

St. James



EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANCHOR LINES update

We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

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WORSHIP



SUNDAY, JUNE 28

OPPORTUNITIES for WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Arrive early for the screening process and seating. There is limited capacity in the Church. Please bring (and wear) a mask for all members of your party. There will be no congregational singing at this time.

10 AM - Livestream Worship

Tune in a few minutes before the service is scheduled to begin on our website, stjamesfairhope.org, [on our Facebook page](#), [or on our YouTube channel](#).

[Bulletin is available on our website with this link.](#)

Take Communion at home with reserved sacrament which you picked up on Thursday or come after the service to receive COMMUNION and stay for a moment of prayer. Doors will remain open until noon. Brief screening process/wear a mask if you come up to the church.

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Parking Meadow

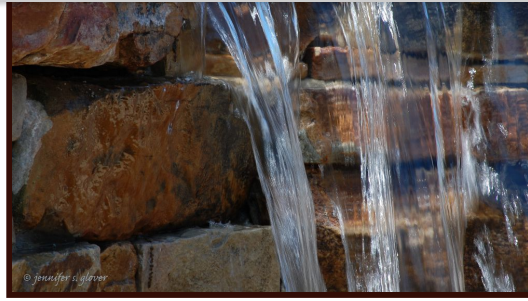
Arrive early for the screening process. Please bring (and wear) a mask for all parties, a chair or blanket, bug spray, and a water bottle. CASUAL dress (shorts/flip flops) - Acoustic guitar music. If it rains, we will move to the Church.

If you have health concerns (diabetes/heart issues/lung issues/compromised immune system), we encourage you to worship from home via the livestream.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Have you had a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 48 hours?
- Have you had a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, or a sore throat?
- Have you experienced a new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- Have you travelled by airplane in the last 14 days?

MUSIC



“Let all who run to you for *protection* always sing joyful songs” Ps. 5:11

By now you have heard that singing during the COVID crisis is dangerous. Well this presents a huge problem and is just another one of those things that makes the evil one happy.

Obviously no one can stop us from singing. While keeping your distance: Sing while you walk, sing while you are driving, sing while you are vacuuming or mowing the lawn, sing while you are in the shower.

We know that singing praise to God is essential for Christians. If you were wondering how essential; praising God is mentioned at least 158 times in the book of Psalms. I counted them.

This Sunday we will sing a St. James favorite.

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Start singing it now so you can always have this song in your heart.

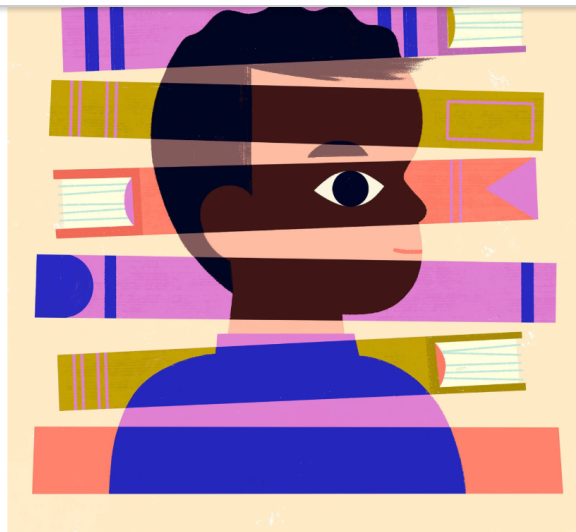
Helen

RACIAL HEALING



The Episcopal Church compiled a resource page of books, videos, podcasts and prayers to assist people in their responds to racial violence. Click the image above to link to the page.

For parents looking for a way to begin conversations about racism and protest, The New York Times published a list of age-appropriate books. Click the image below to link to the article.



Loris Lora

NEWS & EVENTS



The parish office will be closed in observance of the 4th of July Holiday on Thursday, July 2.

Please note that we will still have distribution of the reserved sacrament on Thursday, July 2 from 11-12:30 and 4-6 pm. Stop by the back circle driveway by the entrance to the school and pick up a bulletin and blessed wafers to be consumed during the 10 am livestream service on Sunday, July 5.



- Throughout this period of social distancing, **stay in touch virtually with our priests!** They will check in with the parish via video once a week, on TUESDAYS. Look for a post on our Facebook page and on our website under the **Virus Update** tab. Click on Father De's photo above to go straight to the page.
- Wednesday Morning Prayer will also be available live at 10 AM on our Facebook page, our website, and our YouTube Channel (see links above).
- All in-person gatherings at the church (bible studies, fellowship gatherings, yoga, etc.) remain suspended until further notice.
- The office is closed to visitors. Please call 251-928-2912 if you would like to speak with clergy or office staff during regular business hours.
- If you have an after-hours pastoral emergency, call 251-928-2912 and listen to the prompts. The on-call priest will return your call.
- *Pay your pledge online on our website: [HERE](#).* Just scroll down the page a bit. If you have questions about logging in, call our Financial Director, Jim Ketchum, at 251-928-2912. For those of you who prefer to write checks, you still have the option of mailing it to the church at 860 N. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532. If you happen to be out and about you can drop it off at the church as well. We are not encouraging you to get out, but we do have a drop box outside the church office that is checked regularly. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNICATIONS

**A Note from our Seminarian
Kenneth White-Spunner**



Hello to all of my beloved St. James family!

I just wanted to check in and give you an update. I successfully completed my first year of seminary and ended up with good grades (As and Bs), although our last semester they went to a pass/fail system due to our transition to virtual classes.

The plan was for me to be in Pensacola to go through Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital but it was cancelled due to the virus. Hopefully I'll be able to do this next summer.

I have already registered for my classes this fall and I'm really excited! On a side note, I fell and fractured my fibula during a hike a couple of weeks ago, so I would really appreciate your prayers for healing.

Know that I love and miss each and every one of you. I'm not sure when I'll get the chance to come back to visit, hopefully it will be sooner rather than later.

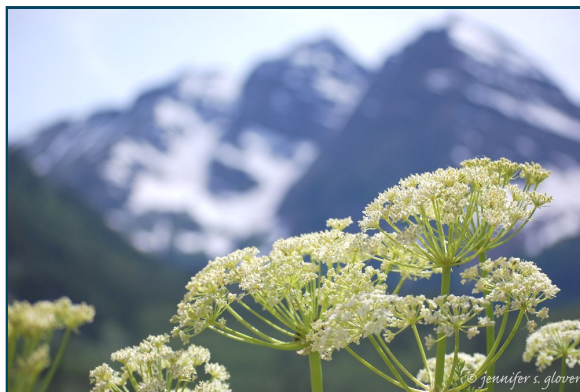
Stay safe and never forget to keep loving one another.

Kenneth

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During this strange time that we are living in, we want to know where you see, experience, and feel the presence of God in your day to day life. Where do you see God in circumstances, in events, in creation? Share your photos with us on social media and use **#stjseesGod** so we can all feel connected while being physically apart.



Continuing for the next few weeks, we will be sending out communications only by electronic means. There will be no Anchor Lines newsletter mailed in June. A decision will be made at a later date

If you know of someone who is not receiving communication from the church please ask them to call the office at 251-928-2912 during regular business hours and give us their updated information. Someone is in the office to answer the phones Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am until 5 pm. If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours, just call the office and listen to the prompts. The on-call priest will return your call. Thank you!

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If you no longer wish to receive any future communications from St. James Episcopal Church, please email our Parish Administrator, Meghan Fancher, at mfancher1@bellsouth.net and request to be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.