

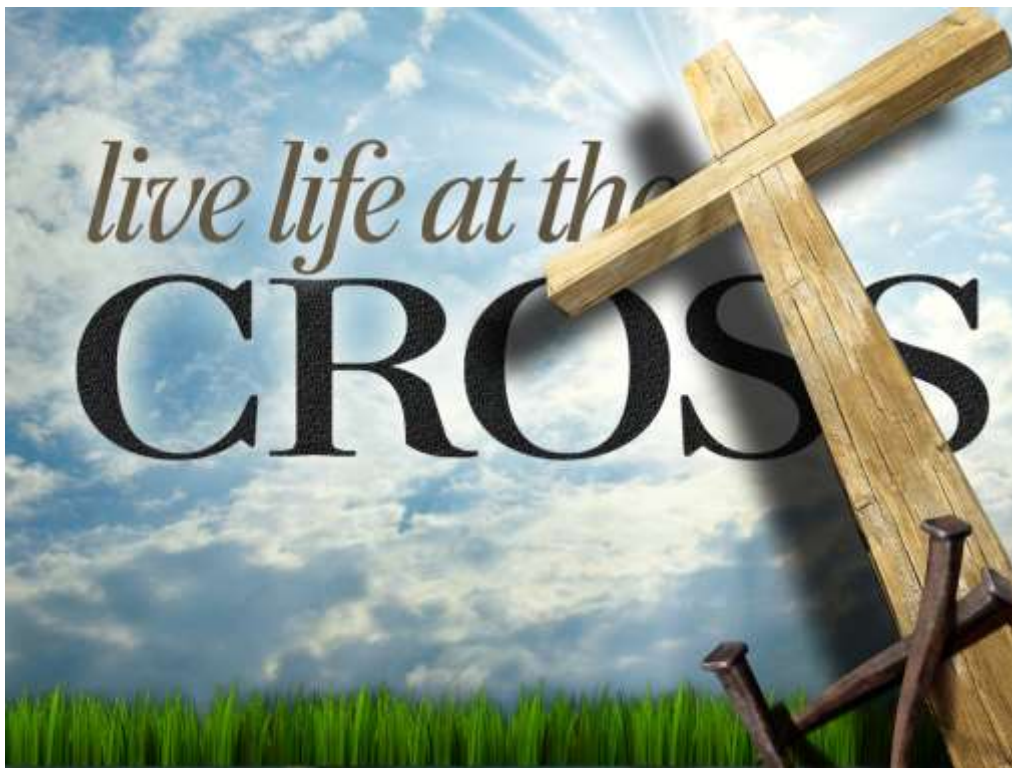
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

COVID guidelines—updated March 2, 2022.

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

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



10AM Worship with Communion – March 27, 2022

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1 — Glenn Davidowich

2 — Eleanor Agnew

3 — Skip Cole

Eucharistic Minister 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, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Forty Days and Forty Nights** [Hymnal #150]

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
 forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
 Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
 fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?
 Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
 Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fall!
 So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
 round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.
 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
 that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: George Hunt Smytan, 1856. Music: *HEINLEIN*, Martin Herbst, 1676.

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. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

A Lenten Litany for the Kingdom of God

Reader 1 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that we have no voice. We refuse to believe that we are powerless; that we cannot make a difference in our neighborhoods, country, and world. We give up the idea that our vision of a better tomorrow must wait until we're older, richer, smarter, or more holy.

People **We will hear each other's voices and see each other's visions. We acknowledge that with God all things are possible. We will support each other in our efforts here and everywhere.**

Reader 2 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that war will always be a part of our world. We will not listen to those who lie to us when they say we must go to war to be safe. We refuse to believe that we must kill in order to bring democracy and freedom to others. We give up the idea that violence ever solves anything.

People **We will be honest with each other. We will not glorify weapons or violence, or righteous indignation. We will teach ways of peace and model ways of loving our enemies. We will seek out and support leaders who, like Christ, are willing to be mediators and peacemakers.**

Reader 1 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that we are not responsible for our environment; that it has always been and will always be. We will stop taking our earth for granted and begin to hear her voice. We give up the idea that worship only happens indoors and behind stained glass. We will remember that our daily bread comes from God through a living, healthy planet and that we must care for her as she cares for us.

People **We will delight in the moon and stars, look for God in the waters, and hear the Spirit's voice in the winds. We will walk gently as we tend the earth together. We will try to reduce our impact on this planet and try to consume less. We will see all life as sacred and join together in preserving the earth.**

Reader 2 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that we do not have a responsibility to act as healers through prayer, touch, and action. We give up the fear of disease, especially the fear that causes us to look away. We let go of the idea that illnesses like AIDS, malaria, or dysentery don't matter because they happen in other places. We refuse to believe that affordable healthcare must be only for some.

