

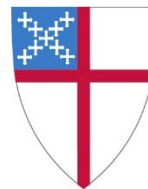


St. James' Episcopal Church

knowing and serving God by serving others

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Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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 II
The Holy Eucharist Rite One
Sunday, March 16, 2025

The Word of God

PRELUDE "Lacrymosa" - Douglas E. Wagner

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus (In Babilone)* (H 495)



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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,

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

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 27 (Read in Unison)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
³Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
⁴And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
¹⁷What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

TITLE: *O Love of God, how strong and true (Dunedin) (H 455)*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

Luke 13:31-35

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Mike our Rector, and Suzanne our Candidate and Chris our Aspirant 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 Donald 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 succor: Adele*, Alex, Alexis & Steven, Angela*, Art*, Ashton, Becky, Beverly*, Bill, Bob, Carol*, Catherine, Charlotte, Cheryl, Debbie, Diana, Diane H., Diane S., Donald, Donna, Doreen, Ed, Elaine, Eliza*, Eric, Fran A.*, Fran R, Frank, Fred, Gary, Jean*, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Joanne F., Joanne & Kevin, John & Lori, Jonathan*, Judy, Katherine, * Kathy & Mike*, Kathy M., Kim, Larry & Connie, Linda, Lizzy, Linnie, Lucie, Marvin & Debbie*, Mark, Mike, Sophie*, Suzannah, Tim*, 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, 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.

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.
Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN (8am only) *All stand*

TITLE: Day by day (Sumner) (H 654)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

SPECIAL MUSIC (10am only)

"Agnus Dei" - Lee Dengler (Adult Choir Anthem)

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God 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*

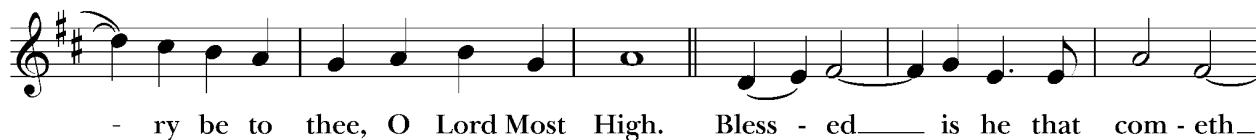
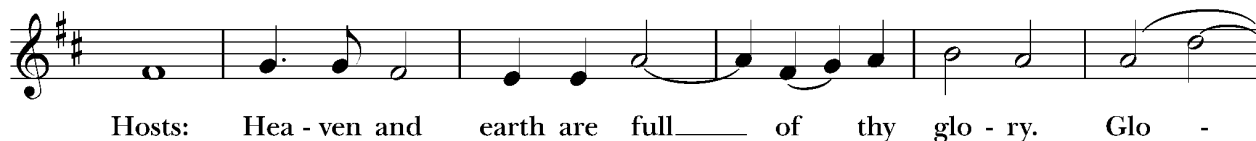
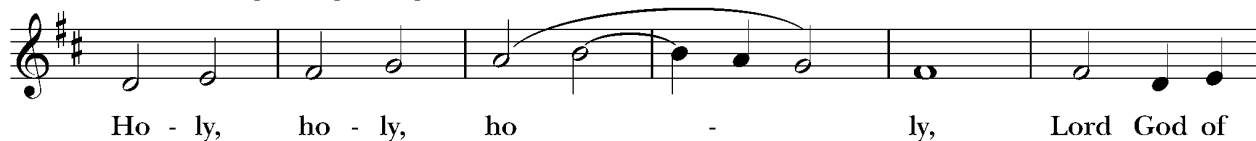
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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)*



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)

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 consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the piece with the same treble and bass staff arrangement. The treble staff contains the lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third line of musical notation concludes the piece with the same treble and bass staff arrangement. The treble staff contains the lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "give us your peace, give us your peace." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION RITE 1 (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: *And now, O Father, mindful of the love (Unde et memores)* (H 337)

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

The image shows the first system of a musical score for the hymn "And now, O Father, mindful of the love...". It features two staves (treble and bass clef) and four lines of lyrics. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music is a simple, four-part setting of the text.

