

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- 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 appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

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10AM Worship with Communion – March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sharing
God's Love
Through
Action

ST JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC
An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Eleanor Agnew; 2 —Mike Laughrin; 3 — Bob Feller
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Acolyte</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Chris Arnold (Father Chris)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Green
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Joan Estes & Mary Green

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):
Wardens (council leaders): 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 Tony Karl.

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 office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The stationary incense used throughout this season is a visual representation of our prayers rising.

*During our transition and search process, we're arranging supply (substitute) clergy.
Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Chris Arnold. Father Chris is a priest in our Diocese of Fond du Lac.*

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people.*

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Now Quit Your Care**

[Hymnal #145; 1-3]

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication; God brings new beauty nigh;
reply, reply, reply with love to Love most high;
reply, reply, reply with love to Love most high.
To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,
or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;
but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near.
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear;
make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.
For is not this the Fast that I have chosen?
(The prophet spoke) to shatter every yoke,
of wickedness the grievous bands to loosen, oppression put to flight,
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right;
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *QUITTEZ, PASTEURS*, French Carol.

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 few moments of silent reflection.

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 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 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.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

A Lenten Litany: At the Cross

Celebrant Every day is a day to be renewed... to become the people God created us to be. At the cross, we let go of fear:

People At the cross, I let go of fear. Fear of loss. Fear of pain. Fear of death. Fear of the future and of the unknown. Fear of job change, life change, social change, and of letting go.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of fear:

People At the cross, I let go of fear. Fear of surgery. Fear of pain. Fear of death. Fear of God's displeasure and of failing others. Fear of being wrong.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of fear:

People At the cross, I let go of fear. Fear of faith. Fear of finances. Fear of relationships. Fear of betrayal. Fear of abandonment. Fear of not being cared for and of not being provided for. Fear of not being healed.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of fear:

People At the cross, I let go of the fear of what God is asking me to do. I let go of the fear that those I love are lost forever. I let go of the fear for my children, parents, and other loved ones.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of our fear:

People At the cross, I let go of my fear. My anxiety. My worry. My doubt. At the cross, I let it go.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:

People At the cross, I hold on to Jesus' promise of unconditional love. Protection. Goodness. Healing. Peace. Faithfulness. Wisdom. Forgiveness. Redemption. Life. His promise to bear me up during difficult times.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:

People At the cross, I hold on to the truth that God is in control of my life, and whatever challenges may come, God's will be done. I hold onto the truth that I can dwell in the power of the most high, and that God is always looking out for me. I hold on to the truth that I am special, beloved in God's sight, lovingly created by God's own hand.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:

People At the cross, I hold on to what I know of you, Emmanuel, God with us—the one who banishes fear. I can let go of my fear.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of the weary burdens we carry in this world:

People At the cross, I let go of my concern for my family, my relatives, my friends, my co-workers, and my acquaintances.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of the weary burdens we carry in this world:

People At the cross, I let go of my worry, my loneliness, my hurts, and my grief. I let go of my disappointments, my regrets, my uncertainty, my decisions that need to be made. At the cross, I can let go of my burdens.

- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to his gifts of Joy, Healing, Protection, Comfort, Faith, Trust, Hope, Love, and Truth. I trust that God has a plan for me, will lead me, and will guide me.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to the present. I hold on to Christ's pre-emptive grace. I hold on to the coming renewal of life.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold onto peace and joy. I rest in Jesus. I hold on to being still long enough to allow the Spirit of God to cover me and to bear my sorrows.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with others:
People At the cross, I let go of my need to be in control. My need to meet everyone else's needs. My need to be perfect. My need to be in the loop. My need to know what comes next. My need to come through for God. My need to feel good.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with others:
People At the cross, I let go of my demands to be liked. My demands for security. My demands for my health. My demands for what I want. My demands for my family and friends. My demands of others.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with others:
People At the cross, I let go of doing it all myself. Jumping in to help too soon. Working harder to fix it. Putting expectations on myself. Putting expectations on others
- Celebrant* At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with others:
People At the cross, I let go of low self-esteem. I let go of appearing to be more than me. I let go of looking down on others. I let go of giving others the power to define me. I let go of hoping someone else is listening to me. At the cross, I let go of me.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to Jesus so that I can forgive others. So that I can accept others as they are. So that I can be present in their care. So that I can accept whatever I am able to accomplish. So that Jesus will show me where I need to change. So that God will guide my thoughts and my tongue.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to Hope, Truth, Faith, Trust, and Freedom. I trust that God loves even me—that God sees me, and knows me, and that's okay. I trust that God knows what needs to be done, and that God will give me what I need for every situation.
- Celebrant* At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to my need for God. I hold on to my place in God's family. I hold on to my place in God's love. I hold on to Jesus.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with God:
People At the cross, I let go of the things that tempt me and hold my attention. The weight of the world. Too many things. My home. Too much stuff.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with God:
People At the cross, I let go of the things that create a distance with God. My guilt and doubt and shame. My disbelief. I let go of questioning God's presence. I let go of distrusting God's character. I let go of bargaining with God in prayer.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go of all that gets in the way of our relationships with God:
People At the cross, I let go of my sin. Arrogance. Pride. Selfishness. Impatience. Anger. Envy. Hiding. Pessimism. Negativity. Judgment. Independence. Critical thoughts. Building myself up by putting others down. The Pharisee in me. At the cross, I let it all go.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to God's forgiveness. I hold on to my need for God--for more and more of God. I hold on to God's unfailing love for me. God's extravagance, character, and love that endures forever. My cup that overflows.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to beauty, to small steps, to feelings that are real. I hold on to a mustard seed of faith, to laughter, and to joy. I hold on to memories, to community, to friendship, to meaningful family time. I hold on to the spirit of hope and humanity.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to the outstretched arms of Jesus:
People At the cross, I hold on to Jesus' hand, affection, courage, and strength. I hold on to his hope, peace, will, and love. I hold onto Jesus, my friend, the one who listens to me, and holds my days. I want to look into Christ's face, the Giver of good gifts. I hold on to the resurrection. I hold on to Jesus.

