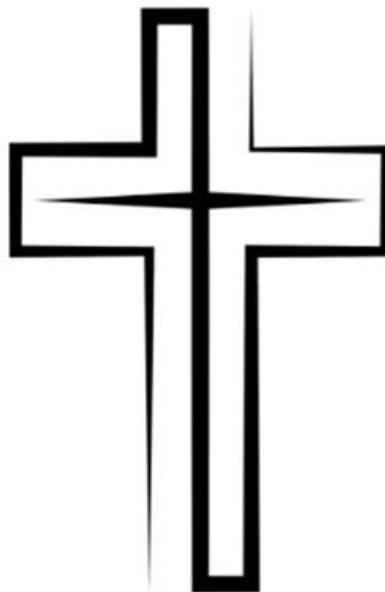


ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

9:30 AM

Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are in bold print. As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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PRELUDE

Devotion

E. M. Flavell

All stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *

Blessed

H 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

OPENING ACCLAMATION *

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever. Amen**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy on us

S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

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

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Reader Let us read from Psalm 121 responsively by half verse.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *

Come now, O Prince of Peace

WLP 795

Sing 1-2 before Gospel, 3-4 after Gospel

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

THE GOSPEL*

John 3:1-17

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

After a period of silence, all stand or kneel, as able.

THE NICENE CREED *

All **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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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 *

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the World.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide your Church that she may represent your kingdom here on earth. We pray for all the lay leaders of Saint James, for our Bishop Bonnie Perry, for Dr. Donald Kreiss, bishop of the Southeastern Synod of MI, for our Presiding Bishop Sean M Rowe, for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, for Pope Leo, and the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, Bartholomew. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for the people in Ukraine, Gaza, The Congo, Refugees, and Indigenous People the world over who suffer because of greed and conflict. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We give thanks for and pray for those who work in our National and State Park systems and all who work in Environmental Sciences. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially keep in our prayers (Names of those on our sick list). Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We especially keep in our prayers _____ . Please add your own intercessions at this time.

The People may share their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Joel Raney

<p>O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine! Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.</p>	<p>What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.</p>
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All stand or kneel, as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I * *Saint Michaels Anglican Church, Summertown, United Kingdom,
specifically written for Lent*

Celebrant The Lord is here

People **God’s Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

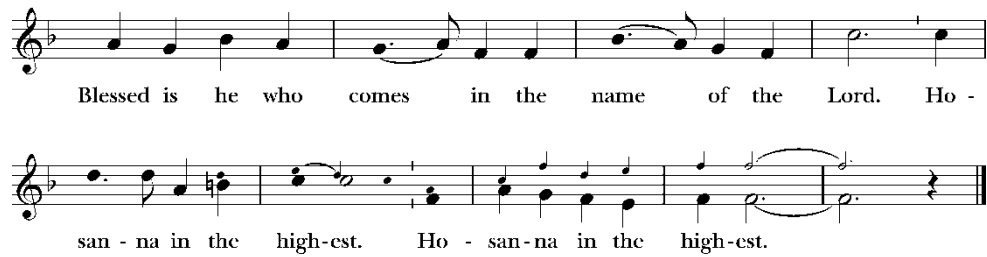
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days, you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through the study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with the saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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We praise and bless you, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: “Take eat, this is my body which is given for you; Do this for the remembrance of me.”

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

So, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with our patron James and all the saints and angels to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD * *A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Baptized

LEVAS 121

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom - ise, — Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 2. freed and for - giv - en, — Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 3. we are his child - ren, — Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Seward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER * *All stand, as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING *

Celebrant Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of that love which never ceases, that it may burn in us throughout our lifetime till we shine for ever in your presence. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN * *The God of Abraham*

H 401

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

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

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed;
 2 we shall be-hold his face, we shall his power a-dore,
 3 on Zi-on's sa-cred height his king-dom he main-tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev-er-more shall be:
 5 hail, A-braham's Lord di-vine! With heaven our songs we raise;
 we bow and bless the sa-cred Name for ev-er blest.
 and sing the won-ders of his grace for ev-er-more.
 and, glo-rious with his saints in light, for ev-er reigns.
 e-ter-nal Fa-ther, great I AM, we wor-ship thee."
 all might and ma-jes-ty are thine, and end-less praise."

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

THE DISMISSAL*

Celebrant Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve God and the World.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE

E. L ASHFORD

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
 An elevator is available near the office stairway.*

Sunday Service Team

Interim Priest: Rev Stacy Salles
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Reader: Pete Schaberg
Intercessor: Michael Champ
Server: Morgan Shantz
Usher: Julie Lowery
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Church School: Wendy Arntson & Paula Britton
Coffee Hour: Norma Amrhein and Pete Schaberg

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