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

The image shows the second system of the musical score for the hymn. It continues with two staves and four lines of lyrics. The key signature remains one sharp (F#).

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

TITLE: *Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (Song 46) (H 328)*

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *The God of Abraham praise (Leoni) (H 401)*



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



POSTLUDE "*Voluntary in G minor*" - Samuel Long

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Outreach House Items for the Week: Cooking Oil & Cake Mix**
- **Lenten Cleaning Days** – dates have changed! We will now be meeting to deep clean the common areas of St. James' on **March 26th-29th**. There is a sign-up sheet outside the main office- let's all work together to keep our church beautiful!
- **GFS/Holiday House Used Book Sale:** Books will be collected **April 5 thru 13**. Please leave donations in blue basket marked HOLIDAY HOUSE BOOK SALE on window sill on Evansburg Rd side of parish hall. All genres wanted with the exception of outdated text books or computer manuals. All proceeds from the book sale are used for maintenance of Holiday House.
- **SAVE THE DATE – June 29th** for a parish picnic! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and we will meet for planning in March.
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** - Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 - \$10
- **Redner's Save a Tape Program** provides ongoing support to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House. If you are a Redner's shopper, please save your tapes.
- **If you are visiting us for the first time**, please be sure to fill out the white card located in the front of your pew for more information about our Parish:

	 <p style="margin: 0;">WELCOME to St. James Episcopal Church <i>knowing and serving God by serving others</i> 3768 Germantown Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-7564 www.stjames-episcopal.org</p>  <p style="margin: 0;">We are happy to have you worship with us and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to fill in the other side of this card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.</p> <p style="margin: 0; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Welcome to St. James!</p>
Date: _____	
Name(s) _____	
e-mail address: _____	
Street Address: _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
I am a member of _____ Church in _____	
Or _____/we have no church affiliation.	



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 19th at Thomas Paine UU Fellowship:
The Rev Betty Wright-Riggins preaching

Mar 26th at Trinity Reformed UCC:
The Rev Debra Stevens preaching

April 2nd at Evansburg United Methodist:
The Rev Warren Weleck preaching

April 9th at Augustus Lutheran:
The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards preaching

We extend a warm invitation to everyone in our community to join us for these meaningful Lenten services. Let's come together in faith, reflection, and fellowship as we journey towards Easter.



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Holy Week 2025

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 12 & 13

5PM Saturday

8AM & 10AM Sunday

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17

7:30PM Foot washing and Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18

12 Noon Stations of the Cross (Adults)

2PM Interactive Stations of the Cross

4PM Stations of the Cross (All - no liturgy)

7:30PM Liturgy (no stations)

EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 19

7:30PM Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

8am & 10am



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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.

Coffee Hour is available following the 10am service. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Platts Hall.

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.

Drop-off Nursery Care with our paid staff is available throughout the 8am and 10am services. The Nursery is in Platts Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Church School is available for PreK - 12th grade during the 10am service (September - May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

Youth Group for 6th - 12th grade meets monthly (September - May.) See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)
 Sunday, 8am (with music)
 Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)
 Live-Stream available at 10am

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday
 AA (7pm, Platt's Hall)
Tuesday
 Yoga with Janice (3:30 chair yoga, Platt's Hall)
Wednesday
 Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6:30pm, Platt's Hall)
 Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)
Thursday
 Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall)
 Drum Circle/Teen Choir (6:30pm, Select Nights)
 Scouts (7pm, Platt's Hall and Downstairs)
 Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Choir Room)

OUTREACH HOUSE

Interested in volunteering? See "Happenings" for our current schedule and sign-up links.

Interested in becoming a client? Confidential assistance is available for parishioners. For more information, please speak with Fr. Mike.

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:** Kathy Hutchinson;
Outreach Ministries: Marilyn Hastings, Barbara Bateman; **Treasurer:** Mark Schultz; **Fellowship:** Tanya Millet, Sue Rice; **Member Ministry:** Sharon Hansen; **Building & Grounds:** Francois Springuel, Gene Goff;
Communications: Janice Tabbut, Ryan Collins; **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.
Worship has ended...Service Begins