



Easter 6

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WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God, and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to the Pastor (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) found in the pew rack.

THE SACRAMENT

The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that all people are invited to participate in the sacrament. Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing. If you prefer to receive the sacrament in the pew, please let an usher know before worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come Down, O Love Divine* Charles Callahan

GATHERING

STAND and face the procession.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of our baptism.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* ELW 594:1-5

INVOCATION & APOSTOLIC GREETING

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is a corporate (common to everyone) prayer in which together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

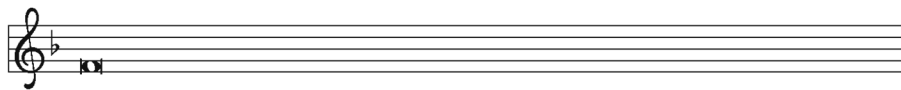
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

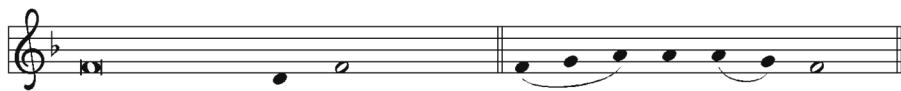
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

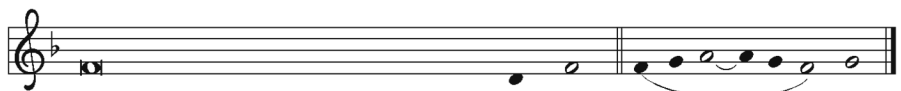
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

The Hymn of Praise celebrates and gives 'glory to God' for the gift of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*A silence of
5 to 10 seconds is
kept; we prepare
to speak and
listen to God
in prayer.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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WORD

SIT

FIRST LESSON

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following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The lessons appointed for today can be found in the latter part of this bulletin

PSALM

see page 14 of this bulletin

SECOND LESSON

see page 15 of this bulletin

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



STAND and SING

Verse: *Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)*

The Proper Verse, which is a single line of scripture that highlights the theme of the day's scriptures, is sung by the choir or cantor.

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

see page 15 of this bulletin

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Holy Gospel is read amidst the people as a sign that our Risen Lord, the Word made flesh, the Redeemer of the world, is in our midst.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* ELW 377:1

*The acclamation
is sung as
the procession
returns to
the chancel.*

The musical score is written in a single system with five staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! Refrain Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!"

SIT

HOMILY

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Down, O Love Divine* ELW 804

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

*In the Nicene Creed
we speak aloud the
fundamental beliefs
of the Church.*

**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.**

*This creed was
written in 325 CE
and has been used
continuously since
that time.*

**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 and the Son,
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.**

INTERCESSIONS

following each petition

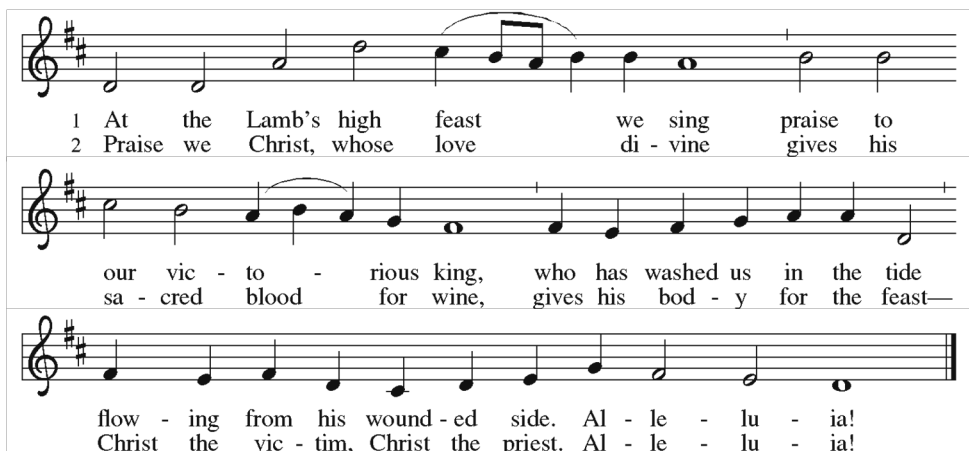
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The sign of peace
is a greeting
between
believers that
invites the peace
of God to dwell
within and
between each
person. This
means that
sharing the peace
is much more
than an act of
hospitality.*

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

TABLE SETTING *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* ELW 362:1-2



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to his
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim. Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

Risen Lord, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in a) offering plates near each sanctuary entrance, b) via online giving at stjamesgp.org, and c) via Zelle app (QR code). Your gifts support the ministry of the church.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

