

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer

Welcome! If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome. If you are with us on Zoom and would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usher a chat message, or email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep microphones muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself, then mute yourself again. In person, sitting distances are observed and masks may be worn. Please be mindful of the comfort of others.

Opening Hymn: Come into God's presence

My Heart Sings Out 3

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. A first ending bracket (marked '1') covers the first six notes. The second staff continues with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, and E5. A second ending bracket (marked '2') covers the last four notes. The lyrics are: 'Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."'

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Opening Sentence

Officiant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! –2 Corinthians 5:17

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the Easter Season.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Enriching Our Worship 20

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People O come, let us worship. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:8-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Said in unison with the Officiant leading.

Alleluia,

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion.

The death that Christ died was death to sin, once for all; *
but the life Christ lives, is life to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a human being came death, *
by a human being has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

-St. Helena Breviary

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People O come, let us worship. Alleluia.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 61:1-10, 33-36

Read in a manner chosen by the Presider: direct recitation (unison), antiphonally (side to side) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating either by verse or at the asterisk.

1 Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate you flee before you.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence, O God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 We sing praises to your holy Name; we exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!

5 Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God, in your holy habitation!

6 You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom, *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O nations of the earth; *
sing praises to the Holy One,

34 Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens, *
who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God, *
whose majesty is over Israel, whose strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in the holy places; *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people: blessed be God!

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

-St. Helena Breviary

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the

room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

Canticle: A Song of the Heavenly City *Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

EOW 38

Said responsively by whole verse alternating between Officiant and People.

I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *
for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *
into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.
All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,
and all servants give worship there; *
there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little

while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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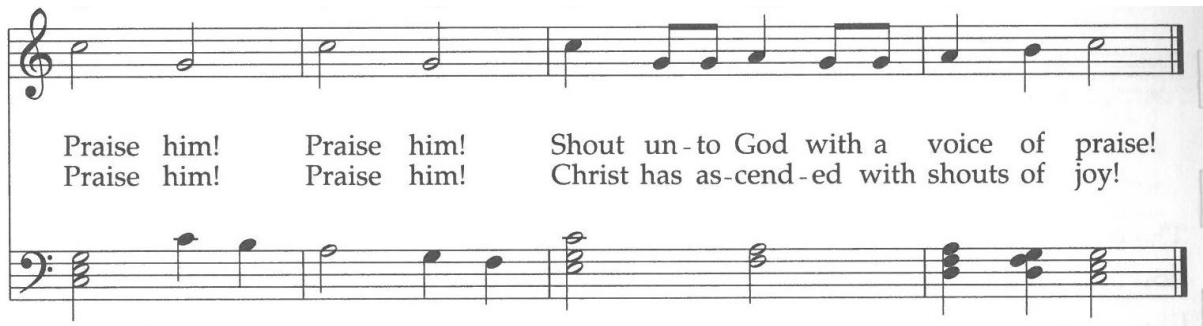
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Clap your hands

My Heart Sings Out 113

113 Clap your hands

1 Clap your hands, all you peo - ple; shout un - to God with a voice of tri - umph! Clap your hands, all you peo - ple;
2 Clap your hands, all you peo - ple; Christ has as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven! Clap your hands, all you peo - ple;
shout un - to God with a voice of praise! Ho - san - na! Ho -
Christ has as - cend - ed with shouts of joy! Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Shout un - to God with a voice of tri - umph!
san - na! Christ has as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven!



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Gospel: John 17:1-11

Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel in the service of Morning Prayer.

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Deacon Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Kathy Rouleau

The Apostles' Creed

EOW 41

All standing as able, the creed is said in unison

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us 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.

Suffrages

The Suffrages are said responsively

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;

EOW 42

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

All are invited to say the Collect of the Day together.

O God, the Mighty One of glory, you have exalted your Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your dominion in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

--Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

A Collect for the Creation

(modified for Rogation week)

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation, give us fruitful harvests and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists. All may sit.

