St. James Episcopal Church



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The Renewal of Ministry

with the Welcoming of a New Rector



Dear Honored Guest: Thank you for being here to help us celebrate and renew our dedication to ministry in this place and welcome our new rector. Your presence has enriched our community, and we hope the service holds meaning and beauty for you. If you will be returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved in faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return here so that we may continue to worship with and respond to you. Please visit us online at www.StJamesGreenEville.org and/or take one of our welcome booklets (located in the narthex) to learn more about opportunities for personal spiritual growth and service to others. May God's grace and blessings continue to be with you, always!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Now Thank We All Our God (Pete Hodges, Trumpet)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn: "Ye servants of God, your master proclaim" (tune: Paderborn) Blue Hymnal 535

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bishop Blessed be God: ★ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit. The Wardens stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

People of St. James; Greeneville, Tennessee, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called Kenneth Saunders to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly

The Bishop continues

Ken, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Rector I do.

Are you, the people of St. James, ready to continue in your ministry, with Ken as your priest? *People* **We are.**

The Letter of Institution is read by the bishop.

The Chair of the Search Committee and Representative from the Altar Guild present a chasuble and stole. Ken, receive this chasuble and stole, and be among us as pastor, priest, and teacher. Rector Amen. Let us pray together for the mission of the Church.

Ever living God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

The wardens present keys to the buildings

Ken, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

Rector Amen. Let all be welcome in this place.

Representatives of the Clergy from the Diocese of East Tennessee present the Canons of the Church Ken, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese. Rector Amen. Let us be responsible leaders in Christ's Holy Church.

Educators present symbols of ministry and say

Ken, with these resources we share with children the joy and wonder of God's love.

Be with us in the ministry of teaching our children the stories of our faith.

Rector Amen. Let us welcome and bless the children as Jesus did.

Lectors present the Holy Bible and say

Ken, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word.

Be with us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

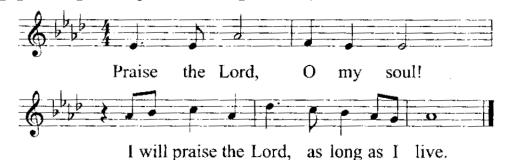
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-25

A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

[Antiphon]

- 2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
- 3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

[Antiphon]

- 4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

[Antiphon]

- 7. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8. The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. *[Antiphon]*
- 9. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

[Antiphon]

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: "Holy Spirit, ever living" (tune: Abbot's Leigh) Hymnal 511

Remain Standing

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Michael Doty

After the Sermon, the congregation sings a hymn. The Bishop and the Rector go to the baptismal font

Hymn: "I want to walk as a child of the light" (tune: Houston)

Blue Hymnal 490

Blessing of Water & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Bishop asks the following

Ken; people of St. James: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Ken, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People Amen.

The Rector pours water in the font as the Bishop continues

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. 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 Christ, 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.

The Bishop then blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Rector

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Rector Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Rector 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.

Rector 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.

Rector 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.

Rector 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.

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector 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.

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Asperges

The congregation is asperged with the water during the following hymn

Hymn: "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more" (tune: Engelberg) Blue Hymnal 296

The Prayers

A Book of Common Prayer is brought forward by Intercessor(s) from the congregation.

Ken, with this Book, we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Be among us as a person of prayer.

Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Church (Please stand, sit, or kneel as best helps you to pray)

Litanist Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Litanist Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Litanist For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For this holy place where we may be still and know that you are God,



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,



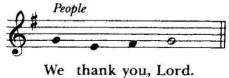
We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,



Litanist For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,



We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

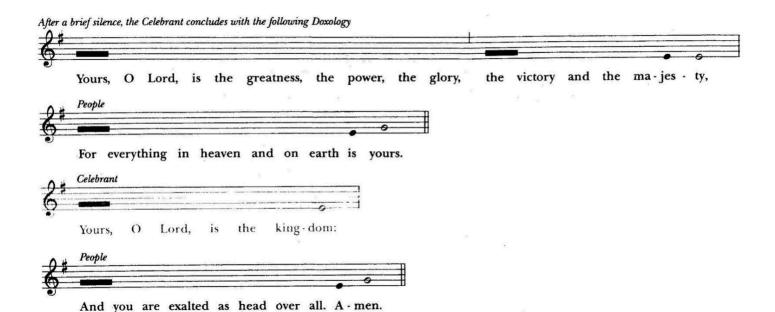


We thank you, Lord.

