

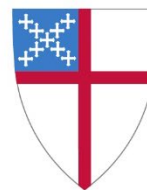


St. James' Episcopal Church

knowing and serving God by serving others

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Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

5PM: Saturday

8AM & 10AM: Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite One

St. James' Episcopal Church

WELCOME!

It is such a pleasure to have you with us today, and we would be so blessed to see you again! We are affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and backgrounds. *You are welcome here.* We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

Join us for Communion!

All baptized individuals are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available as well, just ask! Haven't been baptized yet? Speak to Father Mike to begin your life-changing celebration- you are never too old to be baptized in the church!

How do I become a member?

Being a member of St. James is easy! All you need to do is fill out our membership form and you are a member. If you are a confirmed Episcopalian moving from an Episcopal congregation, just simply contact our parish office (610-489-7564), give the Parish Administrator the name of your previous church, and we will contact your previous church for a Letter of Transfer.

What if I am not an Episcopalian?

You don't need to be a confirmed Episcopalian to be a member of St. James'. You just need to have been baptized and send us a copy of your baptism. All this is on the membership form.

How do I get a membership form?

Just fill out the "white" welcome card that is in the pews and place it in the offertory plate as it is being passed. Once the office receives your card, we will send you a membership package in the mail. Once you have filled the forms, you can either mail them back to St. James' or bring them with you to church and hand them to Fr. Mike after the service.

What if I have never been baptized?

Just let Fr. Mike know of your desire to be baptized and we will schedule a Sunday to do so. Baptism is a life-changing experience and one that is done with the community of believers here at St. James'. At our baptism, we make promises to God that help us to live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. We the family of believers here at St. James' will make promises also to uphold you in this endeavor and to support you in any way that we can.

Let's stay in touch!

Not ready to commit to membership just yet? That's ok! If you'd like to join our weekly "Happenings" email list, speak to Father Mike, or send an email to Sara Terenzi, our Office Admin, at office@stjames-episcopal.org

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Lent V
The Holy Eucharist Rite One
Sunday, March 17, 2024

The Word of God

PRELUDE: *Wondrous Love* - Todd Kendall
PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph)* (H 603)

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only) *All standing*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

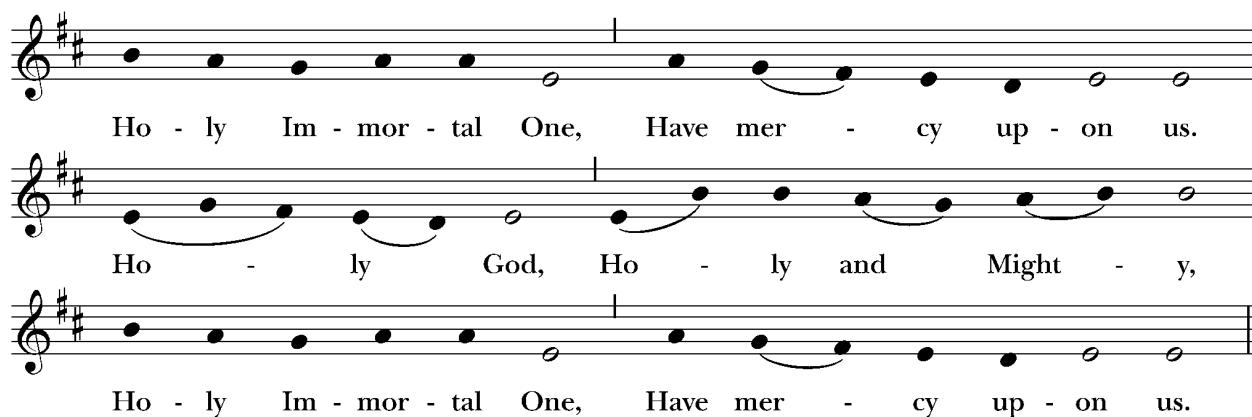
People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE (8 and 10am only) *The following is sung, all standing*

TITLE: S 99 Holy God (Plainsong/Ford)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

³¹“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. ³³“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13 (Said in Unison)

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
¹²Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) *All stand*

TITLE: *When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham)* (H 474)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

John 12:20-33

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 326) *All stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *You may stand or kneel*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Mike our Rector, and Suzanne our Postulant, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe our President and Josh our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and Alexis & Steven, Annie*, Angela*, Art, Beverly*, Caitlin, Calvin*, Carol*, Casey, Dan, Elaine, Eliza*, Esperanza, Fran A.*, Fran R., Fred, Gary, Greg*, Janet, Jean*, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Kathy*, Lori, Marvin & Debbie*, Shane, Sophie*, Will, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Are there others?