Celebrant At the cross, we hold on to Jesus Christ and his gift of salvation.
People Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Celebrant At the cross, we let go... At the cross, we hold on... At the cross...
People AMEN!

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Ezekiel chapter 37, verses 1 through 14.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord..

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 139.

All **The Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for my God; in whose word is my hope. My soul**

waits for the LORD, more than watchers for the morning, more than watchers for the morning. O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy; With God there is plenteous redemption, and the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Romans chapter 8 verses 6 through 11.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.

Gospel

John 11. 1-45

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

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

Celebrant Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there

to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So

they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.

Sermon *Father Chris*

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 come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let the Celebrant know.

Celebrant At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need.

The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating.

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!**

The Celebrant blessings each one individually, then offers this general blessing.

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.*

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site 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.**

The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

All who are able, please stand.

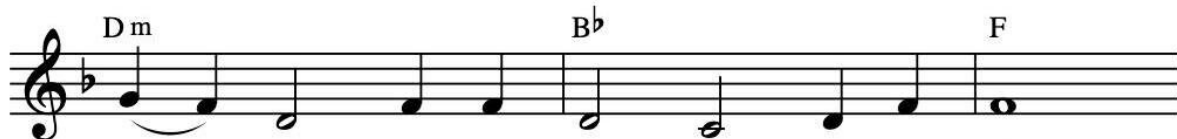
♪ Lord, If Only You Had Been Here



1. "Lord, if on - ly you had been here, one I
 2. "Lord, if on - ly you had been here!" Je - sus
 3. "Lord, if on - ly you had been here," we cry
 4. When we share your res - ur - rec - tion, when we



love would not have died." Mar - tha shared her grief with
 heard these words a - gain. Mar - y, sit - ting home and
 out when all goes wrong— when our grief is ov - er -
 know that you are life, we find cour - age for our



Je - sus in these words she sad - ly cried.
 wait - ing, spoke to Je - sus of her pain.
 whelm - ing, when life's trou - bles seem so strong.
 liv - ing in this world of pain and strife.



Je - sus said, "I'm res - ur - rec - tion. Mar - tha, do you
 So our Lord was deep - ly trou - bled in this world of
 Then, O Lord, we hear your an - swer: "I am res - ur -
 We your church will work for jus - tice, wel - come strang - ers,



know it's true? I'm the life for which you're long - ing."
 death and sin. Some - times all we see is strug - gle;
 rec - tion— See! Not just in some dis - tant fu - ture—
 help the poor. Faced with death, we'll be a wit - ness:



She said, "I be - lieve in you!"
 death and e - vil seem to win.
 I am life! Now live in me!"
 you are with us, Ris - en Lord.

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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The musical score is written on three staves in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end.

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. The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup or dip the bread into the bowl on the right. 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!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. 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 Annunciation

Celebrant On March 25 we celebrate The Annunciation, the feast commemorating the announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would be the mother of God's Son, Jesus, and assent in faith to God's invitation. While we often associate this event and these themes with Christmas season, in a few moments we'll be singing a song to remember this very special encounter that sparked a new covenant between God and the world. Let us join in prayer.

All **Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN!**

♪ **Mary Heard the Angel's Message**

Mary heard the angel's message: "Greetings, Mary, favored one!
Do not fear, for God is with you; You will one day bear God's Son."
Filled with questions, filled with wonder, She proclaimed her faith in God:
"May it be as you have spoken; I'm the servant of the Lord!"