We remember Zion Church, Manchester Center and the Rev. David Frederickson in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies. We give thanks and pray for George Winship who is celebrating a birthday this week.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by guiding first, the in-person group and after that, the online worshippers.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially Mitch, Bill, Grace, Carol and Nancy Roff.

I invite your prayers of intercession.

The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by guiding first, the in-person group and after that, the online worshippers.

We pray for those who have died. We remember all who have died in the conflict in Ukraine and in Sudan, and in gun violence in our own country. May you comfort all who mourn the deaths of loved ones.

I invite your prayers for those who have died.

The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by guiding first, the in-person group and after that, the online worshippers.

The Intercessor offers a Prayer for Justice.

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in

our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes with the following collect.

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The people's offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers to be offered to God. All stand as able.

Offertory/Office Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494, verses 1-3

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Community Announcements

Dismissal

The Deacon says

Deacon Let us go bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Sending Hymn: We are all one in mission

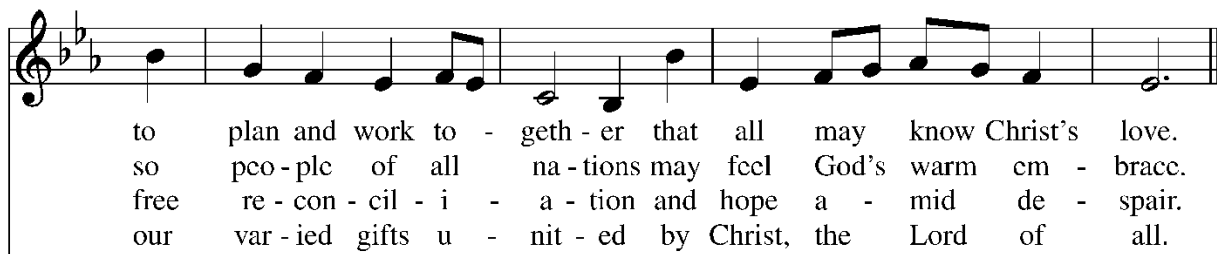
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All stand as able.

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
the steward of salvation was nailed up on a tree.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

A single, great commission compels us from above
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Joyce (known as Nanny or Nan to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren) Winship, and in thanksgiving for George Winship.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Seventh Sunday of Easter—Year A

Welcome to Saint James Church. We begin today the final week of Easter. Last Thursday we celebrated Jesus' ascension to the Father and his glorification. The Gospel reading today is a portion of the prayer he prayed on the night before his death, in which he consecrated his offering of himself to God, and prayed for us that we might be made part of his offering. In baptism we have, in fact, received the benefits of that prayer. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles is the beginning of that book. Luke describes Jesus' ascension and the promise that he would shortly empower his friends with the Holy Spirit. We are told that the disciples, including Jesus' mother, then spent the remaining days together in prayer waiting for that gift of the Spirit, which would come upon them on the Day of Pentecost. In the passage from 1 Peter, we are exhorted to live lives in keeping with our vocation given in baptism. If we are to suffer, let it be for doing good, not because of wrongdoing. Such righteous suffering deepens our union with Christ. We are already assured by Jesus' resurrection that no suffering can destroy the eternal life we have been given.

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In-Person Ushers: Bruce & Paula Morgan
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer: We remember Zion Church, Manchester Center; the Rev. David Frederickson in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, who are recovering from injuries or surgery, or who have asked for our prayers: Mitch, Bill, Grace, Carol, and Nancy Roff.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn: We especially remember all who have died in the conflict in Ukraine, the conflict in Sudan, and in gun violence in our own country.

Birthday: George Winship, May 21

Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

[Compline Zoom Link](#)



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Saint James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, May 21

8:30 Lectionary Discussion
10:00 Morning Prayer

Monday, May 22

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
5:30 Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 25

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, May 26

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Saturday, May 27

9:00-1:30 VT Mandir, Parish Hall

Sunday, May 28

8:30 Lectionary Discussion
10:00 Day of Pentecost—Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 29

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, May 30

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, May 31

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
10:30 Visioning Meeting

Thursday, June 1

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, June 2

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Saturday, June 3

9:00-1:30 VT Mandir, Parish Hall