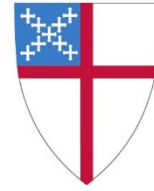




St. James' Episcopal Church
knowing and serving God by serving others

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Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7 & 8, 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

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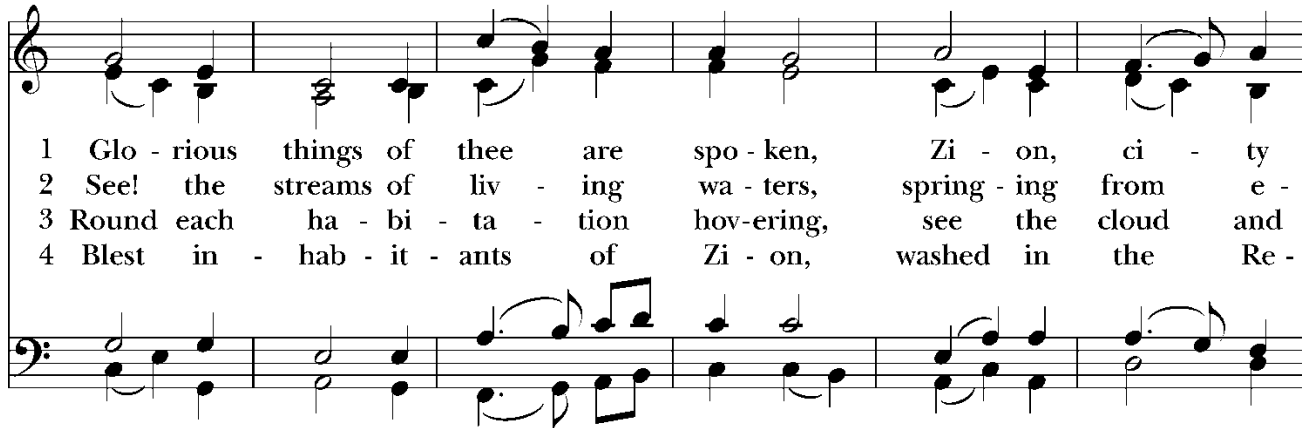


Lent III
The Holy Eucharist Rite One
Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Word of God

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'Martyrdom'" - Arr. Craig A. Penfield
PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

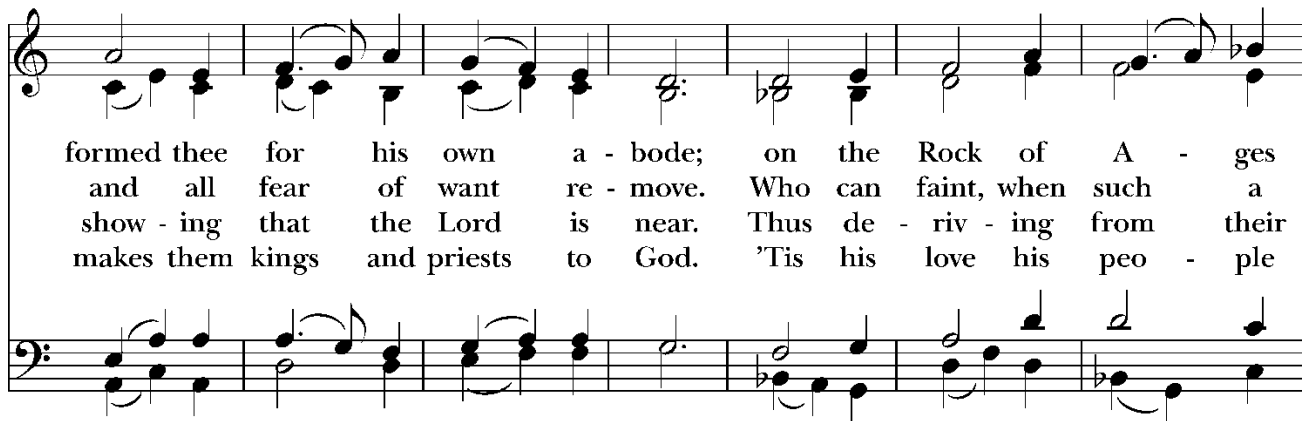
TITLE: *Glorious things of thee are spoken (Abbot's Leigh) (H 523)*



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -



of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,



formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

PSALM: Psalm 95 (Said in Inison)

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
³For the LORD is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
⁸Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
 when they tempted me.
⁹They put me to the test, *
 though they had seen my works.
¹⁰Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not know my ways."
¹¹So I swore in my wrath, *
 "They shall not enter into my rest."

