



# ST. JAMES

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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April 26, 2026  
5:00P.M.

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*Welcome!* Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand when the ministers of the service enter*

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

*The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.*

The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

*see insert*

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    Thanks be to God.

*Read in unison.*  
Psalm 23

- 1    **The Lord is my shepherd; \***  
      **I shall not want.**
- 2    **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \***  
      **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3    **He restoreth my soul; \***  
      **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**
- 4    **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**  
      **I will fear no evil; \***  
      **for thou art with me;**  
      **thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**
- 5    **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \***  
      **thou anointest my head with oil;**  
      **my cup runneth over.**
- 6    **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***  
      **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

John 10:1-10

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of the Rev. Angie Roberson by Anya & Payton Hudnall*

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# The Prayers of the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.  
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Chapel of the Holy Spirit, New Orleans.  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Dave, Kendall, Ray, Chris, Rod, Karen, Libby, Levi, Priscilla, John, Alice, and those on our prayer list.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially, Faith, Jamie, Courtney, Jeanne, Charlotte, Flannery, Taylor, Libby, Karlee, Jane, Emma, Cammie, and Elizabeth, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Anastasia Lopez Collet.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Michael Glisson, Jr., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*