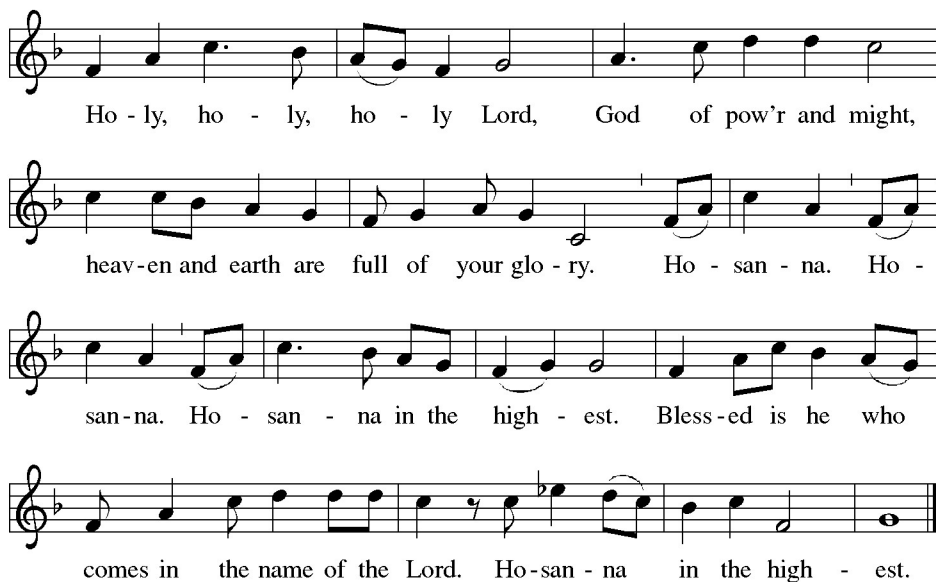
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for God's kindness and love.

The Sanctus is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

The prayer continues, including the Words of Institution

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This acclamation, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, summarizes our understanding of the redemptive work of Jesus.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

the prayer continues

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours Almighty Father, now and forever.

We pray with the words that Jesus first taught to his disciples when they asked him how to pray. Mt 6:9-13



The bread is broken and distributed for all. We share in the body and blood of Jesus, whose real presence is with us in this sacred meal.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia! The Lord has truly risen, and meets us in this holy meal. **Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*The Lamb of God
is drawn from the
Gospel of John;
John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

SIT

*After all have
communed STAND
as indicated by the
Presider.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

Distribution

Come forward via the central aisle.

Communion Distribution is offered by **intinction**.

Receive the host (bread/Jesus' body) in the hand, hold it and then **dip it** into the cup with wine (Jesus' blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden).

A gluten free host is offered by saying "gluten free" to the pastor.

If you prefer to receive the sacrament in the pew please let an usher know before worship that this is your preference.

Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

SENDING

Having been strengthened in body, mind, and spirit by Jesus' body and blood, we are sent into the world to proclaim the power and the presence of the Risen Jesus.

SENDING PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* **ELW 840**

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach/Claude Means

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

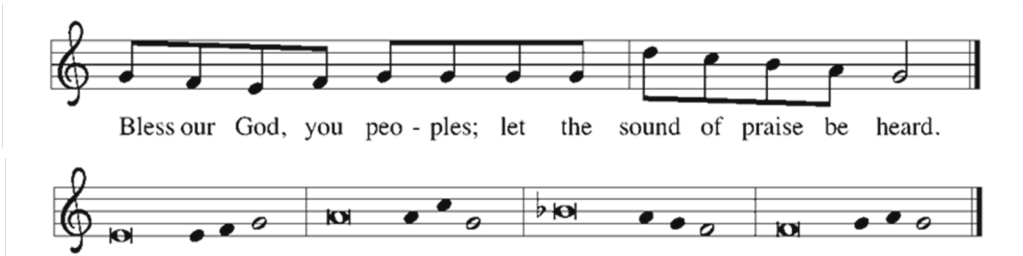
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 66:8-20



Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.
⁹Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. **Refrain**
¹⁰**For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;**
you have tried us just as sil- ¹ ver is tried.
¹¹**You brought us in- ¹ to the net;**
you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.
¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.
¹³I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings
and will pay ¹ you my vows—
¹⁴**those that I promised ¹ with my lips**
and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.
¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of rams;**
I will give you ox- ¹ en and goats. Refrain
¹⁶Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.
¹⁷I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,
and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.
¹⁸**If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart,**
the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;
¹⁹**but in truth ¹ God has heard me**
and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.
²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me. **Refrain**

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THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Return to page 5 for the Gospel Acclamation

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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