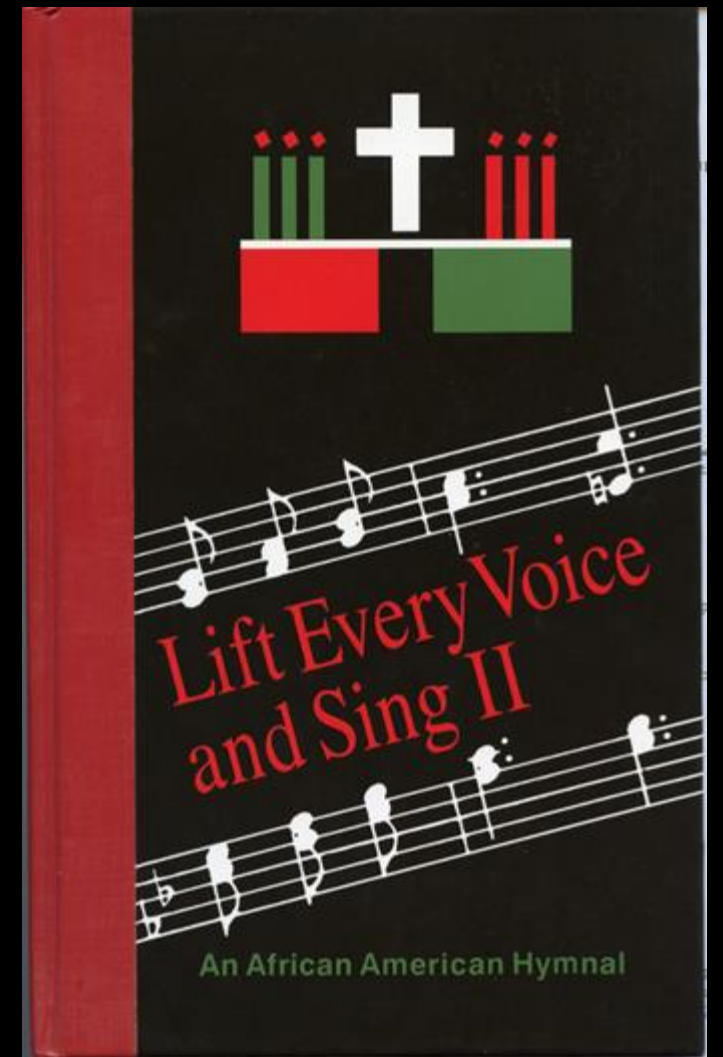
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to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**



# SEQUENCE HYMN

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# THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 13:31-35**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# SERMON



# HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the  
Candidates

*Celebrant*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now  
be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Hadley Grace Raynor, Sarah  
Jessie Raynor and Heather Michelle  
Jacobson to receive the Sacrament of  
Baptism.**

*The Celebrant asks the parents and  
godparents:*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the  
child you present is brought up in the  
Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help  
this child to grow into the full stature of  
Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires  
that draw you from the love of  
God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and  
accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in  
His grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and  
obey Him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**



*Please stand as you are able.*

*(The Celebrant addresses the congregation)*

Will you who witness these vows do all in  
your power to support this person in their  
life in Christ?

*People*                      **We will!**

*Celebrant*

Let us join with Hadley, Sarah and Heather  
who are committing themselves to Jesus  
Christ and renew our own baptismal  
covenant.

# The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the  
Father?

*People*      **I believe in God, the  
Father almighty, creator  
of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord. He was conceived by  
the power of the Holy Spirit and born  
of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried. He descended to the  
dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant*  
Will you continue in the apostles'  
teaching and fellowship, in the  
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you persevere in resisting evil,  
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent  
and return to the Lord?

*People*     **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you proclaim by word and  
example the Good News of God in  
Christ?

*People*     **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all  
persons, loving your neighbor as  
yourself?

*People*     **I will, with God's help.**



*Celebrant*

Will you strive for justice and  
peace among all people, and  
respect the dignity of every  
human being?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

# Prayers for the Candidates

*Celebrant*

Let us now pray for Hadley, Sarah and Heather, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader*

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in  
witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your  
peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## *Celebrant*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

# Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water,  
first saying:*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*             **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the  
                         Lord our God.  
*People*             **It is right to give God  
                         thanks and praise.**



## *Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant  
touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by  
the power of your Holy Spirit, that those  
who here are cleansed from sin and born  
again may continue for ever in the risen life  
of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be  
all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Baptism

**Hadley**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Sarah**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Heather**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's heads, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

**Hadley**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

**Sarah**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

**Heather**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**



# Baptismal Candle

**Hadley,** Take this candle as a symbol of Christ's light. May you now carry Christ's Light into the world.

**Sarah,** Take this candle as a symbol of Christ's light. May you now carry Christ's Light into the world.

**Heather,** Take this candle as a symbol of Christ's light. May you now carry Christ's Light into the world.

*Celebrant*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of  
God. Confess the faith of Christ  
crucified, proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal  
priesthood.**

# 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.*

# 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

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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

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