

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 – April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion / Bishop's Visit



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Skip Cole; 2 —Dave Dillman; 3 — Eleanor Agnew
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Acolyte</i>	Marian Doszkewycz
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Right Rev'd Matthew Gunter (Bishop Matt)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook
<i>Altar Guild/Thurifer</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (open); Tony Karl & Chris Couris

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.

***Today we welcome Bishop Matt Gunter—
see the back of the bulletin for more information.***

Today is the Sunday of the Passion, commonly known as Palm Sunday. Worship begins with a blessing of palms and procession. Please pick up a palm as you enter. After the procession, the service continues with the Passion reading., helping prepare us for Holy Week.

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people.*

All who are able, please gather in the rear for the blessing of palms and procession.

Palm Blessing & Procession

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!**

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

Reader 1 When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21.1-11

Celebrant At this time we will bless palms. Let us pray. It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. AMEN!**

All who are able, please join in the procession.

♪ **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** *Begins & ends with a trumpet fanfare* [Hymnal #154]

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c820; tr John Mason Neale, 1851. Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1614.
Accompaniment track arranged and produced by Tony Karl.

Please return to your seats after the procession. All who are able, please stand.

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.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 through 11.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Psalm 31, verses 9 through 16.

All **Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."**

Please remain seated during the first part of the Passion reading and stand where indicated.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*The **people** read together the roles of **Disciples**, **Crowd**, **Servant**, **Bystander**, **Elders**, **Crowd**, and **Soldiers** (all indicated in **bold text**.) Others read Narrator and Jesus.*

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The customary response is omitted.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Narrator One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

Narrator On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying

Disciples **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

Jesus Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, 'My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples'."

Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples **Surely not I, Lord?**

Jesus The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus You have said so.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus Take, eat; this is my body.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Peter's Denial Foretold

- Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
- Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.
- Narrator* Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."
- Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.
- Narrator* Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

- Narrator* Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
- Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.
- Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said,
- Jesus* I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.
- Narrator* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,
- Jesus* My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.
- Narrator* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,
- Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Narrator* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
- Jesus* My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.
- Narrator* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
- Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

- Narrator* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the

elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Jesus Before the High Priest

Narrator Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days'." The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, "From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

Crowd **He deserves death!**

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Crowd **Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

Peter's Denial of Jesus

- Narrator* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
- Servant* **"You also were with Jesus the Galilean."**
- Narrator* But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
- Servant* **This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.**
- Narrator* Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
- Bystander* **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**
- Narrator* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Brought Before Pilate

- Narrator* When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

The Suicide of Judas

- Narrator* When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."
- Elders* **What is that to us? See to it yourself."**
- Narrator* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
- Elders* **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.**
- Narrator* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Pilate Questions Jesus

Narrator Now Jesus stood before the governor; and Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus You say so.

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Barabbas or Jesus?

Narrator Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Crowd **Barabbas!**

Narrator Pilate asked "What should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Crowd **Let him be crucified!**

Narrator He asked, "Why, what evil has he done?"

Crowd **Let him be crucified!**

Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Crowd **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Narrator Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some

thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

All who are able, please stand.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Narrator As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. And the people stood by, watching. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Elders He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son'.

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

Narrator From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator that is,

Jesus My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Narrator At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Soldiers **Truly this man was God's Son!**

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

The Burial of Jesus

Narrator When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

Narrator The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Elders **Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

Narrator Pilate responded, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The customary response is omitted.

Please be seated.

Sermon *Bishop Matt*

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 blesses 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.**

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5.2*)

Today's loose offering (cash or undesignated checks not in envelopes) will be contributed to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. We invite you to give generously to support this fund, either online or using the offering plate in the back of the church.

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

All who are able, please stand.

♪ We Long to Know Peace!

"We long to know peace!" Jerusalem said
 As Caesar's great troops filled people with dread.
 As soldiers and armies marched in with great might,
 No justice was found and no peace was in sight.
 "Hosanna! God saves!" they cried to the Lord.
 They called him a king and looked for his sword.
 Would he fight their battles and turn things around?
 Then Christ rode a creature of peace into town.
 "He isn't our king!" the crowd quickly turned,
 Rejecting the gift for which they had yearned.
 They mocked him and killed him, yet death did not win.
 Christ rose from the dead and brought God's peace again.
 "We long to know peace!" O God, we still say,
 Yet when Jesus calls we turn him away.
 O God, may we see in this non-violent king
 The peace that you offer, the life that you bring.

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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.**

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

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

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

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

At this time, the Celebrant will give instructions as needed. The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup on the left or (instinct) dip the bread into the bowl on the right side. 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

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People From this time forth for evermore.

Celebrant The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

People AMEN!

♫ In the Midst of New Dimensions

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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 after worship for informal conversation with Bishop Matt along with refreshments, snacks, and fellowship.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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 worship leader*

Saturday 4/8

*We will not be celebrating the Great Vigil of Easter this year
 due to lack of clergy availability (next year, though!)*

Easter Sunday 4/9 at 10AM

*Festive worship for the Day of Resurrection
 led by Pastor Jim Trainor & Pastor Mary Trainor*

Bishop Matt

The Right Reverend Matthew Alan Gunter (born December 20, 1957) is the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac in The Episcopal Church. Raised on a farm in northern Indiana, he taught and worked in education. He later attended Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained priest on December 21, 1996. He served as Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, IL, and as Assistant Rector of St. David Church in Glenview, IL. He and his wife, Leslie, have three daughters (Sara, Rebecca, and Hannah). Gunter was elected bishop on October 19, 2013, and consecrated bishop on April 26, 2014.

