

April 16, 2023

Jesus, our faith — like that of Thomas — is always tinged with some doubt. Thank you for blessing us anyway with your love and acceptance.

Welcome

Song - Alive Forever, Amen

Let the children sing a song of liberation; the God of our salvation set us free.

Death, where is thy sting? The curse of sin is broken, the empty tomb stands open, come and see.

He's alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.

Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive forever amen.

Let my heart sing out for Christ, the One and only, so powerful and holy, rescued me.

Death won't hurt me now because He has redeemed me, no grave will ever keep me from my King.

I'm alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.

Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive forever amen.

He's alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.

Alive, alive, hallelujah; alive forever amen.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise; worthy is the One who has overcome the grave.

Let the people dance, let the people sing; worthy is the mighty King!

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise; worthy is the One who has overcome the grave.

Let the people dance, let the people sing. Worthy is the mighty King!

Men: Women:

He's alive,

Worthy is the Lamb, alive,

Worthy of our praise; alive,

Worthy is the One who hallelujah;

Has overcome the grave. alive,

praise and glory Let the people dance,

to the Lamb. Let the people sing;

Worthy is the mighty King!

Worthy is the Lamb, Alive,

Worthy of our praise; alive, Worthy is the One who alive,

Has overcome the hallelujah;

Alive grave.

Let the people dance, forever

Let the people sing; amen.

Worthy is the mighty King!

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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to <u>prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org</u>, where they will then be shared with our Prayer Chain.)

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, forever. Amen.

Song – Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be,

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men; my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shines among us, His glory revealed.

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

Hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose over death He had conquered; now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again!

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day! Glorious day!

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine.

Wonderful day my belov'd One bringing. My Savior, Jesus is mine.

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day! O glorious day!

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Gospel Reading – John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these

are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Message

Song – My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul, His blood, He covered my sin, I believe, I believe. My shame, He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name, I believe, I believe. I'll raise a banner; my Lord has conquered the grave!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

I know He rescued my soul, His blood, He covered my sin, I believe, I believe. My shame, He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name, I believe, I believe. I'll raise a banner; my Lord has conquered the grave!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

You lift my burden, I rise with You. I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your Kingdom come.

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Paulo & Leticia DeOliveira Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira

Next Week's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton Next Week's Sound Operator: Mike Lamar

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.

We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are available at the entrance if your child would like one.

If you are visiting us today, welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card, (found on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 4/16 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall

Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary *Youth Lunch Club, 12:15 at Crabtree Mall Food Court

St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12

SPRC, 5PM in the Library

Finance Committee, 6:30PM in Room 12

NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 4/17 John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12

GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Tues, 4/18 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library

Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed. 4/19 *Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Outback Steakhouse, 5200 Capital Blvd., Raleigh

Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 4/20 Common Thread band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 4/22 *Produce Assembly, 9AM in Carson Hall

GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall

Sunday, 4/23 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall

Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary

St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall

NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Scholarship Applications Available! It's time to apply for the Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, which is awarded each year to an active St. James member who is currently a high school senior or attending college. The award amount is \$500 payable to the college you choose to attend. In the absence of any seniors in our current youth group, college students – including those who have previously applied – are strongly encouraged to apply! Applications are available in the church office, and the application deadline is May 10. Please contact Trustee Chair Matoka Snuggs (matoka1004@att.net or 919-291-8888) with any questions.

^{*}The Youth Lunch Club is meeting at the Crabtree Mall Food Court today at 12:15! All St. James Youth members and their families are invited to come join us!

^{*}Coffee & Conversation has made reservations for lunch at 11:30am on Wednesday, April 19 at Outback Steakhouse, 5200 Capital Blvd. All widowed women of St. James are invited to come and join us!

^{*}Produce/Backpack Buddies Assembly: We have another mission opportunity to pack produce bags and boxes for our community this Saturday, April 22 at 9AM in Carson Hall. We'll also be preparing 50+ Backpack Buddies bags for kids at Wildwood Forest Elementary: please come and help! You sign up at https://tinyurl.com/Produce-Packing, or just show up at 9AM!