



# St. James Parish

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### VESTRY

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**2026**  
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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

Procession (*in silence*)

### The Word of God

#### ◆An Exhortation

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

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| ◆HYMN  | <i>From deepest woe I cry to thee</i>     | Hymnal 151                  |
| ◆Opening Sentences                                   |   | BCP pg. 355                 |
| ◆Collect for Purity                                  |   | BCP pg. 355                 |
| ◆Kyrie   |   | Hymnal (front section) S 96 |
| ◆Collect of the Day, <i>Contemporary – in unison</i> |   | see insert                  |
| First Reading  | Exodus 20:1–17                            |                             |
| Psalm 19   |   | see insert                  |
| Second Reading                                       | 1 Corinthians 1:18–25                     |                             |
| ◆HYMN  | <i>Before thy throne, O God</i> (vv. 1–2) | Hymnal 575                  |
| ◆The Holy Gospel                                     | John 2:13–22                              |                             |
| ◆HYMN  | <i>Before thy throne, O God</i> (vv. 3–4) | Hymnal 575                  |

The Sermon

The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People – Form VI, *said responsively*

BCP pg. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for James Broadhead, Joyce Jensen, baby Micah Wagner and his parents Christian and Lynette, Joan Sussler, David Pines, Chris, Barbara Smith, Bobby Jenner, Brian, Felix, Luisa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Krystal, Tom, Alan, William, Teri, Henry, and all others, silently or aloud. [*pause here*] Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*pause here*]

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. [*pause*] ... Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*(All kneeling, as able)*

*Celebrant:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown, things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

\*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

\**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S 130

\*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

\*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

*Gluten-free hosts are available.*

\**Agnus Dei*

Hymnal (front section) S 164

Communion Hymns: 141, 433 (Words: Used by permission with G. Schirmer, Inc.)

◆Post-Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

◆Lenten Prayer (*in unison*)

BCP pg. 832

**This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.**

## Announcements

### A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

◆HYMN

*Rock of ages*

Hymnal 685

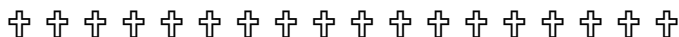
The Dismissal

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Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the postlude or depart in silence*)

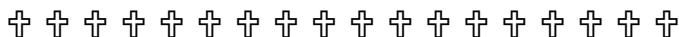
- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able.      \* You are invited to kneel, as able.  
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

The hand-hewn cross crafted by John Newton will anchor our prayers during this upcoming Lenten season. We have used John's cross in Lent for a number of years and it has been a blessing as we focus our Lenten prayers. In lieu of putting cards to affix to the cross in each pew, the cards will only be available at the Cross itself. We ask that, if you would like to place a prayer concern/need on the Cross, you come up after the service (or anytime you wish to come by the church), take a card, write your prayer request/name of person on it, place the card on the Cross with an iron nail provided in the bowl (use the hammer, if you would like) in solidarity with Christ's Passion. Be blessed this Lent!



### *Serving this week*

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Jacob Lapointe & Erik Ososki
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Evan Lapointe
Junior Usher		Anna Lapointe
Coffee Hour Host		Marge Litteral



**Music for the 10:15 am worship service** is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

**On a Sunday each month** we say a prayer for everyone having a birthday during that month. Another way for us to celebrate life together! If someone cannot be present because of illness, a family member may say their name, so that we may pray for them.

**Join us online for worship this morning!** Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us for worship during the week** on Facebook Live as well: Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am; Wednesdays for Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

**Sunday Bible Study: TODAY at 12:30 pm via Zoom**, we continue our newest Bible Study, this time on the Gospel of John. Join us for a study, using a familiar series resource, *Knowing the Bible*, as we explore the “maverick” Gospel of St. John. Study guides are available (a \$10 donation is asked, if you are able). Zoom gathering info is: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!

***Lent, Discipleship, and the Passion of Jesus:*** Join us on Wednesday nights of Lent at 5:30 pm for a light supper of soup and salad and some time for community. We will continue with a conversation around how Jesus’s temptation in the wilderness (Luke and Matthew) and Luke’s story of His Passion gives us wisdom, strength, and insight into how we can more closely follow Him in discipleship. **We will gather on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you will join us.



