

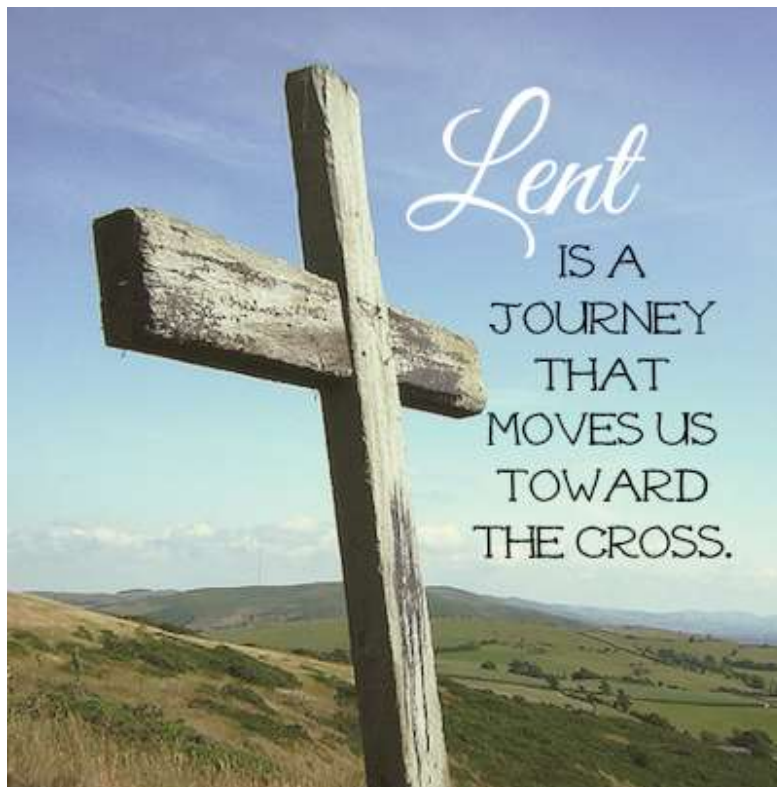
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

COVID guidelines—updated March 2, 2022.

- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice. Please greet each other and share your love through verbal or other contact-less expressions.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – March 20, 2022

The Third Sunday in Lent



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Mary Green
	2 — Pat Hanson
	3 — Mike Laughrin
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Marian Doszkewycz
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church**

[Hymnal #149]

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent.
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H Cain (b 1931). Music: *OLD 124TH*.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

A moment of silent reflection.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!**

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

People **AMEN!**

♪ **If My People** *You may sing the first part or the echoed part* [Renew #186]

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) **I'll forgive,** (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, (I will heal,) **will heal their land.** (will heal their land.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) **I'll forgive,** (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, I will heal their land.

We, your people (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

We, your people (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)
turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, (come and heal,) **come heal our land.** (come heal our land.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, **come and heal our land.**

Words: From 2 Chronicles 7:14. Music: Eddie Smith ©1992 Maranatha! Music (adm The Copyright Co)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

Stations of the Cross

Adapted by Sister Pat Graham, SND

Celebrant From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death, and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. These sites become important holy connections with Jesus.

Eventually, following in the footsteps of the Lord, along "the way of the cross", became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The "stations", as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating "replicas" of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 stations we know in the modern era. The practice of the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus's gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of our heads, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It involves our senses, our experiences, and our emotions. Anybody who is interested is invited to join our movement through the stations at any point.

The Celebrant and others move around the stations

The First Station

Celebrant The First Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Jesus was unjustly condemned. He accepted this out of love for us.

People **Help us, Lord, to accept what we find hard in life, and to place our trust in your promise that we will never be without you.**

The Second Station

Celebrant The Second Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 With great courage, Jesus took up his cross.

People **Empower us, Christ, to follow your example and walk with you through life.**

The Third Station

Celebrant The Third Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Jesus falls. He became like us in human weakness and frailty.

People **Support us, Lord, when we stumble and fall.**

The Fourth Station

Celebrant The Fourth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 Jesus meets his mother. Mary was always there for Jesus.

People **Help us, Christ, to be there for others in all difficult times, and to show them your compassion.**

The Fifth Station

Celebrant The Fifth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Simon shared the weight of the cross as Jesus went forward to lay down his life for us all.

People **Be with us, Lord, as we strive to reach out to those in need.**

The Sixth Station

Celebrant The Sixth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 Veronica wipes his face. Her compassion for Jesus in his hour of need is a pale reflection of his great compassion for all of us.

People **Help us, Christ, to show your love in kind action to others.**

The Seventh Station

Celebrant The Seventh Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Jesus falls again. With great courage he continued and went forward on the road to Calvary.

People **Empower us, Lord, to be strong and draw courage from you when we meet life's problems.**

The Eighth Station

Celebrant The Eighth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem. Jesus was aware of the depth of grief these women showed for him, and he in turn showed great concern for their future and the future of their children.

