



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Love one another
as I have loved you
- Jesus (John 13:34)

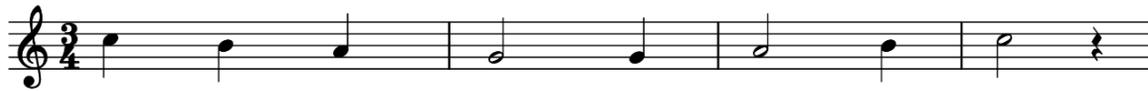


Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

OPENING HYMN H205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing!
 2 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry
 3 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord,
 4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Now is the tri - umph of our King!
 that love, that life which can - not die,
 and sing to - day with one ac - cord
 to God the Spir - it, al - ways One,



To all the world glad news we bring:
 and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER GREETING

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People : **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Said together

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

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 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down.

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you

People: **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, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The people may be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.**

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.**

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

**7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

HYMN **Halle, Halle** (*sung before and after the Gospel*)

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -

lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **John 13:31-35**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Reverend Nathan Empsall, Seasonal Supply Priest

JAZZ RESPONSE

A musical response to the sermon.

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

THE NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

O Risen One, you stretched out your arms on the cross to include all of us in the gift of salvation. May we remember that all peoples are our sisters and brothers, regardless of differences.

May we work together to be your Risen people.

May we praise you with our lives.

O God, gather all your churches in fellowship as the Spirit calls us to new life. We pray especially for The Special Election Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut which meets May 21, 2022, in Hartford to elect a new bishop. In the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. May we work together to be your Risen people.

May we praise you with our lives.

Loving God, may we be open to the leading of your Spirit. Just as Peter was guided by the Spirit, we too, must listen to God's voice right where we are.

May we work together to be your Risen people.

May we praise you with our lives.

O God, you see the suffering of your people in Ukraine. Continue to bless them with your strength and courage to resist the powers that destroy.

May we work together to be your Risen people.

May we praise you with our lives.

Compassionate God, look upon those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; especially those on our prayer list and those we now name: Alene, David, Alex, Charles, Herman, babies Jasper and Mikey, Jeremy, Leota, Mark, Mary, Rebecca, Richard, Ryan, Wilma, and the Zichichi family. Please add names either silently or aloud.

We remember those who celebrate birthdays this week; and we give thanks for our loved ones who have come through a difficult time, especially Jarrell, Lester, and Isaiah.

And we pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and dwell with God.

May we work together to be your Risen people.

May we praise you with our lives.

Celebrant:

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.** *(prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

PRAYER FOR BISHOP ELECTION

Celebrant: We pray for Bishop Transition Committee nominees Whitney Altopp, Glenna Huber, Jeff Mello, Kate Moorehead, and Tanya Wallace, the people of ECCT, and the clergy and lay delegates of convention, especially Bev Lett and Max Clayton. May they be faithful to listening and being guided by the Holy Spirit as they discern your will for the XVI Bishop Diocesan in ECCT. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence will be observed.

Celebrant and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. *People:* **Y con tu espiritu.**

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

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OFFERTORY**OFFERTORY ANTHEM****PRESENTATION HYMN**

Santo, Santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

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.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent caring for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Paul and James and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

PADRE nuestro
 que estás en los cielos
 Santificado sea tu Nombre
 Venga tu reino
 Hágase tu voluntad
 En la tierra como en el cielo
 Danos hoy el pan de este día y
 perdona nuestras deudas
 como nosotros perdonamos
 nuestros deudores
 y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
 sino que líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino,
 tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la
 Gloria,
 ahora y por siempre. **AMEN.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence will be observed.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI S163 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world.
 Grant us peacc.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Please rise, in body or in spirit

Celebrant & People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacraments of Christ's Body and Blood. 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

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. AMEN. (source: Celtic)

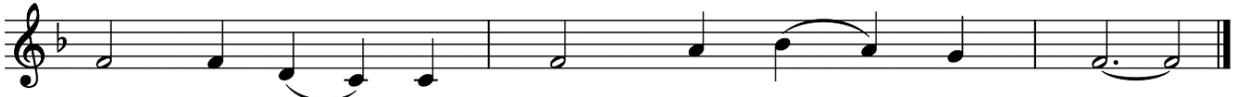
CLOSING HYMN H304 I come with joy to meet my Lord



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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GRACE NOTES

— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

We continue to livestream our
Sunday morning service at 10:30 am.