People **We will take on the role of healers, however we are best suited to do so. We'll help fund research to find cures and will support health education around the world. We will respond swiftly to natural disasters that threaten to bring new diseases to already battered people. When sickness occurs in our midst, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, we will not fear it. Through it all we will pray, touch, and be present together.**

Reader 1 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that poverty is something normal for some people in some places. We will not tolerate poverty in our world, or the thought that the poor don't matter. We will turn from seeing poverty as someone else's problem. We give up the idea that people who don't have enough stuff or the right stuff are any less worthy of hope.

People **We will work together to help end poverty. We will put our own relative wealth to work, bringing hope and change to those who need it most. We will model providing food, clothing, shelter, companionship, and care to those in need, be they in our neighborhood or our world. We will stop pretending that the poor are not among us and we will help each other find ways to respond compassionately to needs.**

Reader 2 This Lent and beyond, we give up the idea that hatred is ever okay. We refuse to believe people can be treated differently because they are a different color, speak a different language, live on the other side of a border, or have crossed a border. We will not allow unequal treatment of women, of gay and lesbian people, of transgendered people, of people with different abilities or intellect. We will not divide by education or employment, by social or economic status, by religion or politics. We dream of a world where all people, in all places, of all faiths can live and work together. We give up the idea that hatred, bigotry, intolerance, bullying, or lack of charity or kindness should ever be associated with God.

People **We will fight against injustice together for each other and for those who will come after us in this church and this world. We will not harbor hate in our own lives, and we will speak out when we hear intolerance of any kind, knowing that to remain silent is not an act of love. We will help build the Kingdom of God that Jesus was willing to die for.**

Reader 1 This Lent and beyond, we will seek and serve God together.

People **We will share the Kingdom of God with all. AMEN!**

♪ **Praise God Throughout These Forty Days**

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

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

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

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Joshua chapter 5, verses 9 through 12.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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 32.

All Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Second Corinthians chapter 5, verses 16 through 21.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know

him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15. 1-3, 11b-32

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

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

Celebrant All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father,

I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

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

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The people offer additional prayers at this time.

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

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

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

All **AMEN!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

All **AMEN!**

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

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

Offering Our Gifts

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

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

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

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Kyrie Eleison**

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

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all.

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

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

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor.

That we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

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

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.

For life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

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

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word.

That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

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

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Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

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

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
- People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
- Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
- People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**
- Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
- People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
- Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
- People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
- Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
- All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
- Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

People AMEN!

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

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

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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

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

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

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

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

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Blessing for Lent

Franciscan blessing

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

People **AMEN!**

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

People **AMEN!**

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

People **AMEN!**

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

People **AMEN!**

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

People **AMEN!**

♪ **The Love of Christ Jesus is Urging Us On**

The love of Christ Jesus is urging us on,
 For we find our life in what Jesus has done.
 He died and is risen; now we're dead to sin!
 No longer our own, we have new life in him.

The love of Christ Jesus is changing our view;
 In valleys of death, we see God's reign break through.
 Where others seek vengeance, Christ calls us to live
 Forgiven in him — able, then, to forgive.

The love of Christ Jesus leads Christians to care;
 When people are hungry, he calls us to share.
 He gives us a job — to get out of our pews,
 To work for God's justice and live the good news.

The love of Christ Jesus is urging us on
 When others grow weary or say hope is gone.
 He calls us to serve him again and again;
 No longer our own, all our life is in him..

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

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

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

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



March 27, 2022 – Lent 4 (C)

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

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

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



Week 4

Sunday, March 27

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 4. The topic is based on the practice "Bless" and is titled, "A New Heart and a New Spirit".

Read: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Monday, March 28

Today's Prompt: Practice lectio divina with this scripture.

Read: Luke 15:17-24

Tuesday, March 29

Today's Prompt: How do others experience the love of Christ through you?

Read: "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." – Gal. 5:22-23

Wednesday, March 30

Today's Prompt: What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy?

Read: "Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements." – Lev. 23:3

Thursday, March 31

Today's Prompt: What challenges are you facing today?

Read: "And you will have confidence, because there is hope; you will be protected and take your rest in safety." – Job 11:18

Friday, April 1

Today's Prompt: Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus.

Read: "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." – Matt. 5:15

Saturday, April 2

Today's Prompt: Where do you find joy and passion?

Read: "They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'" – Luke 24:32

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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

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

Starting March 27 we're discussing the book Looking for God in the Messy Places: A Book About Hope by Jake Owensby, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana. His work focuses on the spirituality of everyday life. Owensby's blog is JakeOwensby.com. The book is broken down into sections and is a fairly easy read. We anticipate 6 – 8 weeks of discussion. You do not have to have read the book before the discussion begins and you can join or not our Sunday morning discussions as you are able. Let Amma Diane know if you'd like a copy or purchase one in your preferred way.

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

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

3/27: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
4/3: The Fifth Sunday in Lent
4/10: Palm Sunday

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

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. We'll be resuming refreshments/snacks during Fellowship on Sunday 4/17.