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been

poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

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

TITLE: *As longs the deer for cooling streams (Martyrdom) (H 658)*

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

John 4:5-42

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 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*, Arlene, Art*, Ashton*, Beverly*, Bob, Calvin, Carol*, Carson, Dana, David, Diane, Donna, Elaina, Eliza*, Fran A.*, Fran R, Fred, Gary*, Geoff, Gene, James, Janet, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Joan, John, Karen, Katherine, * Mike*, Kelly*, Kyle, Laura, Lauren*, Linda, 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 Howard & Catherine Bateman, Alberta & Leonard Bibbs Sr., Leonard Bibbs Jr., and Kathryn Bibbs D'Orazio, in whose names the 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 AM) *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.

SPECIAL MUSIC ADULT CHOIR (10:00 AM)

"Come, Every One Who is Thirsty" - Arr. Lloyd Larson

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)

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 music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. 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 melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff maintains a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system introduces a change in the bass line, with a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#) for the final measure. The treble staff continues with quarter and eighth notes.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The treble staff ends with a whole note chord, and the bass staff provides a final accompaniment.

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)

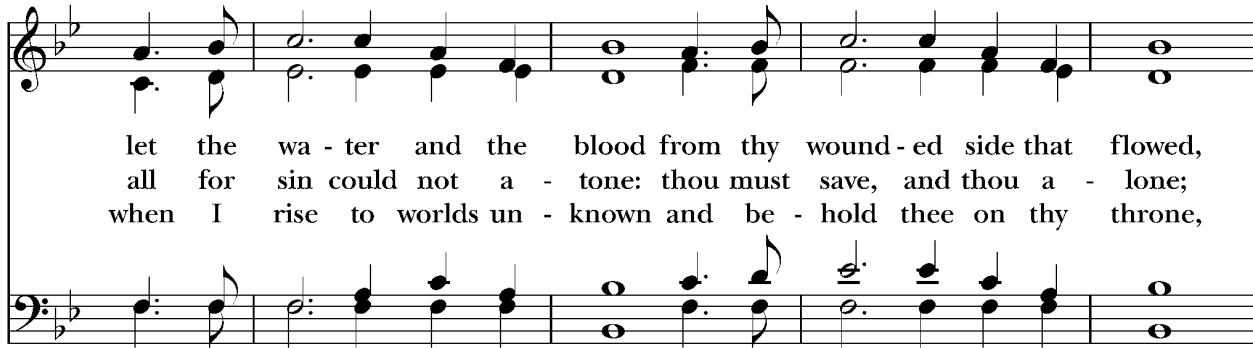
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)
TITLE: *Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady)* (H 685)



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

TITLE: *When, like the woman at the well (Wayne) (VF 24)*

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
 2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
 3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
 4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
 5 Since now I am in grace, im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, _____ Christ came to me, good
 gave me hope, not fear. _____ The God I once thought
 wor - ship God a - right, _____ could trust the power the
 once a - gain re - ceive _____ the liv - ing wa - ter
 free, for - giv - en, whole, _____ I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. _____
 far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. _____
 Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. _____
 of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. _____
 are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. _____

Fine

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: *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 - bide; 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!

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Fugue in A minor" - Anonymous (18th Century)

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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 15th**
- **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 10th - we will resume on the 17th.**
- **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 visiting with us and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to fill in the other fields 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 _____ (You have no church affiliation)

LEND A HAND

COME ONE! COME ALL!

Join us for our
Annual Church Cleaning
as we prepare for our Easter
Celebration!

Saturday March 21, 2026
10 am to 2 pm

**WE WILL BE CONCENTRATING ON THE NARTHEX, NAVE,
BALCONY & BACK DOOR ENTRANCE AREA**

Cleaning agents will be supplied.
Please bring buckets, rags, and your own gloves.

ECW Soup Sale

Chicken Noodle - Minestrone - Butternut Squash



*Only
\$8 per
Quart*

Available for purchase following services on March 21 & 22!
Cash or check. VANCO payment will also be accepted if you
are already using this method of payment at St. James'.
Please be sure to mark your transaction for ECW and show
your payment verification to the seller.

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 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)

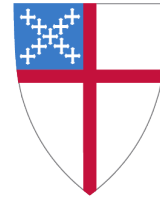
March 25 – Session Five / WORSHIP: The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3: 12-20)

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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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)
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

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Worship has ended...Service Begins!