

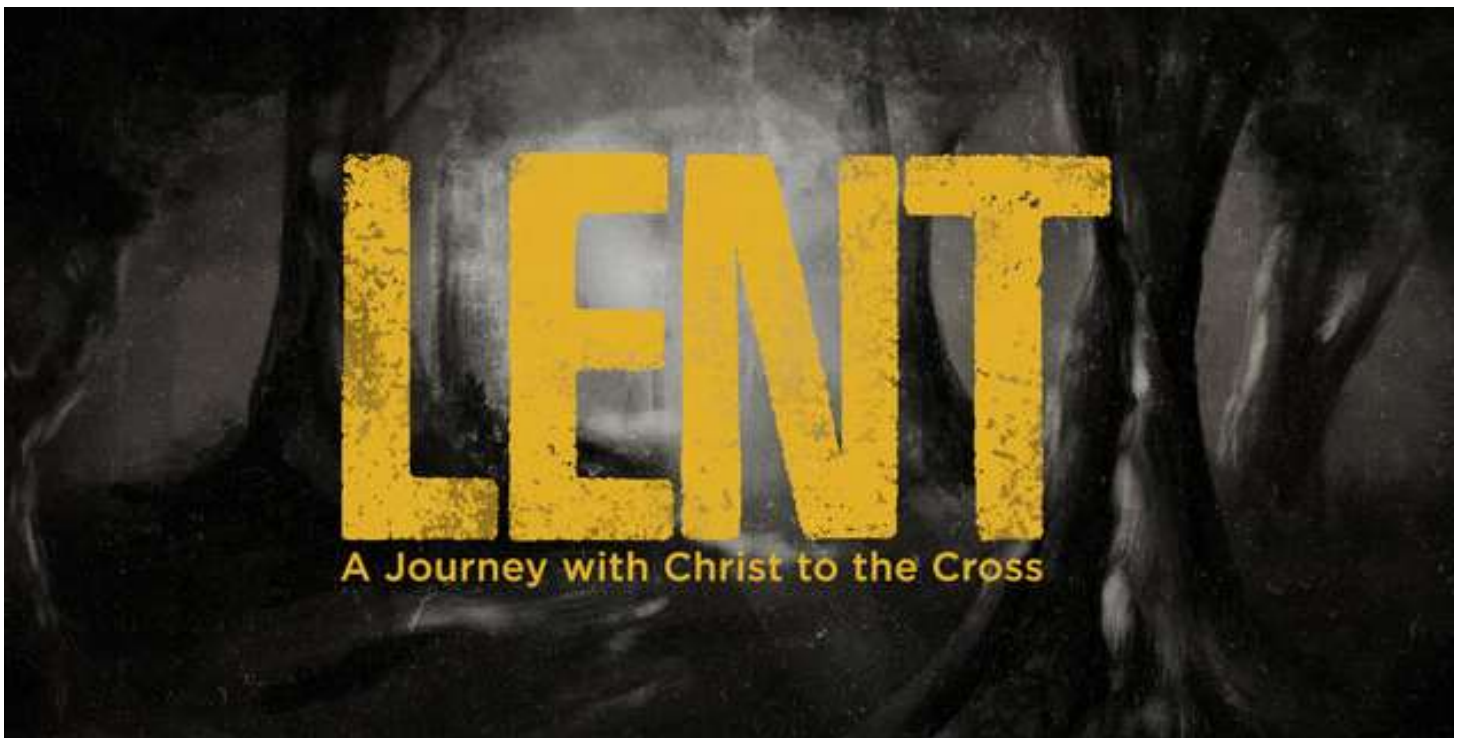
# Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

COVID guidelines—updated March 2, 2022.

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

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



## 10AM Worship with Communion – March 6, 2022

### The First Sunday in Lent



#### Today's Worship leadership includes...

*Ministers*      Members of the Congregation

*Readers*      1 — Glenn Davidowich  
2 — Dave Dillman  
3 — Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal

*Rector (Pastor)*      The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)

*Worship Coordinator*      Tony Karl

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

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

*Rector (Pastor):* The Rev'd Diane M Murray      *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green  
*Vestrypersons:* Nick Doszkewycz, Richard Hall, & Kim Kaufmann  
*Clerk:* Tony Karl      *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor  
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**All the words you will need are in this bulletin:** Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Welcome!

*All who are able, please stand.*

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

[Hymnal #149]

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

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

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*A moment of silent reflection.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

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

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

I will heal, I will heal their land.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, 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!**

## **A Lenten Litany of Renewal and Purpose**

- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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.**
- Celebrant* 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!**

## **♪ Praise God Throughout These Forty Days**

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## **First Lesson**

*Reader 1* A reading of Deuteronomy chapter 26, verses 1 through 11.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Unison Reading**

*Reader 1* Let us read in unison Psalm 91, verses 1 through 2 and 9 through 16.

*All* Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, abide under the shadow of the Almighty. They shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For God shall give angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver you; I will protect you, because you know my Name. You shall call upon me, and I will answer you; I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you to honor. With long life will I satisfy you, and show you my salvation.

