

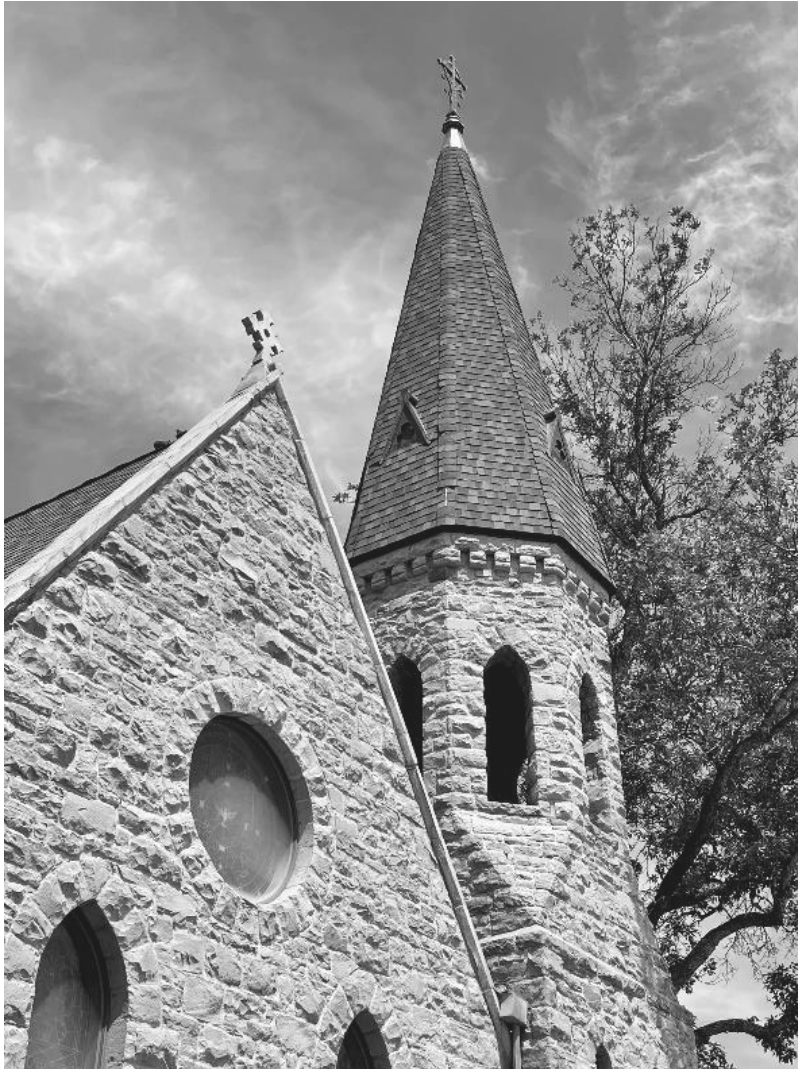


ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

We acknowledge that our church is on the historical Common Hunting Ground of the Pend d'Oreille, Salish, Blackfeet, Gros Ventre, Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, and Crow Tribes.

PRELUDE

“God So Loved the World”
“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Richard Wilbur

Richard Wilbur

WELCOME

(please stand, as you are able)

OPENING HYMN

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

H82 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

GLORIA

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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 FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If

you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rowan J. Larson

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand, as you are able)*

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

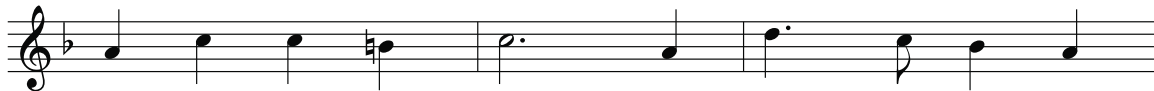
PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN “The Branch that bends with clustered fruit”



1. The branch that bends with clus - tered fruit Still
2. The spin - dly, twist - ed, tan - gled coil Of
3. The prun - er's hook will gen - tly play Where
4. O God, who fills with rain and sun The



needs the prun - er's blade To keep it close to
branch - es o - ver - grown Pro - duc - es noth - ing
fruit - ful growth is seen But like an axe will
grapes we press for wine, Cut off the growth our



vine and root Or else its strength will fade.
from its toil But feeds it - self a - lone.
slash a - way The emp - ty net of green.
fears have spun And prune us to your vine.

*While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers.
Please stand as the monetary offering is brought forward.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1)

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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we count to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

Celebrant 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 covenant 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:

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

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 St. James 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.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant:

Traditional

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.

Contemporary

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

H82 S155

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer. We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).
Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.*

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

H82 513



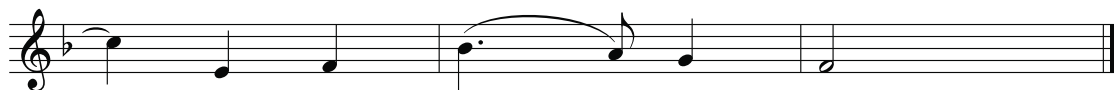
1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the



chal - lenge of her flight, Like the vig - or of the
branch-es of the Vine, To the church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, With the pow'r to love and



wind's rush, Like the new flame's ea - ger might: Come,
sem - bled, To her midst as gift and sign: Come,
wit - ness, With the peace be - yond com - pare: Come,



Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

“God is love let heaven adore him”

H82 379

Musical notation for the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
All

Let us pray together:
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.

RITE OF LEAVETAKING

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Kelsey, Jody, and Shep Herbert on our journey in faith. Now their time with us is drawing to a close, and so we send them forth to continue their journey.