Please note that you cannot access the Sunday morning service via Zoom. Go to our web site: www.stpaulstjames.org or our Facebook page.

You can, however, use Zoom to participate in our Compline services every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. by using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/962885125>

Alternatively, you can go to Zoom.com, click on "Join a Meeting", and enter meeting #: 962885125 and passcode 5700, if prompted.

Our Wednesday Noonday Service is held every week in the Chapel at 12:20 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

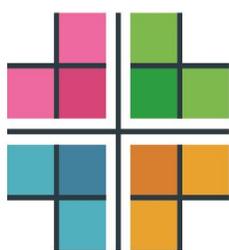
FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
May 15, 2022

Celebrant & Preacher:
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Bill Evans
Tudy Hill
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REGULAR EVENTS

* BISHOP ELECTION:

The Bishop Election Convention will be happening on **May 21, 2022**. Let's pray for our delegates, Bev Lett and Max Clayton, who will be participating in this important event.

* ST. PJ'S GARDEN MINISTRY:

Beginning today, May 15th, the garden team will welcome two or three volunteers to **stay after church for up to 30 minutes to help water the gardens on Olive Street, Chapel, and in the driveway**. Of course, this is totally weather-dependent. If we've had a recent good soaking rain, we won't water on a Sunday.

We will provide 1 gallon plastic watering "cans"/buckets. Volunteers need to be able to carry 1 or 2 full water buckets down Chapel Street stairs to areas needing water.

No signups needed in advance!

* GIFT CARDS:

Do you shop at ShopRite and/or Stop & Shop? If you do, consider purchasing a gift card from the church! A percentage will go to the church, and you can buy your groceries as usual.



For further information or to purchase a card(s), please see Sally Fleming after church on Sundays.

NOTICES

ST. PJS COVID-19 POLICY

As cases and hospitalizations continue to drop, we are paying attention to changing trends and guidelines, including the lifting of mask mandates in various places. However, as God's community, we are called to lift up the most vulnerable among us. Because we have parishioners with compromised immune systems, as well as babies who are too young to get vaccinated, we will continue to wear masks at all times within the church for the time being. Mask wearing will return to being optional for readers, preachers, and celebrants while they are speaking.

Please be aware that **by attending church, you are participating in our live stream**, which means you may appear in a video that is saved on our Facebook page.



2022 GRADUATES

During Church on Sunday, May 22nd, we will be praying for and celebrating everyone who is graduating from school this year. If there is someone in your life who is graduating, please email the church office at stpaulstjames@snet.net so their name can be added to our list!

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We give thanks for the birthdays and anniversaries of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ's community.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...
-Romans 15:13*

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Amore	Vanetta Lloyd	Carol and her family
Charles Harris	Saskia Bergmans Smith	Arthur Slusark
Jennifer Nelson & Marilyn Nelson	Andrew, Anastasia & Katherine Oghiy	Karl Mini
Gary & Susan Sapp	Sara Long	Lauren Troy
Gwen Chapin	Richard Holcomb	baby Jasper
Hanne Howard	Edwina Johnson	Zichichi Family
Henry Noyes	Marcia Smith	Mark
Joanie Gillette	Jim	Herman Mukwaya
David	Ramona Vega	Rocco Pasquale
Leota Tucker	Martin O'Brien	Anne Matthies
Martha	Kori Menefee	Jeremy Crowson
Mary Creaser	Theresa Kovacs	Mark Alexander
Tiras Jaske	Jessica Johns	Ryan
Rev. Harlon Dalton	Misha	Wilma Slade
Pam Sayre	Susan & Edd Eldridge	Alex
Alene Tate	Rebecca Zinko	baby Mikey
Kathie Silvey	Merle Troeger	

OUR STAFF

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The Rev. Steve Crowson, Priest Associate

OUR VESTRY

Wardens: Brian Fillmore, Claire Cody
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Clerk: Maggie King

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