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Francis Thomson, Martha & George Garran, and Gene Robbins, in whose name these flowers are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. James and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Are there others?

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.
Psalms 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN (8 and 10am only) *All stand*

CHOIR ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love Is This" - Arr. by L. Eugene Oldham

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333) *The People remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333) *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

TITLE: S 114 Holy, holy, holy (Willan)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.

TITLE: S 164 *Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is for the lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Celebrant and People say together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 338)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: Will you come and follow me (Mary Alexandra) (WLP 757)

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

COMMUNION HYMN *When Jesus wept, the falling tear (When Jesus Wept) (H 715)*

1 2

When Je - sus wept, the fall - ing tear in

3

mer - cy flowed be - yond all bound; when Je - sus groaned, a

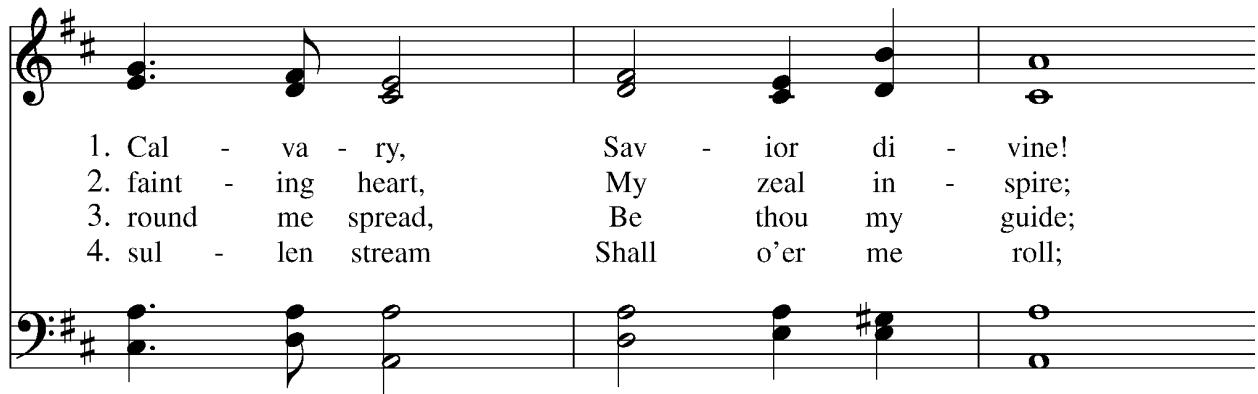
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trem - bling fear seized all the guilt - y world a - round.

TITLE: *My Faith Looks up to Thee* (LEVAS 88)



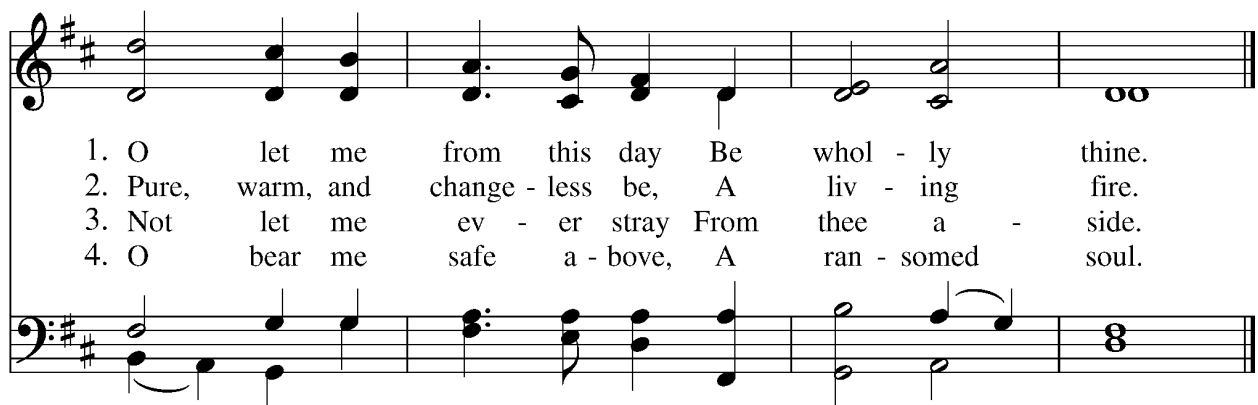
1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
 3. Bid dark-ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *In the cross of Christ I glory (Rathbun) (H 441)*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "What Wondrous Love Is This" - Arr. by L. Eugene Oldham

