



St. James' Episcopal Church
A Contemporary Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
September 15, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Welcome

First Opening Song

Whom Shall I Fear

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
You are faithful

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

Second Opening Song

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength!

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

The Psalter

Psalm 116: 1-8

1. **I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
2. **The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 **Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**
- 4 **Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 **The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6 **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.**
- 7 **For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
8. **I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gospel Song

Ancient Words

**Words of life,
words of hope,
give us strength,
help us cope;
in this world where we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.**

**Ancient word,
ever true,
changing me,
changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8: 27-38

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Creed

We believe in God the Father. We believe in the Son. We believe in the Holy Spirit, three persons in one. And We believe in the crucifixion, where He conquered death. And We believe in the resurrection. He's coming back again.

Crucified, suffered, and buried, He rose again. At the right hand of the Father, whose kingdom shall have no end. And the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, with Father and Son are praised and glorified. As one Church, we believe.

The Prayers of the People

All are invited to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able to for the prayers.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, responding with the words in bold.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the community of St. James' and all who minister to it, our clergy, vestry, and lay leaders. May God's call upon their lives make God's love known in the our work together as the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, praying especially for those who are living in fear of violence and for people and places we now name silently or aloud _____.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for our young families, children, and those who are welcoming new babies. May we recall the face of God in their lives and remember our call in baptism to support their lives in Christ.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering especially,_____.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Remembering especially, _____.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Holy Trinity, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Confession of Sin

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

All

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.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

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

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessing

All May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Amen.

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Offertory Song

Who Do You Say I Am?

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, EOW

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The following Preface may be used at any time.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

In place of the preceding, a Proper Preface from the Book of Common Prayer may be used.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory;

Glory be to Thee, Glory be to Thee, O Lord;

Glory be to Thee, Glory be to Thee, Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord;

Blessed is He Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into convenient with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with

[_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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
All*

And now, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Songs

*Just Be Held
Lead Me to the Cross*

*Celebrant
People*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament 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 Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Closing Song

Praise Is the Offering

**Come and let us sing for joy
Let us praise and shout aloud
To the lifter of our heads
To the Rock we're standing on
Your salvation is our song
Now we can't stay silent
We will sing how**

**Great is Your love for us
Great are the things You've done
Praise is the offering we bring to You
All of our heart and soul
All that You are and more
Praise is the offering we bring to You**

**Lord, we come to worship You
Lord, we bow our hearts in awe
By Your love, we are redeemed
We are Yours and You're our God
We are Yours and You're our God
We are Yours and You're our God**

**Great is Your love for us
Great are the things You've done
Praise is the offering we bring to You
All of our heart and soul
All that You are and more
Praise is the offering we bring to You!**

The Dismissal is given by the Clergy, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

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