***Stations of the Cross:*** Inspired and led by our rector, we will have an opportunity to experience the Stations in a way never done before in our parish. Each station is represented by artwork, poetry, and a traditional prayer. The art and writings are the accumulation of months of prayerful work by our parishioners who have graciously given their time for this project. **Lenten Fridays at 5:30 pm are an opportunity to see their visions and interpretation of the Stations while reflecting on the Lenten season in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.** If you can't join us on Friday evenings, the Stations are in the parish hall throughout Lent for you to enjoy and ponder. NOTE: we will not hold Compline on Fridays during Lent.

**Do you know *The Book of Common Prayer*?** One of the study offerings during this Lenten season is an opportunity to dig deeply into *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), those books with the red covers that sit next to the hymnals in the pew racks. **We meet between the services starting around 9:20 a.m. and continue on Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.** In the March 10<sup>th</sup> session, the focus will be on the daily “offices,” Morning and Evening Prayer. The final session will be about the abundance of prayers found in the last part of the book. It isn't necessary to attend all the sessions; each can stand alone. Join us as you are able!



**Easter Egg Hunt!** We traditionally have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup> this year!) after the 10:15 service. If you would like to lead/co-lead the Egg Hunt “project,” please get in touch with Fr. George. We need assistance organizing the eggs’ preparation, soliciting donations for stuffing the eggs, planning for and helping supervise said egg “stuffing,” and organizing our youth/adults to hide the eggs on Easter morning. Again, please let Fr. George know soon, if you are willing to help with this Easter tradition.



**Altar of Repose:** On Maundy Thursday, following our 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, our Lord lies in repose, in the Blessed Sacrament, in the Melissa Jane Inrig Memorial Chapel from the moment the service is over until the following morning at 7 am. We have traditionally had sign up times, where people come in person and sit an hour with Jesus during this time, memorializing the first night he spent in the tomb. All are invited to sign up for a time via this link:

<https://bit.ly/StJMaundy24> . Multiple people can sign up for any time, but it is the late night (2, 3, 4 am) slots that are the more challenging to fill. Materials for prayer and reflection are available in the chapel, so that you may pass the Holy Hour faithfully. A brief, special time of prayer will be held in the Chapel at 7 am on Good Friday morning to conclude the Vigil.

**Readers for Holy Week needed!** Holy Week is the dramatic lead up to the pinnacle of the Church year: Easter. Holy Week helps ensure that we don't take a short cut from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and thereby miss the opportunity to share in Christ's Passion. The story of our salvation is held between Palm Sunday and Easter. There will, accordingly, be a full complement of services during Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We have traditionally asked folks



to read various parts during the several services of Holy Week. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/StJHolyWk24> to read at a service. We ask that you sign up for **one** service at this time so that we may offer the openings to as many folks as wish to take part. Fr. George will send you the section/reading you will be responsible for based on what you sign up to read (Narrator vs. Character). Please consider doing a reading.

**The lectionary readings** for next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> are:

Numbers 21:4–9, Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21.

**Register for *Walking with Grief* – a guided caring circle.** *Walking with Grief* is a guided caring circle for those who have experienced a life loss. The group offers a safe place to share one's grief journey and to hold space for the grief of others. Deep listening, compassion, camaraderie, and self-care are some of the goals of this series. The group will meet in-person here at St. James from 1:30 to 3 pm for 8 consecutive weeks starting Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The registration fee is \$80. A reduced rate is available to those with financial limitations. Contact Nancy Janiszewski at [njaniszewski@spiritlifectr.org](mailto:njaniszewski@spiritlifectr.org) for more information or click on this link to register: : <https://www.spiritlifectr.org/walking-with-grief---a-guided-caring-circle> . Presenters: Nancy Janiszewski and Donna Dellacamera.

**Easter Memorial Fund:** God conquered death on Easter. Christ's rising from the tomb makes all the difference in the world because it trumpets the Good News that we matter, that we will always matter, that God is with us in life and in death. Easter is, then, a particularly appropriate time to remember loved ones who have died by giving flowers in their memory. Any contribution is welcome, a gift of \$35 or more is asked to cover the expense of the Easter flowers. Names of memorials and gifts received by Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the Easter bulletins, and we will pray for those remembered throughout the Paschal season. Please use the form below to designate your gift. Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked "Easter Flowers". Thank you for your generosity.



*Please print the information as you prefer it listed in the Easter bulletins.*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &  
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

### COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

### GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church.

### THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.  
Sunday worship services are held at 8 a.m. (Rite 1) and 10:15 am. (Rite 2)