People **When we are in pain, Christ, help us to look outward and be open to the pain of others.**

The Ninth Station

Celebrant The Ninth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Jesus falls a third time. When all seemed lost, Jesus persevered in doing the will of his Father, drawing on that strength.

People **Teach us, Lord, how to draw strength from you when life and all the problems of our world seem too much for us.**

The Tenth Station

Celebrant The Tenth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 Jesus is stripped of his garments. Every possession was taken from him, and his great heart of love was revealed to us.

People **Help us, Lord, to have poverty of spirit that we may see and share your love everywhere.**

The Eleventh Station

Celebrant The Eleventh Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Nailed to the cross, Jesus freely offered his life for us and for all.

People **O Christ, when we feel constrained and trapped by fears in life, give us the grace of inner freedom which sees your hand at work in all circumstances in which we find ourselves.**

The Twelfth Station

Celebrant The Twelfth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last and sent forth the Spirit. Accepting death upon the cross, he gained us life.

People **Give us great hope and trust, Lord, that nothing can separate us from your love, not even death itself.**

The Thirteenth Station

Celebrant The Thirteenth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 1 Jesus is taken down from the cross by a group of his followers.

People **Gather us and form us, Christ, into your faithful disciples, ready to witness to your goodness and love.**

The Fourteenth Station

Celebrant The Fourteenth Station. We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader 2 Jesus is laid in the tomb.

People **In the stillness of the tomb, Lord, we keep watch for signs of your presence. In the noise and distraction of our daily lives, help us make time and space to recognize you.**

Conclusion

Celebrant As we continue our journey through Lent, may Christ's way of the cross inspire and empower us to share God's love with those near and far in our words and our actions.

All **Glory to God, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

♪ Praise God Throughout These Forty Days

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. AMEN!

Words: GW Dub Shepherd, 2006; General Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church, Tune: *OLD 100TH*; Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Exodus chapter 3, verses 1 through 15.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also

seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 63. 1-8.

All O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of First Corinthians chapter 10, verses 1 through 13.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we

might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 13. 1-9

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

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

Celebrant At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Amma Diane

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of 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!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 In this holy season of Lent, let us offer our prayers to God, who leads us through the wilderness. For the church, that in this season of repentance, it may turn from its own shortcomings to the transforming grace of God.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 For our world, that the angels might still wait on those who wander among the beasts of poverty, hunger, and all oppression.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 For our nation and our leaders, that they may have the courage to guard the rights of the poor and the powerless.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 For those who suffer, that they may be blessed by our willingness to enter their wounds, with Christ; and that we may be blessed by their willingness to share them.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 For the place where we live, that we open ourselves to examine, with discipline, the places in our community still waiting to be illumined by the light of Christ.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 For all who have died, that they may rest completely and joyfully in you, O God, even as they join with you to lead us through the wilderness.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud...

The people offer additional prayers at this time.

...We pray with confidence in your grace, O God.

People **God of love and mercy, show us through the wilderness.**

Reader 3 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.

All **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please stand at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.

Please be seated.

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Offering Our Gifts

Celebrant Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **And Can It Be That I Should Gain** [Renew #193]

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused his pain—for me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above so free, so infinite his grace—

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: SAG/NA, Thomas Campbell, 1825.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN!**

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

All **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, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

Breaking Bread *(The customary "Alleluia" is omitted during Lent.)*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an -

- oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will

live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present and give instructions as needed. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 for Lent

Franciscan blessing

Celebrant May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, hard hearts, half-truths, and superficial relationships: so that you may live deep within your heart where God's Spirit dwells.

People AMEN!

Celebrant May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people: so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

People AMEN!

Celebrant May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war: so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world and in your neighborhood: so that you will courageously move outside your comfort zone, empowered by Jesus Christ to accomplish God's purposes.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant And the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People **AMEN!**

♪ **The Glory of These Forty Days** [Hymnal #143]

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted & has prayed.
Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.
So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th c.; tr Maurice F Bell. Music: *ERHALT UNS, HERR*, mel from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

Sending *(The customary "Alleluia" is omitted during Lent.)*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Thank you for your support! Gifts may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank.

There are also online giving options on our web site at mySJEC.com/donate.

March's special offering supports Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us after worship
in the lower level Fellowship Hall for casual conversations and sharing
(due to COVID we are currently not having food/drink).**



March 20, 2022 – Lent 3 (C)

Week 3: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love

and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 3

Sunday, March 20

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 3. The topic is based on the practice "Learn" and is titled, "Learn Wisdom and Live".

Read: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Monday, March 21

Today's Prompt: How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him?

Read: Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday, March 22

Today's Prompt: Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you?

Read: "And you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit." - Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5

Wednesday, March 23

Today's Prompt: How can you incorporate rest from technology today

Read: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." - Matt. 11:28

Thursday, March 24

Today's Prompt: Try praying with Anglican prayer beads

Read: "Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." – Luke 18:1

Friday, March 25

Today's Prompt: In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you?