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach House Items for the Week: Cooking Oil, Cake Mix
- Remember that the prayer list resets itself every month. Please say aloud or silently to yourself when the prayers of the people ask “*are there others?*”
- The ECW is holding a Spa Basket Raffle – tickets are \$5, or 3 for \$10, and will be available after services beginning 3/16. Winner will be drawn at ECW Spring Tea on Saturday, May 4th (save the date!)
- The next ECW Meeting will be held Saturday, April 6th in Platt’s Hall – join us to discuss window treatments in Platts, Spring Tea plans, and a pillar candle painting craft. Refreshments and supplies provided!
- The Altar Guild is accepting donations for Easter Memorial flowers until Palm Sunday, March 24. Please give names of those to be remembered to Marilyn Hastings (mail slot above coat rack outside the Parish Hall). Checks should be made payable to “St. James’ Church”.
- Wawa Shorti Hoagie coupons will be on sale for \$6 following all services this month. Purchase one for yourself, or donate to the Outreach House! All proceeds benefit the Youth Pilgrimage fund
- Fr. Mike will host Confirmation retreats on Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 – 3pm. (The same material will be presented both days.) Youth who are being confirmed are required to attend one of the days. Adults who desire to be confirmed or received are invited to attend, as well as all those who are interested in the topic. The book “Unabashedly Episcopalian” will be required reading and is available at no cost to you. Please see Fr. Mike to receive your copy. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.
- Confirmed teens will be traveling to London on their pilgrimage in July. If you would like to sponsor a student, you may donate via check or Vanco (memo: Pilgrimage 2024.)

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Adult Choir (9th grade – Adult) rehearses every Thursday at 7:30pm.

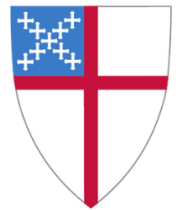


Join us on this sacred journey through Holy Week, from palms to the cross, as we gather each Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM in different churches across our community.

-Mar 20th at Augustus Lutheran Church: "An Invitation to Come." Join us for a special evening as the combined Collegeville-Trappe choir performs a cantata as we conclude our Lenten services and prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter. Services will begin at 7:30 PM, and light refreshments will be served after each service.



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Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 23 & 24

Saturday 5PM; Sunday 8AM and 10AM

Join us for the Procession of the Palms!

MAUNDAY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

7:30PM Eucharist, Foot Washing,

Stripping of the Altar

11:00PM - 11am Garden Watch

(sign-up on bulletin board)

5:00PM Youth Event for 2nd-12th Grade

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

12:00PM Stations of the Cross (no liturgy)

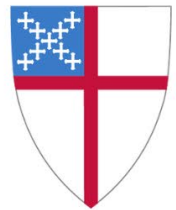
2:00PM Stations of the Cross (no liturgy)

4:00PM Stations of the Cross (no liturgy)

7:30PM The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday



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Christ is Risen!

EASTER VIGIL | MARCH 30

Saturday 7:30PM

Come for the kindling of the new fire
and the lighting of the Pascal Candle!
Hear the record of God's saving deeds in
history as we celebrate Christ's
resurrection in the first Easter service of
the year.

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Sunday 8am & 10am

Please join us as we celebrate the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in
festive word & sacrament!

EASTER EGG HUNT

(after 10am service)

3yr-5th grade

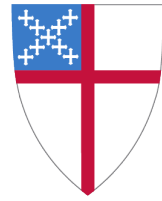


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)

Sunday, 8am (with music)

Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)

Live-Stream available at 10am

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and re-enter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a “pray-ground” in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

Church School is available for PreK – 12th grade during the 10am service.

Youth Group for 6th – 12th grade meets monthly. See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

RESTROOMS

Are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

MEDIA POLICY

St. James' Episcopal Church regularly photographs, and video records our worship services and events. Please note if you are attending our 10AM Worship Service you will be recorded on our live-stream broadcast.

CHURCH VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Sarah Deacle; **People's Warden:** Marilyn Hastings; **Vestry Secretary:** Peggy Spinozzi; **Outreach Ministries:** Peggy Spinozzi, Barbara Bateman; **Finance:** Chuck Rogers, Janice Tabbutt; **Treasurer:** Phil Tatem; **Parish Life:** Rob Samtmann, Sharon Hansen; **New Member Ministry:** Iva Ferrell, Marilyn Hastings; **Building & Grounds:** Francois Springuel, Gene Goff, Harry Cornog; **Education:** Fr. Mike

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.

Worship has ended...Service Begins!