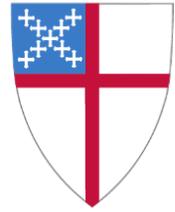




St. James' Episcopal Church
knowing and serving God by serving others



H O S A N N A
T O T H E S O N O F D A V I D !

Palm Sunday
March 28 and 29, 2026

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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Eucharistic Prayer A

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM

Let the King Come In - Lloyd Larson

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their

garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

PROCESSION HYMN *All glory, laud, and honor (Valet will ich dir geben) (H 154)*

Refrain

PROCESSION COLLECT (BCP p. 272)

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTROIT ANTHEM: *In the Shadow of the Palms* – Lloyd Larsen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 272)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (read in unison)

Remain seated.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
 fear is all around; *
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my life.
¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
 I have said, "You are my God."
¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The people sit.

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Silence may follow.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26:36- 27:54

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion According to Matthew

The Congregation reads parts marked ALL and remains seated until the arrival at Golgotha

Narrator 1 After supper Jesus went with his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane; and he told them,

Jesus "Stay here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator 1 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, and he plunged into an agonizing sorrow. Then he said:

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, to the point where this sorrow is crushing the life out of me. Stay here and keep awake with me."

Narrator 1 And going a little ahead, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this - let this cup pass from me; but yet, not what I want, but what you want."

Narrator 1 When he came back to his disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter,

Jesus "Can't you stay awake with me a single hour? Stay alert and pray so you don't wander into temptation without even knowing you're in danger. Your spirit is willing, but your flesh is weak."

Narrator 1 He then left them a second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if there's no other way and this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator 1 When he came back, he again found them sound asleep. They couldn't keep their eyes open. This time he let them sleep on, and went back to pray a third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said,

Jesus "Are you still sleeping? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let's get going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator 1 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him was a gang with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and religious leaders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Narrator 1 He went straight to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator 1 and kissed him. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator 1 Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Jesus said:

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Don't you realize that I could call to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be come true, which say this is the way it has to be?"

Narrator 1 Then Jesus said to the mob,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a dangerous criminal? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,

and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator 1 Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the religious leaders had gathered. But Peter followed at a safe distance, until they got to the high priest's courtyard. Then he slipped in and mingled with the servants to see how things would turn out. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant #1 "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

Narrator 2 In front of everybody there, he denied it, saying,

Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."

Narrator 2 As he moved toward the gate, another servant saw him, and said,

Servant #2 "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator 2 Again he denied it, this time with an oath,

Peter "I swear, I do not know the man."

Narrator 2 After a little while some bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander "Certainly you are also one of them, because your accent gives you away."

Narrator 2 Then he got really nervous and he swore,

Peter "I do not know the man!"

Narrator 2 At that moment a rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus had told him:

Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator 2 And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator 1 When morning came, all the high priests and religious leaders met together against Jesus to plot to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was doomed, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the high priests and said,

Judas "I have sinned. I've betrayed an innocent man."

Narrator 1 But they said,

Elder "What do we care. That's *your* problem!"

Narrator 1 Judas threw down the silver coins in the temple and left. Then he went out and hung himself. The high priests, picked up the silver coins and said,

High Priest "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator 1 So they decided to use it to buy the potter's field as a place to bury the homeless. That's how the field got to be called the Field of Blood to this day. Then words of the prophet Jeremiah came true,

Jeremiah "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Narrator 2 Now Jesus stood before the governor; who asked him,

Pilate "Are you the 'King of the Jews'?"

Narrator 2 Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator 2 But when he was accused by the chief priests and religious leaders, he did not answer. Then Pilate asked,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you? Aren't you going to say something?"

Narrator 2 But Jesus said nothing, not a word. He was silent. The governor was impressed, really impressed. Now it was a custom at the festival for the governor to release a single prisoner for the crowd, anyone they wanted. At that time they had a famous prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after the crowd gathered, Pilate said,

Pilate "Which prisoner do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator 2 He did this because he realized that they had turned Jesus over out of jealousy. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate's wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Don't do anything to that innocent man, for today I have suffered all day because of a dream about him."

Narrator 2 Now the chief priests and the religious leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for the release of Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again asked,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator 2 And they said,

ALL "Barabbas!"

Narrator 2 Pilate asked,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator 2 They all shouted,

ALL "Nail him to a cross!"

