



April 30, 2023 10:00 AM

Jesus, Good Shepherd, as you lead, help us know your voice better each day and eagerly follow you.

## Welcome

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Victor DeOliveira

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before God with shouts of joy!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: We are God's people, God made us; we belong to God.**

Leader: Enter the Lord's gates with thanks, enter God's courtyards with praise!

**People: Thank God! Bless God's Name!**

Leader: Because God is good, God's loyal love lasts forever;

**People: God's faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

### Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

Evan Johnson

*(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to [prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org), 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.**

### First Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-15 (CEB)

Anna Lamar

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here." Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?" God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

### **Song – Dwell**

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place. Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.  
Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces. Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way.

Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.  
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place. Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.  
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.  
Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.  
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.

You can have Your way. You can have Your way.  
You can have Your way. You can have Your way.  
You can have Your way. You can have Your way.

Not our will, but Yours be done; come and change us. Not our will, but Yours be done.

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### **Second Lesson: Ruth 1: 6-18 (CEB)**

Yani Anwar

Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the Lord had paid attention to his people by providing food for them. She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah. Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, “Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. May the Lord provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. But they replied to her, “No, instead we will return with you, to your people.”

Naomi replied, “Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the Lord’s will has come out against me.”

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you.” When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

### **Song – Mighty to Save**

Ev’ryone needs compassion, love that’s never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
Ev’ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.  
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in; now I surrender.  
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

Shine your light and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!  
Shine your light and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King!

Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!  
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## Special Moment

Emma Fasone & Anna Lamar

### Third Lesson: Jeremiah 29:11-14 (CEB)

Emma Fasone

I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

### Song – Our God

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There's no one like You, none like You.  
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? Then what could stand against?

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

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And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

What could stand against? What could stand against?

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#### **Fourth Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12 (CEB)**

Evan Johnson

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

#### **Song – *Glorious Day***

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive; all my failures I tried to hide.  
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.  
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul; now Your freedom is all that I know.  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

When You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.  
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.

I needed rescue: my sins were heavy but chains break at the weight of Your glory.  
I needed shelter: I was an orphan, now You call me a citizen of heaven.  
When I was broken, You were my healing; now Your love is the air I'm breathing.  
I have a future; my eyes are open

'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.  
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day.

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#### **Special Moment**

All Youth

#### **Benediction**

Devonte McIver

#### **Sharing Offerings & Into the World to Serve**

Today's Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Wilson  
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Scott & Leslie Payne  
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Keith Walkowiak

*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 next to the offering basket, and return it to the offering basket or one of the ushers/greeters.  
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

### **What to know this week...**

#### **Calendar this week:**

TODAY, 4/30 Youth Sunday combined worship, 10AM in Carson Hall  
\*St. James Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship, 4PM at Urban Air Trampoline Park  
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 5/1 Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12  
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall  
\*United Methodist Men, 7PM in Carson Hall

Tues, 5/2 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office  
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed. 5/3 \*John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12  
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 5/4 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 5/6 \*Produce Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall  
GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall

**\*Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship this afternoon:** Just a reminder that we'll meet at Urban Air , 7810 Poyner Pond Circle, Raleigh 27616 at 4PM today. Cost is \$15 per person for the trampoline area; bring extra money if you need socks or want to try the zipline, bumper cars or virtual reality. Remember if you bring a friend (who is not a St. James member) both you and your friend can attend for the price of one!

**\*Bible Study Participants Reminder:** This week's John study will move to Wednesday at 10:30AM since Pastor Dan has a district meeting scheduled for Monday. We will still meet in Room 12.

**\*Raleigh SeniorTechEd** will be back at St. James at 1PM tomorrow to answer questions and provide help with today's technology. The cost is \$5 and you can feel free to drop in; the Open Help Workshop is in Room 12.

**\*The United Methodist Men** will meet for dinner and fellowship tomorrow at 7PM in Carson Hall. The dinner menu is country-style steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, shoe peg corn & butterbeans, rolls, ice tea and ice cream. We invite all men of St. James to come join us!

**Parents of College Students: Scholarship Applications Are Still Available!** The Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, worth \$500, is open to any active St. James members furthering their education at technical, 2-year, or 4-year colleges. This year, due to an absence of high school seniors, college students – including those who have previously applied – are strongly encouraged to apply! Applications are available in the church office, on the church website Members page, and through a link on the weekly email. The application deadline is May 10. Please contact Trustee Chair Matoka Snuggs ([matoka1004@att.net](mailto:matoka1004@att.net) or 919-291-8888) with any questions.