OUT OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ST. JAMES’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOUSTON WILL NOT HAVE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE BROADCAST VIA FACEBOOK VIDEO (using your computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices).
TUNE IN SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.
Welcome to Saint James’ Virtual Worship Service!

Greeter’s Message

Hope — “And let us boast in the hope of the glory of God. We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

--Romans 5:2-5

Hope gives us confidence and reassurance in our present life, allowing us to lead an effective life for God. Even in our sufferings we should still have hope. Hope encourages believers. It leads to a more effective Christian life and witness. Our character confirms our confidence that the glory we hope for will one day be ours. Remember, God is sovereign and there is always hope. Don’t give up! We might be the one to communicate hope to someone else, maybe by a gesture, maybe without words. We must love and pray and hold one another up. We must be steadfast and rejoice in that hope.

The Order of Worship

BCP – The Book of Common Prayer

BCP

The Opening Hymn and Procession Singing Songs of Expectation

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Salutation 355
The Collect for Purity 355
The Gloria in Excelsis 356
The Collect of the Day
The Lessons
The First Reading: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11
The Hymn God, My King
The Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8 (read in unison)
The Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
The Sequence Hymn Lord I Want to be a Christian
The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
The Artistic Response Amazing Grace St. James’ Jazz Ensemble
The Sermon the Rev. Victor J. Thomas
The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People Form III 387
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence - The People may add their own petitions.

Priest:  We celebrate and bless the September wedding anniversaries of ...
Sam & Carole Dodson, Troy & Kim Jefferson, George & Cynthia Wyllie,
Weldon & Georgia Narcisse, Stephen & Betty Edmonds

We bless all who celebrate a birthday this week...

Concluding collect... Amen.

The Peace and Announcements

The Offertory
(Visit https://app.securegive.com/stjameshouston to give an offering online. Checks may be mailed to the church.)

St. James’ Mission Song
All are invited to sing the Mission Song.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn You Are My God

Join us in the “Virtual Parish Hall” immediately after this service.
The ZOOM invitation link is on the St. James’ Facebook page.
Prayer List

We pray for all God’s people throughout the world. This week we lift up in special prayer:

Cline Armstrong  Erica Arnold  Garnet Archer
Eleanor Abdulah  Sue Gardner  Sharla Rogers

Continued Covering Prayers:

Graciela Brown  Johnnie Green  Eddie White  Geraldyne White
Sam Julian  Earl Shepherd  Carolyn McCardell  Robbin Barrow
Roscette Holmes  Ryan Edwards  Oliver Brown  Toni Bright
Lynwood Randolph  Judith Randolph  Yevonne Sawyers  Sheila Deslandes
Rock Owens  Sherry Schauer  Mattie Lunnan  Sherry Moseley-Reid
Randall Gardner  Adella Gautier  Caliph Johnson  Ester Dupont
Connie Moore  Ella James  Roland Gardner  Davey Lee
The Rev. Harold Lewis  Fifia Jenkins  Claire Spedale  Lamont Waddell
The Rev. Aston Brown  Launey Roberts  Nelson Jenkins  Kathleen Davis
Philip A. Masquelette  Sandy Havens  the Rev. Helen Havens  Helen Obot
Bishop Nathan Baxter  Brien Eley  Ben ‘Rusty’ Greene and family

Homebound:

Norma Phillips  William Middleton  Natalie McCardell

We pray for our college students who are here and away; also for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially Bradley Harrison and Zachary McGee; and others who have asked for prayers of the Church.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
We honor God and we serve each other and the community through our core values of worship, spiritual growth, outreach, inclusiveness, and children and youth ministries.

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Victor J. Thomas, Rector
C. Vincent Fuller, Organist/Choirmaster
Samuel Dinkins, III, Jazz Ensemble Director
Karen Wesley, Parish Secretary/New Members Coordinator
Kathy Culmer, Director of Religious Education
Herbert Johnson, Sexton

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Through 2021
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Gurney Pearsall
Gloria Rose
Sandra Rouce

Through 2022
Philip Lee
Andrea Littlefield
William Sawyers
Debra Watson

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Gloria Rose, LEM & Lector Coordinator
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
COVID19 PANDEMIC “STAY-AT-HOME” ORDER

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

(Psalm 62:8)