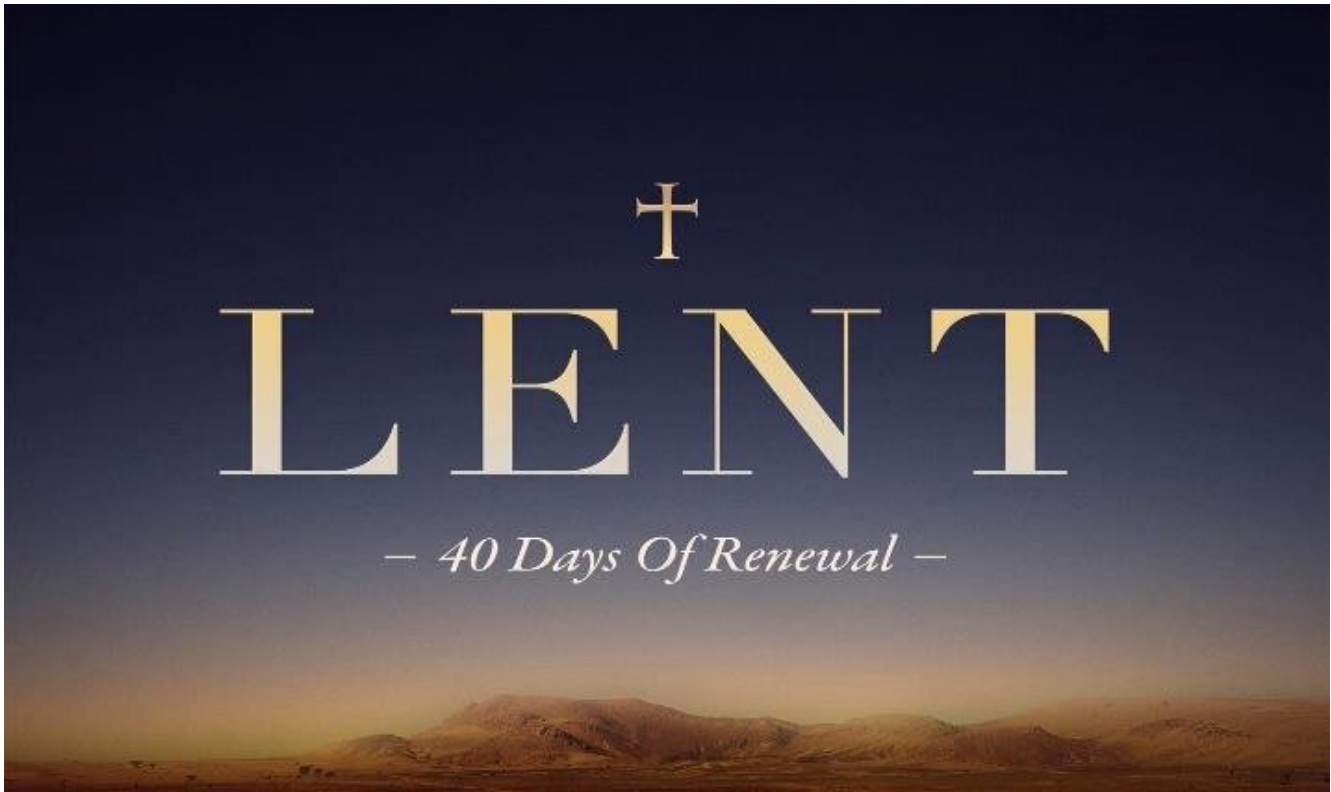


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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.
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10AM Worship with Communion – February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent – Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday



Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1 – Eleanor Agnew
 2—Mike Laughrin
 3 – Richard Hall

Acolyte Marian Doszkewycz

Worship Coordinator Tony Karl

Vestry counters/open/close 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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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 most weeks.
We'll make occasional use of our option for lay-led worship, including this morning.*

Welcome!

Reader 1 Good morning! Welcome to St James Episcopal Church, all of you here in this place and all of you joining us online. Today is the First Sunday in Lent, and it's also Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. All the words and song lyrics are included in the bulletin and you can also follow along on screen. Please stand and join as we sing our gathering song.

