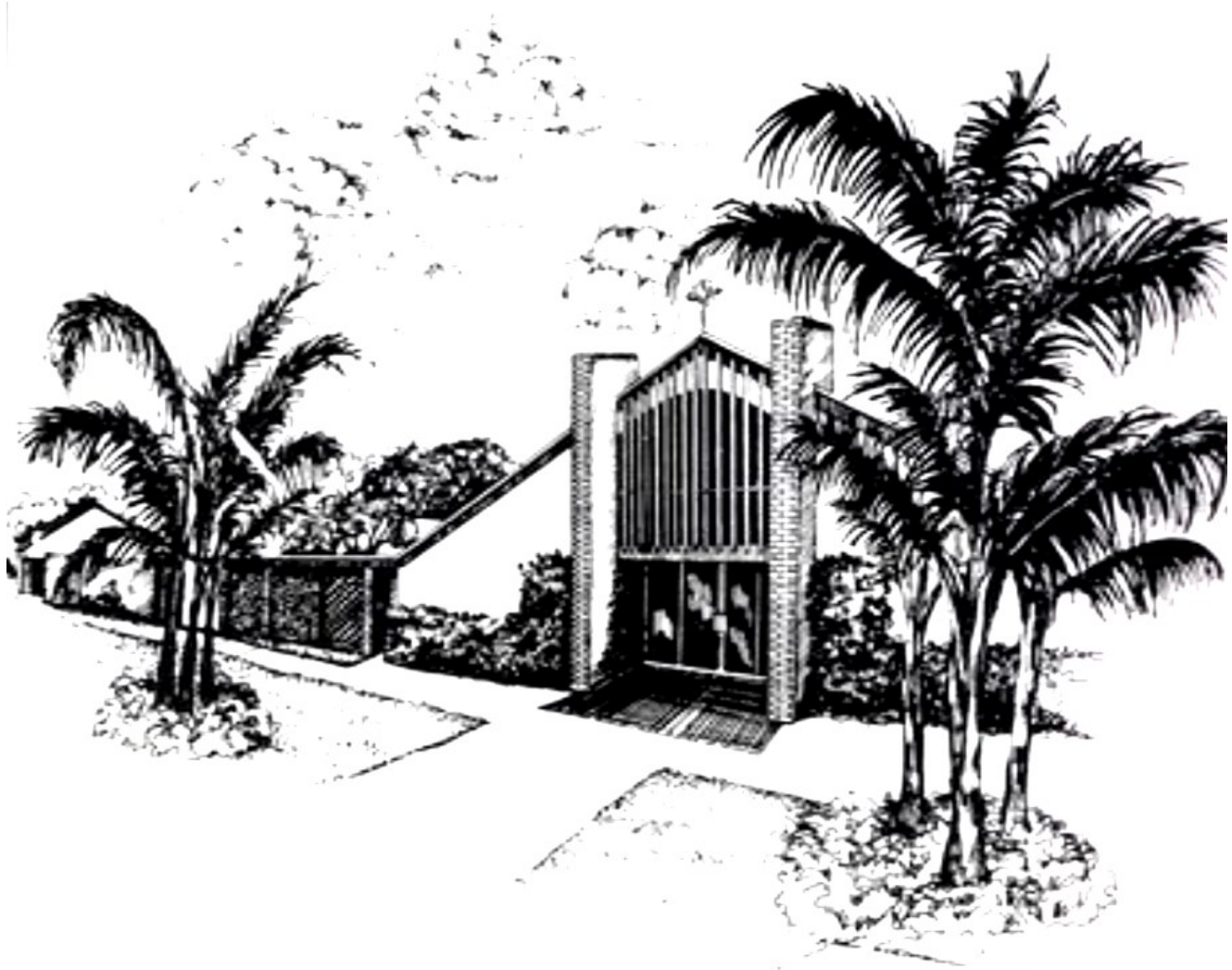




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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

APRIL 26, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation* **Hymnal 390**

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

A Reading from the actions 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (*read responsively*)

PSALM 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE**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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us **Hymnal 708**

THE HOLY GOSPEL**JOHN 10:1-10**

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN’S DIALOG

THE SERMON

Rev. David Potter

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

(continued...)

**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

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Sarah of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our priest Reverend David; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Santa Cruz-Resurrection, Biscayne Park.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Protect all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, in Sudan, Nigeria, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Venezuela, and to all affected by gun violence;

People: That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: For all who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety, especially for those on our parish prayer list... and for those who offer skilled, tender care for them;

People: That they may have strength for today and for tomorrow.

Intercessor: For those struggling financially and find their future uncertain;

People: That they may discover resources and support for the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Intercessor: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially... and those celebrating an anniversary this week, including... and for all those we name silently or aloud;

People: That they may see the blessings of the past and the blessings you provide in the present.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially we pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Whipple;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Life abundant, God of grace, you call us by name to live without fear: in peace may we resist all who kill and despoil your people, that their hearts might be turned to the only source of life; through Jesus Christ, the gateway. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing **Hymnal 493**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: 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

S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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

BCP 364

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please kneel at the communion rail, and cross your arms across your chest, forming an X.

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless **Hymnal 343**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: 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.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Priest: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is (verses 1, 2, 5, 6) Hymnal 645

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



“Everyone
who belongs
to
the
truth
listens to
my.
voice.”

John 18:37, NRSV

NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday.

*Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by Gladys & Randy Wood.
We thank them for their kindness!*



BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY EVENINGS

Join us for Bible Study of the Gospel according to Matthew, Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom. Find the Zoom link in your Constant Contact email or contact Amanda in the St. James Office.



SAFE CHURCH PART II - MAY 16

The upcoming Zoom session for Safe Church Part II is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am for those in need of compliance. Completion of Safe Church Training Part I is required to register for Part II.



PARISH WORK DAY - MAY 16

How can you help? Sign up for the St. James In-the-Hills Yard Clean-up Day Saturday May 16th. Actually, it's just 8am-Noon. We could use your help in our movement forward on improving our property. Many hands make light work and we are responsible together. Sign up in worship or call our church office. Pizza and soda when we are done!

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Fellowship Committee will have its next in-person meeting Sunday, May 17, 2026 in Feaster Hall following the service. The committee will discuss the coordination of upcoming monthly coffee hours occurring in June and July. If you love planning events, want to join a fun group, or just want to help, we encourage you to join us at the meeting.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for MAY-JUNE-JULY are available in the Sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for upcoming dates.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2026 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations.



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Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:
The Church of Nigeria

Our Diocesan Community:
Santa Cruz-Resurrection, Biscayne Park

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Linda Koontz, David King, Joe Leon, Ganga “Josh” Prasad, Benji Caicedo, Saunders Family, Allison Biszantz, Paul Crosta, Pat Miller, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, Frank Batista, Sonia Fiederick, Karron Bacchus, Cheryl-Ann Edwards, Irene & Cristobal Herrera



We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Laurence Clarke, Frances Forde

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Whipple, long time member of St. James in-the-Hills, and we pray for her daughter Martha and family during this time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.





MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, April 26th

Fellowship Hour

Thursday, April 30th

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.



May 4th - 8th

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6th - 12th

National Nurses Week



Sunday, May 10th

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 16th

Safe Church Part II via Zoom - 10:00 a.m.

Parish Clean-Up Day - 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



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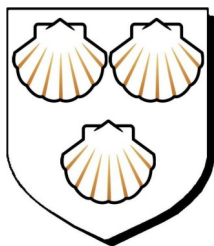
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Amanda Groome, our Parish Administrator, is available in our Parish Office
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel
of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's
diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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