When she heard her cousin's greeting, Mary's heart was filled with joy,
So she sang of God's great blessing Promised in her baby boy:
"God has looked on me with favor, So I sing this song of praise.
God has worked, the proud to scatter... Humble, hungry ones to raise."

Mary heard the shepherds' story, Words she treasured with delight.
Then an angel gave the warning: "Flee with Jesus in the night!"
Mary wondered in her anguish, What would be the pain he'd know?
Fleeing then, she held him closely... One day she would let him go.

Mary heard, "Who is my mother? Who is in my family?
All who do my Father's bidding — All these ones belong to me."
Later, on the hill she heard him, "Woman, see your new son there!
You, my friend, behold your mother!" So Christ formed new bonds of care.

When they learned the Lord had risen, Christ's disciples met to pray.
Mary was among the faithful, Bound in love, on Jesus' Way.
God, we see her, Christ's disciple, Loving, learning, serving, too.
Like her, may we hear and answer, "We, your servants, live for you."

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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 celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs
after worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.**

Our special offering in the month of March is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.



"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday 4/2 at 10AM

with blessing of palms and indoor procession

led by Bishop Matt Gunter

Maundy Thursday 4/6 at 6:30PM

worship will include our ritual washing (hands or feet)

led by Pastor Brian Staude

Good Friday Community Worship 4/7 at 12:30PM

hosted this year at First Presbyterian (502 N 8th St)

Mary Green will represent St James as a leader

Saturday 4/8

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Festive worship for the Day of Resurrection

led by Pastor Jim Trainor & Pastor Mary Trainor



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Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (please leave a voicemail if no answer) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Discussing next topic(s) on 3/26.

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
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]

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

- 3/26 Lent 5—Chris Arnold
- 4/2 Palm Sunday—Bishop Matt Gunter
- 4/9 Easter Day—Mary & Jim Trainor
- 4/16 Easter 2—Brian Staude
- 4/23 Easter 3 / Creation Care—Brian Staude

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

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

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

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

The Wardens (Chris & Mary) and Vestrypersons (Nick, Joan, & Tony) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (info above). We will have a mix of supply clergy, most frequently local Pastor Brian Staude, and occasional lay-led Worship.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

Monthly congregational chat 4/2—w/ Bishop Matt

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 4/2 for our monthly congregational chat—this month featuring Bishop Matt. We'll also include Fellowship. All are welcome to participate. We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us!

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St James Community Workshop 4/30

Mark your calendars for our St James community workshop scheduled for April 30. Liturgy will be shorter on that day so that we can get to work in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10AM Worship and lunch will be provided.

Members of the Vestry and Search Team will be present to listen and discuss where we as a community have been and where we hope to head in the future. This will be the primary opportunity for everyone to share their ideas, hopes, and concerns as we travel on our journey of transition.

Large group and small group discussion will be part of the workshop, which is expected to last 2-3 hours (stay as long as you are able). An option to provide your feedback and input in written form will also be available.

If you have any questions, please talk to any of the Search Team members: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair/Vestry liaison), & Stephen Phillips.



Easter flower donations

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Easter season. You may donate any amount toward our Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent to the church, or made online—include a note including any “in honor of”, “in memory of”, or “in celebration of” intentions and indicate it is for “Sanctuary Décor Fund” or simply “Flowers”. Please make donations and intentions by March 31. Money in our Sanctuary Décor Fund are used for flowers, candles, and other items to enhance the beauty of our Worship space; donations to the fund are welcome at any time.

Painting Pathways proudly presents:

“A Fusion of Senses”

Join us as we fuse music, hors d'oeuvres, and an inspiring mix of painting, photography, mosaic tiling, poetry and jewelry created by members or donated by our supporters.

WHERE: The **VENUE** at UNION SQUARE
702 York Street Manitowoc
(7th street entrance)

WHEN: Thursday, March 30th 2023

TIME: Doors open 5:30pm
Oral Auction 7:00pm
Wrap Up 8:00pm

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of March goes to the Manistowic Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. **His first four installments available at the link below.** Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. anodddworkofgrace.blogspot.com

Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Marty, Liz Foster & Family, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Ruby G, Diane C, Mark H. Sharon, Mary Lynn, Mandi M.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S, Mary.

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, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Thomas, Menasha; Mufudzi Wakanaka Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For our Rector Search Committee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. 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 violence, 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: 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 and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James L, Hugh F and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 3/1 Kathy Kuecker; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/5 Brian Staude; 3/6 Ruby Gunderson; 3/15 Ellen Feller; 4/5 Jim Gordon; 4/6 Shelley Richardson; 4/16 Mike Reckelberg; 4/22 Donna Franz; 4/23 Eleanor Agnew; 4/29 Joan Estes

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 send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).