

# ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025  
9:30 AM



**Welcome!** Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin or the blue book, The Hymnal 1982. Hymns are also printed at the back of the bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are in bold. As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Now comes te gentiles' Saviour*

J. S. Bach(arr. Busoni)

*All stand, as able.*

### OPENING HYMN \*

*Jesus all my gladness*

Hymn 701

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Arthur Wellesley Wotherspoon (1853-1936), alt. Music: *Jesu, meine Freude*, Johann Cruger (1698-1662), alt.

### 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)

### CONFESSON OF SIN \*

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

*All* **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.**

### TRISAGION

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY \*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you,

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated for the lessons.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

### **Psalm 126**

*Reader*      Let us read from Psalm 126 responsively by half verse.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
**"The LORD has done great things for them."**
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Reader*      A reading from the second Letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made

it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand, as able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN \*** *Come thou fount of every blessing* Hymn 686  
*Sing 1 before Gospel, 2 after Gospel*

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
2. Here I find my great - est treasure;  
3. heart by thy help, I've come;  
4. Streams of mercy hope, by thy good  
5. ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
6. plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
7. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
8. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
9. flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
10. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me from  
11. from the fold of God;  
12. he, to res - cue me from  
13. on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
14. dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.

**THE GOSPEL\***

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**THE APOSTLES' CREED \***

*All*      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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 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 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.      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 HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **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**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert M. Martin

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

All stand or kneel, as able.

**EUCARISTIC 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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, especially 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,  
**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 the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*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

*In the cross of Christ I glory*

Hymn 441

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the music as follows:

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, 4 Bane and blessing, pain and plea - sure, 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing -  
hopes light and the by the tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the the 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867).

### 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 \*

*I'm pressing*

LEVAS 165

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."  
 2. "My prayer, my aim is high - er ground."  
 3. "The song of saints on high - er ground."  
 4. "Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948). Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932).

## 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

*Siciliano*

J. S. Bach(arr. Wilhelm Kempff)

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstair for coffee hour.  
 An elevator is available near the church offices.*

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April 6, 2025**

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Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm.  
Come they fount Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).