Narrator 2 Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator 2 But they shouted all the more,

ALL "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator 2 When Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; from now on, it's in your hands."

Narrator 2 Then the people as a whole answered,

ALL "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Narrator 2 So he released Barabbas. The he had Jesus whipped, and handed him over to be crucified.

Narrator 1 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole brigade together. They stripped him and put a red robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

ALL "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator 1 They spat on him and took the stick and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped off the robe and put his own clothes back on him.

Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; and they made this man to carry Jesus' cross.

(All Stand)

Narrator 2 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Skull Hill), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, as a painkiller; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. After they had nailed him to the cross and were waiting for him to die, they threw dice for who would get to keep his clothes. Then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. People who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads and saying,

ALL "You bragged that you would destroy the temple and build it in three days, now save yourself! If you are really the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator 2 The chief priests also, along with the scribes and religious leaders, mocked him, saying,

High Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Narrator 2 Even the bandits who were crucified with him taunted him this way. From noon to three, darkness came over the whole land. At about three o'clock Jesus groaned out of the depths,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator 2 which means,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Narrator 2 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander "He's calling for Elijah."

Narrator 2 One of them ran and got a sponge, soaked it with sour wine, lifted it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others joked,

ALL "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Narrator 2 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.
(Silence is kept.)

Narrator 1 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. There was an earthquake, and rocks were split in pieces. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of believers asleep in their graves were raised. After Jesus' resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what was happening, they were terrified and said:

Centurion "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adult Choir Anthem: "Crucified" by Craig Courtney

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list: Adele*, Alexis & Steven*, Angela*, Arlene, Art*, Ashton*, Beverly*, Carol*, Carson, Dana, David, Dennis, Donna, Elaina, Eliza*, Fran A.*, Fran R, Gary*, Geoff, Gene, James, Janet, Jeannine*, Joan, Karen, Katherine,* Mike*, Kelly*, Kyle, Laura, Lauren*, Linda, Lucie, Marie, 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 pray for those who have died, especially Mark, Anna, & Glenn Hutchinson, in whose names the altar flowers are given. *Are there others?*

The pedestal flowers are given as thanksgiving for family & friends, especially those who are serving in the armed forces.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord (Were you There)* (H 172)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal parts are written in a homophonic style, with each part having its own line of lyrics.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

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 (BCP p. 364)

Said in Unison

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

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

Communion Hymn: *O sacred head, sore wounded (Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale])* (H 168)

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

SILENT RECESSIONAL

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

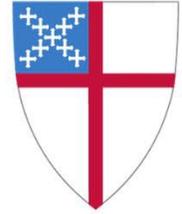
**There will be an ongoing need for: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
Items needed for March: Cleaning Supplies & Toilet-Bowl Cleaner**

- There is an opening for altar flowers on the weekend of April 18-19. Please contact Marilyn Hastings - marilyn.hastings@verizon.net - if interested.
- The Altar Guild is accepting donations for Easter Memorial flowers until Palm Sunday, March 29. Please give names of those to be remembered to Marilyn Hastings (mail slot above coat rack outside the Parish Hall). Checks should be made payable to "St. James' Church"
- **The Good Book Club** will meet at Bella Rosy's on Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00 for lunch first and then adjourn to Platts' Hall basement at around 1:00 for our book discussion. Our book this month is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Kimball (bkimball202@gmail.com). All are welcome.
- **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
- **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.

A special thanks to Father Lou Steffenhagen for filling in on Saturday's service while Father Mike is out.



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Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 28 & 29

5PM Saturday
8AM & 10AM Sunday

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2

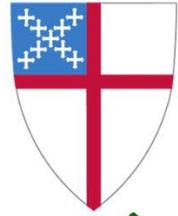
5:30PM Youth Event for Grades 2-12
7:30PM Eucharist, Foot Washing,
Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3

12:00PM Stations of the Cross
2:00PM Stations of the Cross
4:00PM Stations of the Cross
7:30PM Liturgy (no stations)



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Christ is Risen!

EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 4

Saturday 7:30PM

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

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

Sunday 8am & 10am

Please join us as we celebrate the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in
festive word & sacrament! Coffee hours
will be held after each service.

EASTER EGG HUNT

(after 10am service)

3 years old-12th grade
special Glow Hunt for grades 6-12

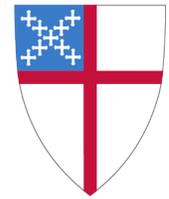


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Restrooms are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

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

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

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