## New Testament

*Reader 2* A reading of Romans chapter 10, verses 8 through 13.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able, please stand.*

## Gospel

Luke 4. 1-13

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

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

*Celebrant* After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give

their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon** *Amma Diane*

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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



## Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The people offer additional prayers at this time.*

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

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

*Reader 3* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*All* **AMEN!**

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

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

## **Offering Our Gifts**

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

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

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

## ♪ **There's Trouble All Around**

There's trouble all around; it's hard for us to bear!  
 O God of love, there's so much sadness everywhere.  
 We hear the daily toll of people who have died;  
 we see what comes when hate and fear are amplified.  
 We thank you, God, for faith that says that it's okay  
 to cry out as the Psalmist cried out, when we pray.  
 We thank you that in times when everything goes wrong,  
 we're once again reminded that your love is strong.  
 We thank you, God, for hope that daily sees us through —  
 and for the gift of Jesus Christ who makes us new.  
 We thank you, too, for hope that truth and science bring.  
 The time will come when, once again, we'll laugh and sing.  
 We thank you, God, for love, for kindness and for smiles,  
 for friends and loved ones reaching out across the miles,  
 and for your Spirit's gifts that help us through these days.  
 God, may we know these blessings and give thanks and praise.

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## **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

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

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **♪ We Will Take What You Offer** John L. Bell © 1998, WGRG, Iona Community. All rights reserved.

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

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

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

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

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

## **Blessing for Lent**

*Franciscan blessing*

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

*People* **AMEN!**

## ♪ **God, We See What You Have Given**

God, we see what you have given; signs of grace are everywhere!  
 All around are gifts from heaven — gifts enough for all to share.  
 We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we've received;  
 And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.  
 We are stewards of the richness that you send from heav'n above.  
 For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.  
 In a manger — gift from heaven! On a cross — with love and pain!  
 You proclaimed we are forgiven; now you send us in your name.  
 We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.  
 In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.  
 To the outcast and the stranger, he showed hospitality!  
 By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.  
 We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.  
 Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.  
 God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.  
 Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

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

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

**Thank you for celebrating with us today!**  
**Our Annual Meeting will take place in the Sanctuary**  
**shortly after Worship ends. All are welcome!**

*Thank you for your support! Gifts may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank.  
 There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate).  
 March's special offering supports Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.*

**Join us 3/13 for Bishop Matt's visitation**



## March 6, 2022 – Lent 1 (C)

### Week 1: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

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

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



### Week 1

#### Sunday, Sunday, March 6

*Today's Practice:* Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at [iam.ec/lifetransformed](http://iam.ec/lifetransformed) for Week 1. The topic is based on the practice "Turn" and is titled, "Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ".

*Read:* Romans 6:3-11

#### Monday, March 7

*Today's Prompt:* Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness?

*Read:* "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

#### Tuesday, March 8

*Today's Prompt:* Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention.

*Read:* "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'" - Isaiah 2:3a

#### Wednesday, March 9

*Today's Prompt:* Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story?

*Read:* "But finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus." - Luke 5:19 and following

#### Thursday, March 10

*Today's Prompt:* Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught?

*Read:* "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." - 2 Cor. 4:16

#### Friday, March 11

*Today's Prompt:* What is most meaningful to you in worship?

*Read:* Book of Common Prayer, p. 281

#### Saturday, March 12

*Today's Prompt:* How do you incorporate rest in your life?

*Read:* "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" - Jer. 6:16

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An inviting safe community for all

## St James Weekly for the week starting March 6, 2022

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any pastoral care or other needs.*

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

### Recurring Schedule

#### Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Through March 20 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

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

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

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

go.mysjec.com/youtube      go.mysjec.com/facebook  
3/6: The First Sunday in Lent—Annual Meeting after  
3/13: The Second Sunday in Lent—Bishop's visitation  
3/20: The Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

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

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

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

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
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When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

#### Annual Meeting 3/6 after Worship

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on  
Sunday 3/6. We'll review and celebrate our progress,  
review our budget, and hold elections. We will stay in the  
Sanctuary and start as quickly as possible. We will not  
have food, and our goal is to be done in 30-60 minutes.  
Members can vote, but anybody may attend and  
participate in the meeting.

**We have one nominee for every position needed.  
Additional nominations may be made from the floor  
during the meeting.** Nominations received include:  
**Senior Warden (1 position)**—Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (for  
2nd year); **Junior Warden (1 position)**—Mary Green (for  
2nd year); **Vestryperson (2 positions)**—Joan Estes (3-year  
term) & Tony Karl (2-year term); **Convention Delegate (3  
positions)**—Mary Green, Mike Laughrin, & Sharon  
Laughrin; **Convention Alternate (3 positions)**—Eleanor  
Agnew, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, & Ron Hansen.

**(NOTE: Tony Karl can continue to serve as Clerk if  
elected a Vestryperson. Tony accepted this nomination  
because others weren't received. If anybody else would  
like to be nominated, he will be happy to withdraw.)**

#### **NEW!** Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 3/12

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at  
9AM on Saturday, March 12. We'll gather in the  
Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks,  
if you like). A Zoom option is available for those who  
can't be present in-person. Last month we started  
combining the women's & men's fellowship gatherings.  
All are welcome!