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*.

Gathering

Reader 1 Jesus said: "If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me."
Mark 8.34

Reader 1 Blessed be the God of our salvation:

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

Reader 1 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."

You may remain standing or kneel.

Reader 1 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!

Reader 1 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All AMEN!

Please be seated.

A Lenten Litany of Renewal and Purpose

Reader 1 Every day is a day to be renewed... to become the people God created us to be.

People May we learn to recognize our true selves as we reflect on God's hope and intention for creation.

Reader 1 God calls us to proclaim the gospel for the salvation of all humanity.

People May we seek to be the presence of Christ in the world without creating clubs that push people away.

Reader 1 God calls us to shelter, nurture, and cultivate spiritual communion among all God's children.

People May we be a safe place for everyone to question, to know, to struggle, and to grow.

Reader 1 God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

People May we abandon entertainment for profound awareness; may we share our gifts and creativity in our expression; and may the table at which we gather always have room.

Reader 1 God calls us to uphold the truth.

People May we faithfully struggle to understand truth, so that instead of being chained and imprisoned to it, we may be joyfully and completely set free by it.

Reader 1 God calls us to be advocates for social justice.

People May everything that seeks to undermine God's love make us uncomfortable and passionately counteractive.

Celebrant God calls us to be a visible manifestation of God's vision of, and hope for, all creation.

People May we live as if we truly believe that; shining light in darkness... sprinkling salt on blandness... and celebrating the joy of life that we all share together. AMEN!

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Reader 1 In this season of Lent, one of the disciplines to which we are called is almsgiving, or helping those in need. Let us join in prayer with The Episcopal Church for the organization Episcopal Relief & Development, one way in which we Episcopalians help those in need throughout our country and our world.

All Loving and merciful God, you bestow your grace on all of your children: Remember siblings throughout the world who, in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, strengthen communities, empower those who are experiencing poverty, nourish those who are hungry, heal those who are sick and uplift those affected by disaster; and continue to uphold Episcopal Relief & Development so that your Kingdom might be known to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN!

Reader 1 Let us pray for those living with poverty and hunger.

All Our Loving Creator God, we bring before you this day the burden the whole world carries as it endures extreme poverty and hunger in every land. Stretch out your loving arms, we pray, to embrace the suffering women, men and children whose bodies, minds and spirits are shrinking before our very eyes. Help us to look, really look, with clear eyes and open hearts, to see the pain and hopelessness in their bewildered eyes. Kindle within each one of us a flame of love and purpose, and then enable us to channel our love into action in every way possible and impossible. AMEN!

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 67. 1-5

Reader 1 O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise,

All And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

Reader 1 Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
All O come let us worship. O God, be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Reader 1 Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
All O come let us worship.

You may remain seated.

♪ **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.

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Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Psalm 32.

All Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

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Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

First Lesson

Reader 2 A reading of Genesis chapter 2, verses 15 through 17, and chapter 3, verses 1 through 7.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Canticle H, *A Song of Hosea*.

Hosea 6. 1-3

All Come, let us return to our God, who has torn us and will heal us. God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, after two days revive us, On the third day restore us, that in God's presence we may live. Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise. God's justice will come to us like a shower, like spring rains that water the earth.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Romans chapter 5, verses 12 through 19.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated (this is different when using the Morning Prayer liturgy format)

Gospel

Reader 2 A reading of Matthew chapter 4, verses 1 through 11.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'." Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Reader 2 At this time we'll watch a video about Episcopal Relief & Development.

All who are able, please stand.

Apostles' Creed

Reader 2 Let us stand and join in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN!

Please remain standing.

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.

Reader 2 Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

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

♪ Whatever You Do

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"

Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;
We see you in people whom others despise.
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

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Offering Our Prayers

Reader 3 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader 3 Let us pray.

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!