Litanist For the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint James our patron, and all your Saints,



We thank you, Lord.



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A flask of oil for healing is presented by parishioners.

Ken, with prayer, companionship, laying-on of hands, and anointing with oil we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Be with us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

All stand.

The Bishop says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The offering this evening is designated for the St. James Discretionary Fund which is an almoner's fund used to help those in need.

Make checks to St. James Episcopal Church - memo: Discretionary Fund

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Rector, they say Ken, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Be with us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The deacon brings the elements to the table, and the Offertory continues as an anthem is sung.

Offertory Anthem: O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Setting: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessing without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown — though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

All Stand as the offering is presented

Presentation Doxology: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" (tune: Duke Street)

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;

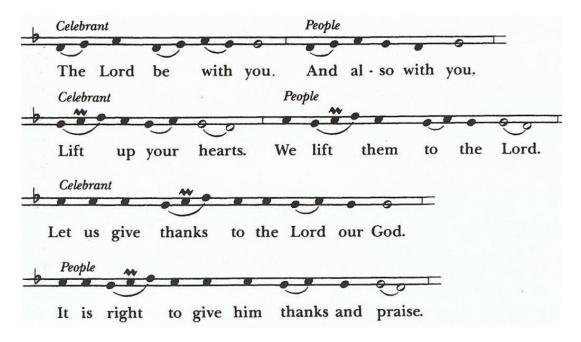
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

When the alms are brought forward, gifts for ministry are also be brought to the altar, and are received with the following words.

Bishop We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.

People Amen.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant (bishop), faces them and sings



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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: 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.

Blue Hymnal S-129

The people remain standing as they are able.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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;

The Celebrant continues

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, \(\mathbb{\text{P}}\) 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 the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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**.

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: "Christ our Passover" Hymnal S-155

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 invited to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or denomination.

The Episcopal Church, as with all churches rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirm that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. However, we also believe that anyone who professes a faith in Jesus Christ and desires to receive the body and blood of our Lord is always welcome at God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church is here for you, and we invite you to explore with us what being baptized could mean for your life.

If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward in prayer and solidarity with this community and receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Please approach by the center aisle, and return to your seats by the side aisles.

Hymns during Communion

"Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray" (tune: Song 1)
"Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face" (tune: Nyack)

Blue Hymnal 318

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Bishop

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Ken, I commend to your love and care the people of St. James. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new rector, colleague and friend, Ken.

The Blessing

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" (tune: Cwm Rhondda)

Blue Hymnal 594

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Blue Hymnal S-174

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude on "Cwm Rhonda" Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Everyone is invited to attend a reception following the service in the Parish Hall to honor and celebrate the ministries of St. James.

The flowers at the altar are given for the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministries of St. James Episcopal Church

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant The Right Reverend Brian Lee Cole Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee Preacher The Reverend Michael Doty Diocese of Western North Carolina (Retired) Rector of St. James The Reverend Kenneth H. Saunders III Rector of St. James Greeneville, TN Deacon of the Mass & Bishop's Chaplain The Reverend Deacon Chris Harpster Deacon at St. Paul's Kingsport, TN Organist & Choir Director James Winfree, CAGO Cantor & Litanist Cindy Painter Trumpet Pete Hodges Lectors Pat Russo & Alan Vital Eucharistic Ministers (Chalicists) Tom Beckner & Jane Bell Crucifer Dick Austin Altar Guild Patti Lane, Teda Williams & Charlene Cureton Ushers Geoff Foster, Steve Harbison, & the St. James Vestry Presenters & Keys Carla Bewley & Cal Doty Sr. & Ir. Wardens of St. James Stole & Chasuble Tom Beckner & Charlene Cureton Representing the Search Committee & Altar Guild Educational Resource Tina Vital & Donna Reid Representing Education, Adults, Children, & Youth Pat Russo & Alan Vital Holy Bible

Representing the Lectors & Lay Readers

Conan Rudd & Teda Williams

Representing the Worship & Prayer Ministries

Bill Smith & Germaine Clarkson Representing the Healing Ministries

Walt Simmons & Lydia Sweat Representing the Lay Eucharistic Ministries

Book of Common Prayer

Oil

Bread & Wine