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 822 4207 3112#  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/fellowship

#### **NEW!** Help support Painting Pathways Clubhouse

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

**NEW! Helping the people of Ukraine**

**Help through The Episcopal Church (ongoing):**

As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and other ecumenical agencies working to respond with humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working through the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), ERD is providing food, water, shelter, cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. "Ecumenical and orthodox faith networks are on the ground in the border areas of Poland and Hungary," said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. "We will continue to coordinate with these networks, in order to meet the needs of people who have been displaced." **If you'd like to donate to ERD for this cause, please make your check payable to the church and indicate "ERD-Ukraine" in the memo, or label your cash gift accordingly.**

**Help through area groups (collection through 3/14):**

The Wisconsin Ukrainians and the Ukrainian Cultural School of Green Bay are organizing a collection of items that will be delivered to Ukraine. Types of items that are needed: non-perishable food; clothes and footwear for all ages; hygiene products; women's products; diapers; blankets; bedding; disposable tableware; first aid kits; tents; sleeping bags; battery lamps; candles; protective gear; hand warmers; knee pads; ice packs; thermal underwear; socks; gloves. No alcohol, perishables, weapons, batteries, aerosols, matches, fuel, or other potentially dangerous items. Several ways to get the items for distribution:

1. Buy online and have items shipped directly to: **Meest Chicago Shipping LLC, c/o HELP UKRAINE, 820 Ridge Ave Unit J, Lombard IL 60148.**
2. Drop off items at one of these three locations, who will deliver to Meest Chicago Shipping:
  - **Cornerstone Mortgage LLC**, 1494 Mid Valley Dr, De Pere WI 54115 (Mon-Fri 8A-5P), also accepting cash donations, which they'll match up to \$3,000.
  - **Relyco Inc**, 1195 Scheuring Rd, De Pere WI 54115 (Mon-Fri 8A-5P).
  - **St Matthew Orthodox Church**, 607 Ravenswood Dr, Green Bay WI 54301 (Wed 5PM-8P, Thu 9A-12P, Sat 5P-7P, Sun 9A-12P).
- **Items need to be at these locations by Mon 3/14.**
3. If you're unable to have order items shipped to Meest or dropped off at the Green Bay/De Pere locations, Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen will be delivering items to De Pere. Contact Eleanor about dropping them off at her house, or bring them to church by Sunday 3/13.

**Celebration of New Ministry—Waupun**

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



**Prayers for the Week**

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Geno, Mitch, Matthew.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

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

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James, Mosinee, and Holy Cross Mission District Manyene, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all. For our continued safe in person worship, other ministries and groups.

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

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

**UPDATED! Milestones**

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

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

**Anniversaries:** 3/28 Cindy & Dave Dillman

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



Diocese of Milwaukee 1847



Diocese of Fond du Lac 1875



Diocese of Eau Claire 1928

February 16, 2022

To the Members of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We hope most of you have heard by now that the three Episcopal dioceses of Wisconsin have entered conversation about the possibility of returning to our roots and reuniting back into one diocese. In the 21st century, the church faces a changing landscape; our society is becoming increasingly secular and commitment to the church is no longer a given.

One way or another, the church must adapt to better engage the world with the resurrection hope we have in Jesus Christ. What worked in one generation will not automatically work as well in this one and generations to come. Jesus is the same from generation to generation, but how we are organized to faithfully bear witness to the kingdom of God he proclaimed and how we worship the triune God might well change.

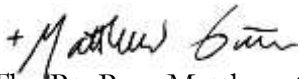
At the end of 2020, the Rt. Rev. Jay Lambert of the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Rt. Rev. Steven Miller of the Diocese of Milwaukee both retired, which resulted in two of the three dioceses of Wisconsin being without bishops. That presented what seems like an opportunity to explore the future of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. Indeed, we believe the opportunity is providential. Might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to look afresh at being the church in our time? How might our combined assets – financial and human resources – be used to support each of our existing congregations and encourage the beginning of new congregations or communities that might look more or less like church as we know it? Or perhaps even communities of faith that look quite different from the church as we know it today? How might we be better public witnesses and agents of hope in Wisconsin? The time is right to look at these and other questions.

A steering committee has been formed as well as several task forces have been appointed to explore different aspects of a possible reunion. The task forces will be addressing many of the practical aspects of reunion, such as addressing the constitutions and canons, working through all the financial details, and the culture and mission of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. Each of those task forces will be soliciting input and participation from members of each diocese.

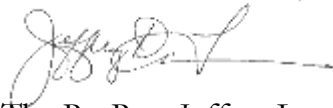
We will continue to update members of the diocese with information about the process and opportunities for you to participate in this discernment. We are currently building a website hub for you to learn more about and engage in the process. We will share that with you soon.

We urge you to be engaged and participate in this process of discernment. Most especially, we encourage you to pray. Steeping our discernment in prayer will better enable us to hear what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Gunter".

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter  
Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac  
Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Eau Claire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery Lee".

The Rt. Rev. Jeffery Lee  
Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Milwaukee