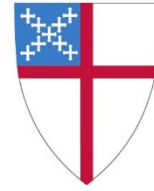




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*Lent.*

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28 & March 1, 2026

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](mailto:office@stjames-episcopal.org)

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Lent II  
The Holy Eucharist Rite One  
Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Word of God

PRELUDE: "Jesus With Us Abide" - James Southbridge

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons) (H 637)*

*Descant*

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

## Penitential Order

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth forever.**

*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 12:1-4a**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 121 (Read in Unison)**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup>The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth forevermore.

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

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

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings

wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

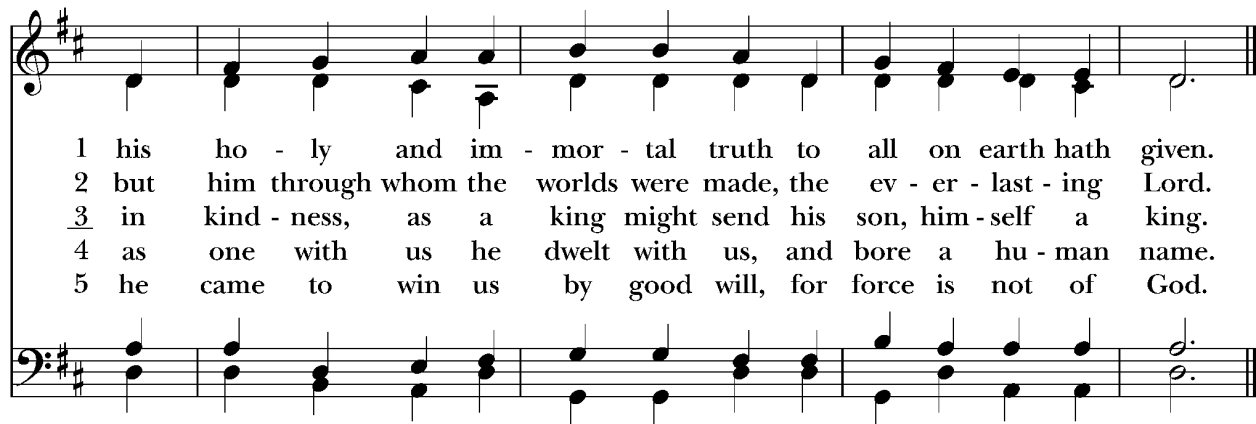
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

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

TITLE: *The great Creator of the worlds (Tallis' Ordinal)* (H 489)



1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,  
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,  
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;  
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;  
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;



1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.  
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.  
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.  
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
their truest life to find,  
in love God sent his Son to save,  
not to condemn mankind.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

**John 3:1-17**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a

second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*People*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
                      **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 men: 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, 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\*, Alexis & Steven\*, Angela\*, Art\*, Ashton\*, Beverly\*, Bob, Calvin, Carol\*, Carson, Dana, Diane, Donna, Eliza\*, Fran A.\*, Fran R, Fred, Gary\*, Geoff, James, Janet, Jeannine\*, Jeff\*, Joan, John, Karen, Katherine,\* Mike\*, Kelly\*, Kyle, Laura, Lauren\*, Lucie, Marie, Marvin\*, Michael, Olga, Patricia, Roberta, Ron, Skylar, Sophie\*, Stacy, Tim\*, Tracy, Vikki, Violet, the Wirth family, 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 Amanda Schultz, 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.

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*

**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

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

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.

**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  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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 system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features 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 system continues the musical setting with the lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The notation follows the same structure as the first system.

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

The third system begins with the lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The musical notation continues in the same style.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics: "give us your peace, give us your peace." The notation ends with a double bar line.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *Let thy Blood in mercy poured (Jesus, meine Zuversicht) (H 313)*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

TITLE: *My faith looks up to thee (Olivet) (H 691)*

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

*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: *Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)* (H 473)

*Descant*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



**DISMISSAL**

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

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A special announcement from Outreach House:**

We have been blessed with a strong & generous community which continues to step up and provide our clients with an abundance of grocery items. In the past, we have received a grant from the Diocese to cover the gaps; namely cleaning and hygiene products. Unfortunately, we did not receive that grant for 2026. St. James' has decided to make up for that loss, but we will need the help of our congregation.

**There will be an ongoing need for: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper**

**Items needed for February: Laundry Detergent**

- **Theology on Zoom** meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30p. Zoom link is in Happenings. **Classes will be suspended from 2/18 - 4/8 for Lenten Series, Holy Week, and Easter, then we will resume on April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Christ and Coffee** meets every Thursday at 11am in Platt's Hall. **We will will not meet on April 2nd or April 9th, due to Maundy Thursday and Easter.**
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** - Tuesdays at 3:30, \$10 Questions? Call Janice at 610-745-7867 **There will be no yoga on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or March 10<sup>th</sup> - we will resume on the 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- **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 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.

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We are happy to have you today 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.

WELCOME to St. James!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church or \_\_\_\_\_  
Or \_\_\_\_\_ (How have you heard of St. James?)

## *Picnic Planning Meeting*

Please join us on **Saturday, March 7th at 11am** in the parish hall, for a planning committee meeting about our annual Church Picnic.

New ideas are welcome- we would like to make it better than last year with fun for all ages! This is a fantastic opportunity for all our parishioners from every service to gather together in fellowship.

We need a **big team** to pull this off - we hope you can attend!

# St. James' Episcopal Church

## 2026 Lenten Series



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

*This year, we are doing something different for Lent.* We will be exploring Rt. Rev. Michael Curry's *The Way of Love* for Lent. This year we will gather in Platts Hall at 7:00 pm for a small meal of soup and salad. Once we have completed the meal we will begin the Teaching series of *The Way of Love*. After each session, we will gather in the sanctuary to celebrate Holy Eucharist. Below is the schedule we will be following:

**March 4 - Session Two / PRAY:** Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14: 10 -15:1)

**March 11- Session Three / BLESS:** A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36: 24-28)

**March 18 – Session Four / REST:** The Valley of the Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37: 1-14)

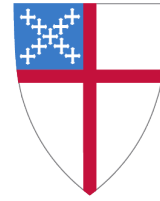
**March 25 – Session Five / WORSHIP:** The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3: 12-20)

I will make Chicken and Vegetable Soup and provide salad and bread for the first night. There will be sign-up sheet for volunteers to make soup and salad for the future sessions. There will also be a sign-up sheet for each night so we can estimate how much soup to make. There will be an offering gathered at each Session and the proceeds will go to the Colledgeville-Trappe Ministerium. I look forward to seeing all of you here for this Lenten Discipline! – *Father Mike*



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## CHURCH STAFF

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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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10am service (September - May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

**Youth Group** for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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)  
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:** Sue Rice | **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson | **Treasurer:** Mark Schultz | **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike **Communications & Fundraising:** Janice Tabbut & Ryan Collins | **Buildings & Grounds:** Gene Goff | **Fellowship:** Tanya Millet & Peggy Schiavo | **New Member Ministry:** Chris Mycek & Geoff Pinney | **Outreach Ministries:** Candy Nyce & Barbara Bateman | **Member at Large:** Sharon Hansen

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**Worship has ended...Service Begins!**