Reader 3 Help us, O God our Savior;

All **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

Reader 3 Look upon your congregation;

All **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Reader 3 Declare your glory among the nations;

All **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Reader 3 Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

All **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Reader 3 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

All **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Reader 3 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

All **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Reader 3 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN!**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Reader 3 Let us pray.

All Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. 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 prayers of our church family, 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.

Invitation

Reader 3 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. Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or a handheld microphone.

Special Prayers

Reader 3 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!**

Reader 3 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!**

Reader 3 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!**

Prayers are offered for any other needs.

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

Reader 3 Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or use one of the handheld microphones.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **O Spirit, On Us Breathe**

We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war, and fear, oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less than profit, might, and pride,
though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns, our neighbors hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe, with life and strength anew;
find in us love and hope and trust and lift us up to you.

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The General Thanksgiving

Reader 1 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader 1 Let us pray.

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. AMEN!

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Reader 1 Let us pray.

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Reader 1 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!

♪ Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all.
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.
That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor.
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.
For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word.
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.

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Sending *(The customary "Alleluias" are omitted during Lent.)*

Reader 1 Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Reader 1 Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Reader 1 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.

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 February is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.





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An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting **February 26, 2022**

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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)

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. 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

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.

Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

NEW! Meeting results; report & letter available

Our Annual Meeting was held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19. We reviewed and celebrate our progress, updated on our clergy transition, held elections, presented information about our budget goals including a letter inviting our congregation to share your related feedback and ideas by March 7. Copies of the Annual Report and budget letter are at church. Mike Laughrin (2 years) & Sherry Paszkiewicz (3 years) were elected Trustees.. Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz were elected Diocesan Convention Delegates, and Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen were elected Alternates.

NEW! Ash Wednesday community worship 3/1 at 6:30PM

No... that's not a typo. This year's Ash Wednesday community worship service was snowed out, so we are going to try again on March 1. All who are interested are welcome to attend. *Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. St James Episcopal Church will be joining with our siblings in faith from various churches to mark this special day. First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th, across the street from us) is this year's hosts for the 17th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on ~~February 22~~ now March 1 starting at 6:30PM. Worship will include imposition of ashes, the symbolic reminder of our humanity and mortality: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Mary Green will be representing St James as a Worship Leader, including a Reflection.*

Monthly congregational chat 3/12

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 3/12 for our monthly congregational chat. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 3/12 will include: 1) updates about our transition process; 2) 2023 planning and ideas. We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

Help for the Homeless hygiene drive through 3/12

The annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene supply drive runs through March 12 and we can join in the effort. Place personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant in the box at church through March 13 (a full list of needs is posted on the box). The donations will be distributed to local programs and shelters which benefit the homeless and others.

NEW! [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.

NEW! [Shamrocks for Shelter 3/11](#)

A St Patrick’s Day celebration benefiting The Haven men’s homeless shelter in Manitowoc. County This free, public event will take place from 11AM to 6PM on Saturday, March 11 at Knox’s Silver Valley. Event will feature games, music by Charlie Bucket Band (2-6PM), raffles, silent auctions, and food (brats, burgers, corned beef sandwiches, Knox’s homemade chips). Wear your favorite St Patrick’s Day attire or come as you are. Prizes for best costume!

[Turkey/Syria earthquake relief](#)

As announced in Sunday Worship, Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is accepting donations for the victims of the recent earthquake. On the web you may give at episcopalrelief.org. There you will see the option to give to this particular need. If you wish to mail a donation, you may do so at Episcopal Relief & Development, 815 Second Ave, New York NY 10017.

[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 February goes to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.** *(We’ll continue to build this fund for our next Rector’s arrival.)*

UPDATED! [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 fourth installment is now 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. anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com



UPDATED! [Prayers for the Week](#)

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, 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, Carol & family, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Linda Molitor & Family, Nella, Marty, Liz Foster & Family, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Mark H .

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

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Olaf’s, Amherst; Holy Family Mission District Dorowa, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. 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, Blake H, and all who have died..

UPDATED! [Milestones](#)

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Kim Kaufmann, 2/28 Levi Short; 3/1 Kathy Kuecker; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/6 Ruby Gunderson; 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 send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).