



# ST. JAMES

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**MARCH 14, 2021**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am  
The Fourth Sunday In Lent

*Welcome to St. James. We are glad you are here. If you would like more information about St. James, please speak to an usher or fill out a visitors card and place it in the offering plate.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Berceuse Russe, Marcel Tournier**

**#686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences*

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*

**The Decalogue** *Kneel as able.*

**BCP 350**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *(response)*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *(response)*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *(response)*

Honor your father and your mother. *(response)*

You shall not commit murder. *(response)*

You shall not commit adultery. *(response)*

You shall not steal. *(response)*

You shall not be a false witness. *(response)*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *(response)*

**KYRIE**

**Hymnal p. S-95**

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

*The Bishop when present, or 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

**Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9**

*The people sit.*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader:            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people  
People:            Thanks be to God

**The Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### **The Gospel: John 3:14-21**

*All stand.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

**SERMON:**

**Fr. Jos Tharakkan**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I***People respond after each prayer.*

People: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BIRTHDAY PRAYER***Celebrant and People*

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on your children who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**Vers la source dans la bois, Marcel Tournier**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A - BCP 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
People: And also with you  
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 him thanks and praise  
Celebrant: It is right, and a good...your name:

**SANCTUS Hymn S-130***Celebrant and People*

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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...  
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,  
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
Celebrant: We celebrate...forever. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP p. 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

**Agnus Dei: S-164**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Come spiritually into my heart and stay with me. I embrace You as You are already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL

**#620 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

## PEACE PRAYER: BCP p. 833

*Celebrant and People*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

**Solfeggiotto, CPE Bach**

## **Happy Birthday**

March 1st: Daniel Redden, March 3rd: Jim Colwell, March 4th: Sam Breid and Tammy Larimore, March 5th Carter Stuckey, March 6th: Dorothy Kaiser, March 8th: Fr. Jos and Asha Tharakan, March 9th: Kathleen Jackson, March 19th: Joanne Ibrahim, March 21st: Robert Jackson, March 23: Addison Stuckey and Destiny Zook-Monteleon, March 25th: Clara Rajek, March 26th: Vera Lynch and Andy Terry, March 28th: Astry Rivera-Amigon, March 29th: Greta Gourley

**Happy Anniversary** No anniversaries this month.

## **Prayers for Families This Week**

Odom, Larimore, LeCompte

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