

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

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



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas
Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio 1601-1602*

The Second Sunday after Easter **April 12th, 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.

Prelude

All things Bright and Beautiful

arr. D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this space and at this time, because God is working in our lives – individually and corporately. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and that love is practiced here at St. James. Also know that it is God who invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb – A God who welcome us all!

Opening Hymn 193 *That Easter Day with Joy was bright*

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 (*spoken at 9 am, sung at 10*)

Hymnal S-280

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 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14,22-32) Lily Bringenberg

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption. 'This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 16 (Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse)

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter (1:3-9)

Jim Neider

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice

with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 209 *We walk by faith and not by sight*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (20:19-31)

Glory to you Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed (*You are invited to stand as you are able.*) BCP p. 358

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

Larry Belluscio

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, that our divisions may cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread God's love to all people, in all places, and at all times. **That we all may be one.**

Leader: We pray for our church, for our diocese, clergy and all people in the Genesee Cycle of Prayer, at St. James.

God of Light and Life, **Hear our Prayer**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
especially Kathy, our Governor, Donald, our President and all elected leaders.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may
find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. **That they
may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest,+, especially Rev. Nancy Guenther (pause
for names either aloud or silently) **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also
come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those mentioned on our parish prayer list, and for those who we
hold in our hearts, *(pause for names either aloud or silently)*

Silence

Celebrant will offer concluding prayer

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, the Lord is King

J. Rutter

Doxology

Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

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

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for us, the beloved of God: Come to the Table of the Lord and be fed.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, 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 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

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

Closing Hymn 208

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle is done

Dismissal

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on D Major

D. Johnson

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

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

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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 please
consume one 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 & Sharon

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

The Bin at the front of the church for sheets and comforters will be moving on to a different location this week. The project to make beds for the children in Genesee County in need is an ongoing project. The Bin will return to our church later this year. In the meantime if you come across a sale on twin sized sheets or blankets and want to donate them you can bring them to church. We will store them until the Bin returns. Thanks for your generous donations.

St. James Calendar
Happy Birthday!!

Jolene Folger 4-16

Sunday April 12	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday April 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Tuesday April 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
Wednesday April 15	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	10:00 am	Canon Johnnie in office
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday April 16	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Office open
	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Thrift store open
Friday April 17		Office closed
Sunday April 19	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Zoom Service
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Zoom meetings use the following link:

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

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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