
 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Processional Hymn *This joyful Eastertide* Hymnal 192

The Word of God

◆The Opening Acclamation for Holy Baptism BCP pg. 299

◆Hymn of Praise *Christ is alive!* Hymnal 182

◆Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

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.**

First Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

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.

◆HYMN *Jesus lives!* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 195

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1–10

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.”

◆HYMN *Jesus lives!* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 195

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Service of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

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.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity
of God's creation, and respect, sustain,
and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Peace

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, in Your mighty power You raised our Lord Jesus
Christ from the dead! Raise us, through His Resurrected life,
to be people of renewed strength and courage because of

what Christ has done. We pray now, responding, Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!

May the Church, by the power of Christ's resurrection, help us to seek Him in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We pray, **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

For the leaders of the world, especially in our own country, that wars may cease, the humility of Christ may elevate our discourse and policy, and may a new hope - born of the reality of Jesus - bring us into His light as a human race. We pray, **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Karen Monsalve, Susan Livingston, Maxine Christensen, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, Jer H., Bob C., Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Cruz, Karen, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and for all others that we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

For all who have died, especially those who have died by violence, and for all others we desire to pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

For Emmett Hillemeir, baptized this day, and for all who are baptized into the life of Christ crucified and risen on this day of Resurrection; and for our Dominican Mission Team, we pray, **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Celebrant: Ah, Holy Jesus, we have come through the time of trial and renewal – during the Season of Lent - that is death and resurrection in our spiritual journey with You. Save us by the power of Your grace and mercy and make us Your disciples, born again by the power of Your Risen life and love. We pray, in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

◆The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *On That Great, Great Mornin'* Mary McDonald

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S 125

- *The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364
- *The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364
Gluten-free hosts are available.
- *Fraction Anthem BCP pg. 365
- *Communion Hymn: 204, 174, 179, 305
- ◆Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP pg. 365
- ◆The Blessing BCP pg. 366

Announcements

Commissioning the Dominican Republic Mission Team

Vestry member: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. The St. James Mission Team has been called to the ministry of building a church with partners in the community of De La Gracia in La Caleta, the Dominican Republic.

People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Vestry member: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Fr. George: Lord Christ, you equipped and sent forth your friends to bring the Good News of salvation from Jerusalem into Judea and all the world: Be present as we send forth these friends and companions in your service, that your Kingdom may come with power in De La Gracia, Boca Chica, in honor and glory of your Name. We ask Your blessing in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

- ◆HYMN Hymnal 191
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise (vv. 1–4)

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able.
- * You are invited to kneel, as able.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer	10:15 a.m.	Chloe Roberts
Acolytes	10:15 a.m.	Jacob & Anna Lapointe
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines & Mimi Hostetter
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Felicia DeDominicis
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Richard Baba
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti, Olivia Paré, & Michael DeNegriss
Welcomers		Stephen Karwowski & Linda Mason
Coffee Hour Hosts (following 10:15 service)		Vestry
Vestry Keyholder		Kathy Bullard



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Baptized this morning is **Emmett William Hillemeir**, son of Eric Robert Hillemeir and Erica Alexandra (Norton) Hillemeir and great-grandson of Elizabeth Hillemeir.

We thank Julie Rumbold and Richie Diamond for sharing their music with us this morning.



Our 2026 Dominican Republic Mission Team includes Oliver Cadigan, Amy & Sadie Greaves, Stephen Hard, Chandler Howard, George & Tracey Roberts, Bob & Bonnie Sudell, and Dona Waugh.



Easter Egg Hunt! All children who wish to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt should leave with their families after the service to Coffee Hour – downstairs to the parish hall. We invite everyone to eat some goodies and share some time of joyous fellowship. Then we will gather the children for their Hunt. There are lots of eggs and everyone should be able to find plenty!

Easter Flower Gifts are listed in the Easter Gift insert. You are invited to take an Easter flower to a parish member who has lost a loved one in the past year or is unable to join us for Sunday services, sharing the Good News that is ours today. If you would like to help with that distribution ministry, please call the parish office or ask Fr. George for a card listing the name and address of a recipient. Thank you!

Join us online for worship! Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us** on Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

New Life II Ministries. On Sunday, April 19th, at 9 am (between the services), Pastor Dana Smith, director of New Life II, will join us for a time of conversation, education, and renewal. New Life II is a rehabilitation program for folks who need assistance, after re-entering society following rehabilitative treatment, incarceration, homelessness, and need a safe place to begin their process of moving forward. Dana has been through the incarceration and addiction cycles and is living proof that not only can one move forward from challenge, but a person can also be transformed by Christ and a willingness to seek healing and purpose. Dana's calling is to work with people who are in times of challenge and lend support. New Life II also has training programs that might be of interest to our members, ways to help and give back. Please join us on April 19th for conversation with Pastor Dana.



Join the *St. James Heelers*! St. James Parish is pleased to again participate in the CT Foodshare Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, April 25th. Our team is called *The St James Heelers*. This event is fun and family-oriented, and everyone in our parish is invited and encouraged to join in the Walk! **Please note: all in person walkers need to register online.** Of course, if you are unable to join us on the Walk, you can still support us by donating online. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause! Call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444 with any questions.

TO REGISTER TO WALK OR TO DONATE:

1. Go to www.ctfoodshare.org and click the arrow under "Walk Against Hunger". You will be asked press either "Register" or "Donate now".
2. To Register to walk, click "Register". Next, click "Join a team" (you do **not** need to create a team). Search *St James Heelers* to join our team. You will be prompted to complete the registration. This is where you will be able to donate if you would like. If asked for an agency or team to receive our funds, we frequently select Farmington Food Pantry, Meals for Neighbors-Bristol, or Friendship Service Center, but you can indicate any participating agency of your choice.
3. To make a donation only (to support the team, but not walk, click "Donate Now". In the space for crediting the fundraiser or team, type *St James Heelers* and click that into the box. You will be prompted to make your online donation.

Everyone in the parish is invited to the Women's Ministry sponsored ***Wine, Cheese & Poetry* evening, April 25th at 5 pm.** Please bring a beverage of your choice and a small dish to share with your friends for an evening to laugh, live and experience through poetry. The evening will start with the very talented Brunilda Myftaraj & students presenting some beautiful music to inspire us while we mingle. If you have a poem to share, please send email Linda Mason at ldelshire@gmail.com or reach out to her. This evening won't be a success unless we get enough people to be brave and be cheered and adored by your fellow friends while you share with us some brilliant poetry. Poems can be original, well known, or obscure.



MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth
through faith, grace and reason.*

*We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available; ask at the rail. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Please join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the 10:15 am service.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.

Our Sunday services are held at 8 am and 10:15 am

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