People: O Lord, we give thanks for Kelsey, Jody, and Shep's time among us and for their contribution to our common life. Bless them as they go forth; be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, may you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

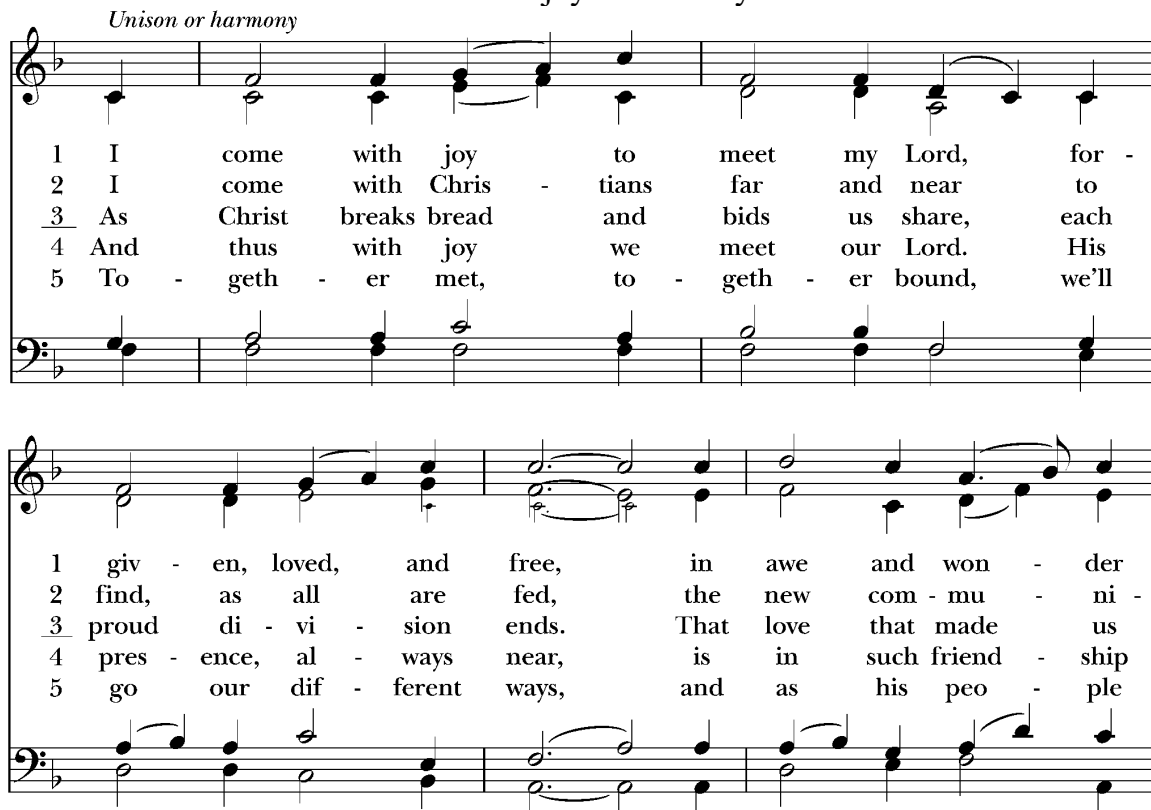
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

H82 304

Unison or harmony



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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Fantasia for Easter Morning”

Richard Wilbur

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Please take a few minutes to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew racks near the aisle. We look forward to getting to know you a little better and telling you about all of the wonderful things happening at St. James!

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We have a hearing assist system at St. James that is compatible with hearing aids with an inductive loop, hearing aids with an app (see usher for help connecting to app), or those who just need a little extra volume with an around the neck device and headphones.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children are invited to join our awesome volunteer teachers in the Todd Center during worship each week. Our classroom focuses on the needs of children from PreK to 8th grade, but older and younger children may join--just check with the teachers at drop off. To update our records, we're asking all families to please fill out a registration form here: bit.ly/stjameskids

COFFEE HOUR

- **Let's Be Friends!** St. James parish members host a coffee hour after the service. The goal of having a coffee hour is to get to know each other, to make new friends, and reconnect with old friends
- **Coffee Hour Hosts.** If you would like to help host a coffee hour, or have questions about the coffee hours, please contact Nancy Winget at nwinget27@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this request!

- **Coffee Hour Refreshment/Supplies.** If you have refreshments/supplies for coffee hours, please contact us at 406-586-9039 or office@stjamesbozeman.com. We are happy to receive them on Sundays in the parish hall or during the week in the parish office.

EVERY SUNDAY HEALING PRAYERS – Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available at the Olive St. entrance (in the narthex).

PRAYER SHAWLS – If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

CONTACT PERSON FOR PASTORAL CARE

Ray Ross is our contact person for all things pastoral care (ex: hospital visits, home visits, eucharistic ministers). Ray’s cell number is 406-599-6991, and email is Rayross555@me.com.

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST TO THE ST. JAMES CIRCLE OF PRAYER:

Please e-mail Vicki Van Rensselaer at terracecoast@aol.com. (Email only!)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Mon	Apr 29th	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation/Enquirer’s Class
Tue	Apr 30th	7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center)
Wed	May 1st		
Thu	May 2nd	6:15 p.m.	BSA Venture crew
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center)
		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Fri	May 3rd		
Sat	May 4th	3:30 p.m.	A.B.B.A Rehearsal
Sun	May 5th	9:30 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter Service

THOSE IN SERVICE

Rector:	The Rev. Rowan Larson
Priest Associate:	The Rev. D. Greg Smith
Guest Musician:	Richard Wilbur
Acolyte:	Ty Sherwood
Readers:	Alison Counts, John Heilman
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Winget
Ushers:	Vicki Van Rensselaer
Videographer:	Ray Ross
Altar Guild:	Sharon Eversman, Julie Videon

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