

# EASTER

HE IS RISEN



**SAINTJAMES**  
Episcopal Church

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**9am Brunch. 10am Baptism and Holy Eucharist Services.**

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# The Sunday of the Resurrection

March 31, 2024 | 10:00 am

## The Holy Eucharist

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Opening Prayer**

**Processional.....Hymnal 207**

### The Word of God

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People: There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People: One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

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.*

*Please be seated*

## The Lessons

### **First Reading.....Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Our Psalm for today is Psalm 118 verses 1-2 and 14-24. Let us read in unison beginning and ending with the refrain.**

**Refrain** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

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.....1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to

the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn** (*please stand as able*).....**Hymnal 174**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

**The Gospel**.....**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus'

head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Sermon** (please be seated)..... **Rev. Rob Iler**

## **Presentation of the Candidate**

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents: I present John Boone Harris to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that John is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help John to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer: I do.*

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer: I do.*

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer: I do.*



Celebrant to congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support John Boone Harris in his life in Christ?

*People: We will.*

Celebrant: Let us all together recommit ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **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.*

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for John Boone Harris who is receiving the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: John Boone Harris I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace.

Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant: John Boone Harris you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## **Announcements**

- Crawfish Boil

## **Offertory**

**Offertory Response**.....*“All things come of Thee,  
O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.”*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **Eucharistic Prayer B .....BCP 361**

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth but chiefly are we bound 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## **Sanctus.....Hymnal S129/BCP 362**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father;

*Celebrant and People:* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

*Celebrant and People:* 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**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



**Fraction Anthem.....Hymnal S155/BCP 364**

**Communion Hymn 1.....Hymnal 306**

**Communion Hymn 2.....Hymnal 304**

**Communion Hymn 3.....Hymnal 488**

**Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Blessing**

**Recessional.....Hymnal 296**

## **Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

# St. James Prayer Requests

The following parishioners, friends and extended family members are remembered in our prayers.

## Our Parish Family

Jim Bent	Barry Boddie	Janice Boone
Alyce Carlisle	Florence Copeland	Faye Holliday
Phyllis McAnally	Ann Regnier	Angie Smith
Jimbo Spencer	Sherwood Stewart	Judy Stone

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Jennifer Spraggins	Mary Taylor	Ann Grey Tate
Honey Trowbridge	Dot Vines	Nina Ware
Ronnie Weathers	Rusty White	Cyndi Wilson
Annette Worthy	Dave Young	

**Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers. Please pray for the following active military personnel.**

Drew Belcher	Alex Duldt	Orrin Harbol
Seth Harbol	K.C. Hollon	Paul Krattiger
Ryan Sullivan	Bo Shippen Waldo	Andrew Walker

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Church of the Resurrection (Rainbow City), Messiah (Heflin), Grace Church (Cullman), Grace Church (Sheffield), Grace Church (Woodlawn, Birmingham).

**Throughout the Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church in the Province of West Indies.

**Prayer for the Parish** Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



# *Easter Flowers*

## *Given to the Glory of God by:*

Randy & Barbara Adair in memory of Ray & Faye Zajac and Shelby Adair; in thanksgiving for our son and daughter-in-law, Reed and Erin Adair, and our grandchildren Carter and Avery Adair, and for George Adair.

Billy, Hannah, and Hardy Barrett in memory of Mollie Hardy Barrett.

Charlotte Bent in memory of James & Charlotte Wood.

Pat Bice in memory of Robert Bice, Robert Bice Jr., Mr. & Mrs. George Forbus, and Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Bice and in thanksgiving for Julie, John, David, Sasha, Ruth Anne, Lydia, Brian, Ellen, Mimi, and Robert.

Kenneth & Mary Lyman Boone in honor of John Boone Harris on his baptism and in thanksgiving for Christopher, Riley Frances, John Wayne, James, Jenny, Dottie, and the rest of our family.

Noel Boone in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jodie James Wade and Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Boone, Sr.

Hanlon Boyles in thanksgiving for Spencer and Abby Gilliland.

Gayle Bradshaw in memory of James O. Spencer, Jr. and Sam H. Bradshaw, III and in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and the St. James family.

Charles & Scooter Copeland in memory of Sandra Thompson and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

Dawn Davis in memory of Norm Davis.

Diana French in memory of her mother, Mary Guendelsberger and sister Susan Fick.

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Russ & Kathy Graham in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Graham and Ed Trowbridge and in thanksgiving for James & Brooke, Colson, Barrett & Remi, Annalee & Ross, Daniel & Justine, Beau, and Honey.

Billy & Ann Harrison in honor of our three children, their spouses, and our four grandchildren.

Clif & Connie Hill in thanksgiving for our children, Leslie and Jeff, and for our grandchildren, Page, Claire, Anna, Jack, and Drew.

Roger & Cindy Holliday in memory of A.R. Holliday and Tina Holliday.

Phyllis Hurst & Joyce Neighbors in memory of Charles & Irene Hurst and Charles & Mary Frank Neighbors.

Rev. Rob & Betsy Iler in memory of Ray Fenwick and Robert & Lorraine St. Germain-Iler II; in honor of Jane Fenwick on her 100th birthday; and in thanksgiving for our children.

DJ, Jennifer, Abbie, and Wes James in memory of Mickey James and Janice Reed.

John & Jan Jung in memory of Robert & Trudy Jung and James H. & Goldie Dixon.

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Larry & Phyllis McAnally in memory of our daughter Leigh Ann McAnally and in thanksgiving for St. James.

Gene & Judy Quick in thanksgiving for our St. James family.

Joanna Roberson in thanksgiving for my grandchildren.

Roger & Jamie Sailor in memory of our parents Bob & Jean Sailors and Ed & Elaine Voorhis.

Sarah Sanders in memory of Henry & Barbara Mainor (parents of Sarah Sanders) and Kellie Sanders (daughter of Jerry & Sarah Sanders) and in thanksgiving for the St. James Family.

Keith & Martha Dee White in memory of Thomas & Martha Lynch and Irvin & Marie White.

***St. James is very grateful for your generous gifts of Easter floral decorations and thanks everyone as we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.***

**Please join us for our  
24th annual**

# **Easter Crawfish Boil**



**Sunday, March 31  
3-7 p.m.**

Dress casual, come hungry

BYOB and a shareable dish  
(if you're inspired, not required)

The Dappled Grays bluegrass band

**Kenneth & Mary Lyman Boone  
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on Russell Pond**

*Park in the fields or to the side  
of the road. Please do not block  
the circle in front of our house.  
We will have golf carts and drivers  
to get you to the party and back.*

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