Symbols of the Bishop's Office

A bishop wears or carries some very specific signs of his office. The most notable might be the staff or *crozier*. It is shaped like a shepherd's crook reminding us that our bishop is our chief pastor or shepherd.



The bishop wears two particular pieces of head-gear. The first is a *zucchetto* or a purple cap. This is to keep the head warm in drafty, cold cathedrals.

The other is the *mitre*. This has many associations. It has two sharp peaks said to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost (Acts 2:3). The lappets, or two tails which hang down behind, are like two large bookmarks said to represent the New and Old Testaments. The bishop removes the *mitre* for the proclamation of the Gospel and to approach God in prayer.



This bishop wears a pectoral cross. The bishop also wears an episcopal ring. It symbolizes the call to faithfulness to the diocese. It has been compared to a wedding ring.

It is also a custom for bishops to put a cross before their name as in "+John Smith." (Priests customarily put one after theirs as in "Jane Smith+").



So why do we have Bishops?

Being a Christian is not simply a matter of individual belief and belonging to God. It is also about belonging to the larger community of believers who make up the Church, the body of Christ. That belonging is practiced and lived out concretely in our local congregation. But, it does not end there. We also belong to one another in the larger congregation of congregations of the diocese and through that we belong to the church around the world and through the ages. The Holy Spirit, working in that belonging enables us to live into the promise that God's healing of all that would separate us from himself and one another.

Bishops are a symbol of that belonging. Bishops are consecrated by the laying on of hands by other bishops whose authority has come down from the Apostles – the appointed leaders of the early Church. Thus, bishops are a physical representation of belonging through their connection with other bishops around the world and through history. They are the visible sign of the Church's unity and of continuity with the Church's life and witness through the ages. Thus, the bishop is a sort of bridge (*pontiff* in Latin) between the congregations of the diocese as well as to other dioceses throughout the world and throughout time. As far back as we can go in the history of the Church, bishops have served this role.

Bishops exercise general oversight of a diocese through their ministry as chief priest and pastor, prophet, and teacher. Their duties include: visiting the congregations of the diocese, supervising diocesan staff and programs, and issuing guidance on the church's doctrine, discipline and worship.

The bishop also serves as "the pastor to the pastors." Two sacramental functions are reserved for bishops: confirmation and ordination.



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For pastoral needs & other church needs

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)

We are using Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking" for our current scripture discussions. A few copies are available, or you can order online.

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

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
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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!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday 4/2 at 10AM—worship will include our blessing of palms; 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 4/7 at 12:30PM—community worship hosted this year at First Presbyterian (502 N 8th St); Mary Green will represent St James.

Saturday 4/8—We will not be celebrating the Great Vigil of Easter this year due to clergy availability.

Easter Sunday 4/9 at 10AM — Festive worship; led by Pastor Jim Trainor & Pastor Mary Trainor.

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.



Vestry Notes

- The Vestry previously shared that we were developing a covenant for our regular supply priest, The Rev'd Brian Staude, to provide additional pastoral support during our transition. Bishop Matt has reviewed and approved this covenant, and Pastor Brian will begin as our Transition Pastor in April. We are grateful to have Pastor Brian walk with us during this transition. Watch for a letter during Holy Week with additional details.
- Please continue to pray our rector Search Team and their important ministry for our congregational future: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair), and Stephen Phillips, along with diocesan shepherd Cathy Cowling.
- If you have any ideas for ongoing or one-time programs, events, ministries, or projects, please share them with the Vestry: Nick Doszkewycz, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, Mary Green, Tony Karl, and Linda Molitor.

Meals On Wheels

America's seniors are lonely. And, as a nation, we've allowed them to fall into the shadows. Families are living farther away, and neighbors are more strangers than ever before. We all have the power to help change that. Meals On Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country. Nearly 7.4 million seniors have incomes below the poverty line. Half of seniors living alone lack the financial resources to pay for basic needs. That's an income of \$240 a week or less, which, after housing, utility, and medical expenses, leaves very little for food.

St James Episcopal Church has been involved with Meals On Wheels for a long time and we are joined by others in the community. About every 5 weeks we go to the Senior Center at about 10:30 and pick up both hot and cold foods, already prepacked, plus milk. We go to Park View Haven next to Piggly Wiggly, Valley View Apartments, Manitou Manor Apartments, and River Hill Apartments, all north of Reed Ave. We deliver the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable Manitowoc's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. If you are interested in helping with Meals On Wheels, or trying it out, please talk to Eleanor Agnew.

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 five 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. anoddworkofgrace.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, 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, Chris Couris & Family, Mary Burckle & Family.

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 Palm Sunday; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Province of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan. 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, Matthew Couris (Chris Couris's father), Betty Van Alphen (Mary Burckle's aunt), and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 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: None we know of in April

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).