

# **St. James Episcopal Church**

## **Batavia, NY**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."



### **Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 5, 2026**

**(9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word)**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Children of every age are welcome here and are invited to join in the opening and closing processions. In the front of the church, on the left side, is a "soft space" where children can "be children" and watch the service up close. Canon Johnnie invites everyone who would like to assist with the final blessing to stand in place and at the mention of the Trinity, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to gently raise your right hand, palm up.

**Please join your voice to the hymns and to the bolded portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer-BCP, red book in the pew.**

Thank you for being here this Happy Morning. Please participate as you are comfortable using this bulletin, the Hymnal 1982 and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Children are most welcome here at St. James.

**And we don't expect them to sit still or be quiet.**

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me" and we add "do not hinder their movements or their voices." There is a soft area for play up front- please do not be embarrassed to let your children be a child here in God's house.

Many thanks to members of the Altar Guild, the choir, the readers and servers. Abundant thanks to Bobbi Jo Voelker, Parish Administrator; John Novak, Choir Director and Organist; and all the kitchen and building helpers for your work this week, and always.

God's blessing and my love,  
The Rev. Canon Johnnie E. Ross

And the Brass Musicians:

Dakota Hirsch.....Trumpet  
Brandon Luce.....Trumpet  
Dillon Hirsch.....Trombone  
Devin Vogel.....Trombone

**Easter Blessings to all!**

## Prelude

## The Day of Resurrection

### Welcome and Announcements

We invite all who are willing and able to gather just outside the main doors of the church as we kindle the Easter fire, light the Paschal Candle and celebrate our new life in Christ.

### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Lord Be With You

**And also with you**

Let us pray

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The new fire is kindled

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy morning in which we celebrate our Lord Jesus passing over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in celebratory prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, and if present, the deacon or the priest pronounces:

The Light of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The church bells ring and, all present with bells are invited to ring their bells.  
The Verger leads the procession with the Paschal Candle, lighting the altar candles with  
the new fire

Opening Hymn 207      Jesus Christ is risen today

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentences

BCP p. 355

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.

The Gloria

Hymnal S-278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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

The Lord Be With You

**And also with you**

Let us pray

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Joan Ellison

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."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

We read the psalm responsively by whole verse

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.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4) Liz Findlay

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

(We sing all but the last verse before the proclamation of the gospel and the last verse following the gospel.)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (20:1-10)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

*The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross*

Please stand as you are able

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p. 304

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced

Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Jim Neider

Priest:

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So, let us pray to our Lord saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Intercessor:

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet For us you offer redemption and freedom. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Incarnate Love, bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Living Savior, you hold the future. Bless and restore our families, communities and our world, especially those places overcome by violence and oppression.

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus the health of the world, pour out your love on those in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and others we now name

[PAUSE]

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

By your resurrection we all rise in glory. We give thanks to you for the lives of those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given, and others we now name: [PAUSE]

To you we offer praise eternal; **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Micah 6:8

Offertory Anthem

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

G. Young

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures, here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-128

The Lord's Prayer

## The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

*All who desire communion are welcome, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. All people will receive communion (or a blessing) from the main floor at the top of the center aisle. We do this so that everyone may receive communion together, as one family. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.*

Communion Hymn 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Communion Hymn 213 Come away to the skies

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

**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

Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing.  
Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.

Recessional Hymn 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

## Dismissal

## Postlude

Fugue in E-flat Major

J.S. Bach

**\*\*\*Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.\*\*\***

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

### The Doxology

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Micah 6:8

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers/wine please consume that now, If you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

### Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

**Please take this bulletin home with you!**

**Please pray for those on our parish prayer List**

Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Cal, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces



The flowers on the Altar this Eastertide are offered to the Glory of God, in loving memory of the following

Bill Gillons

Fred Belluscio

Taylor Belluscio

Cora Gillons

Inez Belluscio

Samuel Norris

Harry Simmons

Robert Belluscio

Janette Norris

Shirley Simmons

John Findlay

Lowell (Red) Best Sr.

Thomas Simmons

Concetta Findlay

Jeanette Best

Delbert Simmons

Robert Findlay

Danby Best

John Ellison

Margaret Findlay

Matthew Best

Margery Ellison

James Findlay

Robert Thompson

Anthony Gugino

Joseph Cetta

Madeline Thompson

Mary Gugino	Rose Cetta	William Sherman
William Temple	John O'Brien	Cecelia Sherman
Virginia Temple	Alex O'Brien	Dominic Barone
Kenneth Temple	Milton Hawkins	Mary Barone
Matthew Temple	Katherine Hawkins	Jami Barone
Carol Smith	David Hawkins	Steven Michael Barone
Cody Belluscio	Dorothy Hawkins	Darcia Barone
Gertrude Swartz	Ethel Hawkins	Bruce Baube
Charmaine Swartz	Alfred Hawkins	Thomas Bringenberg Jr.
John Swartz. Sr.	Peter Swartz	Helen Kasmer
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John Kasmer Jr.	Adelle Bartholf	Margery Bartholf
Wilbur Bartholf	Henry Pierce	Margaret Pierce
Mary E. Pierce	Laura Bezdek	Arlene Haefling
Jerry Bezdek	John Russell	Missi Smith
Gary Christiansen	Paula Hammond	Lucy Hammond
Robert C. Hawkins	May B. Hawkins	James A. Fricker
Robert Stevens	Janet P. Stevens	Sandra H. Fricker
Dorothy M Hawkins	William Johnston	Edward Ross
Emma Jean Johnson	Bessie Ross	Armina Allen
Bennett Johnson	Heffernan Ross	

## St. James Calendar

Easter Sunday	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Zoom Service
April 5	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Easter Monday April 6		Office closed
Tuesday April 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday April 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday April 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday April 10		Office closed
Sunday April 12	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist

### **Zoom meetings use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

**\*Canon Johnnie will be out of the office next week but can be reached by cell, text, or email.**



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