Read: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Phil. 4:6

Saturday, March 26

Today's Prompt: How might you share what brings you great joy with others?

Read: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." - Rom. 12:6-8

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any pastoral care or other needs.*

**COVID update: as of 3/2/22, masks are optional for
all church activities, including worship. Distancing
is still a safer practice. Thanks!**

Recurring Schedule

UPDATED! New Book Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM
(in-person/Zoom) starting 3/27

Starting March 27 (none on 3/20) we'll be discussing the book Looking for God in the Messy Places: A Book About Hope by Jake Owensby, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana. His work focuses on the spirituality of everyday life. Owensby's blog is JakeOwensby.com

The book is broken down into sections and is a fairly easy read. We anticipate 6 – 8 weeks of discussion. You do not have to have read the book before the discussion begins and you can join or not our Sunday morning discussions as you are able. Let Amma Diane know if you'd like a copy or purchase one in your preferred way.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*):

go.mysjec.com/youtube go.mysjec.com/facebook

3/20: The Third Sunday in Lent

3/27: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

Book Group meets 3/23 at 7PM (Zoom)

The St James Book Group will meet via Zoom throughout the winter months. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin on 3/23. Our book for April 27 will be A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Amma Diane.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

Holy Week schedule

We haven't been able to celebrate Holy Week in person since 2019! Join us for these special Worship services:

Sun 4/10 at 10AM—Palm Sunday

Thu 4/14 at 6:30PM—Maundy Thursday

Fri 4/15 at 12:15PM—Good Friday

Sat 4/16 at 8PM—The Great Vigil of Easter

Sun 4/17 at 10AM—Easter Sunday

Following the Great Vigil of Easter we will have a special celebration including food, treats, and beverages. On Easter Sunday we will resume a Fellowship Time after Sunday Worship with snacks and refreshments. We may do some things differently than we have in the past. The Vestry will be working our details by the end of March and will share more information at that time.

Help support Painting Pathways Clubhouse

St James pledged to contribute \$3,000 from 9/2019-9/2022 to Painting Pathways Clubhouse (a local mental health nonprofit) for their capital campaign toward their new building. While we started strong, our contributions toward this have been behind due to COVID interrupting. We have so far raised a total of \$1,350—thanks for your generosity! We're looking to raise the remaining \$1,650 in the next few months, if you're able to give. Anything we don't raise, we will pay using our Outreach Fund.

NEW! Vestry Meeting 3/22 at 5PM

The Vestry will hold a regular business meeting using Zoom on Tuesday 3/22 starting at 5PM. Guests from the congregation are welcome (the Vestry asks that all guests also have their video cameras active throughout the meeting. Use the following link to connect to the meeting: go.mysjec.com/vestry

Agenda topics will include:

- ◆ Sharing/Opening prayer
- ◆ Study/Reflection
- ◆ Updates from Diocese & Ecumenical group
- ◆ COVID update and planning
- ◆ Retreat planning
- ◆ Approve minutes & Receive financial reports
- ◆ Closing prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please talk to any of the Vestry: Amma Diane (*Rector*); Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green (*Wardens*), Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl (*Vestrypersons*), Tony Karl (*Clerk*); and Linda Molitor (*Treasurer*).

Helping the people of Ukraine

As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and other ecumenical agencies working to respond with humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. **If you'd like to donate to ERD for this cause, please make your check payable to the church and indicate "ERD-Ukraine" in the memo, or label your cash gift accordingly.**

Thanks to all who supported the item collections coordinated by the Wisconsin Ukrainians and the Ukrainian Cultural School of Green Bay.

Annual Meeting results

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on 3/6. We held elections, celebrated our progress, and reviewed our financial reports and budget.

Election results: **Senior Warden** Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; **Junior Warden** Mary Green; **Vestrypersons** Joan Estes (3-year term) & Tony Karl (2-year term); **Trustee** Eleanor Agnew; **Convention Delegates** Mary Green, Mike Laughrin, & Sharon Laughrin; **Convention Alternates** Eleanor Agnew, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, & Ron Hansen. Nick Doszkewycz is continuing his Vestryperson term; Hugh Foster and Mike Laughrin are continuing their Trustee terms. Thank you to all who served in these positions in the past year and those who are serving in the year ahead!

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church; if you need a copy mailed to you, contact Amma Diane.

Celebration of New Ministry—Waupun

A Celebration of New Ministry will be held at 6:30PM on Wednesday, April 27 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Waupun. Fr Jerry Molitor, who spent a year working with St James prior to ordination, has been serving as Vicar at Holy Trinity since he was ordained. All are invited!



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Mitch, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Len & Margaret, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, for the family of Nelson, Sid.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's, New London; Mashava Church District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Shirley, Nelson.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/6 ZaiVieon Vice Oropeza; 3/7 Cindy Hronek; 3/15 Ellen Feller

Anniversaries: 3/28 Cindy & Dave Dillman

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).