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

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

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UPDATED! Holy Week & Easter schedule

PALM SUNDAY 4/10— 10AM Worship begins with the blessing of palms and a procession and continues with the Passion reading.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/14— 6:30PM Worship commemorates Jesus's last gathering with his friends.

GOOD FRIDAY 4/15— 12:15PM Community Worship, with St James hosting our ecumenical siblings.

HOLY SATURDAY 4/16— Starting at 8PM we celebrate a highlight of the church year, the Great Vigil of Easter. Worship begins with kindling new fire and lighting of candles throughout the sanctuary. Afterwards we gather for a joyful reception in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER SUNDAY 4/17— 10AM Worship celebrating the glorious Day of Resurrection!

NEW! Easter party 4/16 following the Great Vigil

Please join us for a special celebration in the Fellowship Hall following the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday 4/16. If you are able, bring savory finger foods/appetizers or sweet treats to share. Water and tea will be available—you may also bring soda, juice, wine, or other beverages for yourself and/or to share. Items may be left in the Fellowship Hall or kitchen prior to Worship. (Please join us even if you can't bring anything for the pot luck.) Eleanor Agnew and Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal will be coordinating set-up and decoration—talk to either of them if you have any questions or would like to help.

NEW! Sunday Fellowship time update

On Easter Sunday 4/17 we will resume snacks and refreshments during Fellowship Time after Worship every Sunday. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. As we transition back to this, we invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week. Over the Summer, we'll determine if we want to adapt this as we move into the Fall.

NEW! Maundy Thursday overnight vigil

We encourage those who are interested to spend an hour (or more) in prayer and reflection in the time between our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Some find this tradition a special way to remember the time Jesus spent praying in the Garden before his arrest and crucifixion. We invite you to take part in this vigil from home or wherever you may be.

NEW! Easter flowers donations

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Easter season. You may donate toward our Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent to the church, or made online—include a note including any “in honor of”, “in memory of”, or “in celebration of” intentions. Please make donations and intentions by April 10.

NEW! Vestry Notes

The new 2022 Vestry held our regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 3/22. Meeting highlights:

- At our 3/6 Annual Meeting we elected Convention Delegates Mary Green, Mike Laughrin, & Sharon Laughrin as Convention Delegates and Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal, Eleanor Agnew, & Ron Hansen as Convention Alternates. We recently learned we are only allotted 2 Delegates for 2022—the number is based on our 2020 average Sunday attendance. Mary Green offered to switch to Alternate (we can have more than the number of Delegates).
- Made plans for resuming food/refreshments for church activities, including the party after the Great Vigil and Sunday Fellowship time (*see separate announcements in St James Weekly*).
- Scheduled Vestry Spring Retreat day.
- Plaster repair work is continuing in the Chapel and will be finished as soon as possible. Winter temperatures weather have caused frequent delays.

Our next regular meeting will be 5PM on Tuesday 4/26.

NEW! Barb Cook plays at Rahr-West 3/31

St James member Barb Cook occasionally shares her musical gifts at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St). All are invited to **Live Music in the Galleries with Barb Cook** at 10:30AM on Thursday, March 31. This event is free and open to the public.



Save the Date: Eucharistic Festival 5/13-14

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's 2022 Eucharistic Festival will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

Friday offers Evensong at the Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac, and a banquet, with speaker, at the Hotel Retlaw in downtown Fond du Lac. Overnight accommodations are available at the Retlaw for those desiring to stay overnight.

Saturday includes the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral at 11AM, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Bishop's Picnic, and Cathedral tours.

All are invited to attend any or all of the Festival activities. A link for reservations for the Friday Banquet will be available in February.

The Homilist and Banquet Speaker will be Dr Elizabeth (Liza) Anderson, a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN. A graduate of Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and peace studies, she earned a master's degree from Trinity



College Dublin in ecumenical studies, graduated from Harvard Divinity School, and completed her PhD in religious studies at Yale University. Liza's research focuses primarily on the languages, literatures and histories of Middle Eastern Christianity and on Muslim-Christian dialogue. She has taught at seminaries in the United States, Ukraine, and

Iraq, and has also studied Arabic and Islamic theology in Yemen, Morocco and Egypt. She has served the Episcopal Church in a variety of roles, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the General Board of Examining Chaplains, the Liberian Covenant Committee, and on the churchwide Executive Council. She is the Vice President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists and has been an active member of Religions for Peace USA, the North American Interfaith Network, and Christian Churches Together in the USA.



Scrip upcoming order deadline 4/10

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (2-10%, varies by retailer). The proceeds we receive goes into our Outreach Fund. Retailer list/order forms are available at church. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

NEW! Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 4/9

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at 9AM on Saturday, April 9. 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. All are welcome!

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 822 4207 3112#

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/fellowship

NEW! Book Group meets 4/27 at 7PM (Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 27 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Our book for 5/25 will be *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Amma Diane.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

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Helping the people of Ukraine

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

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

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!

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.



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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; 4/5 Jim Gordon; 4/6 Shelley Richardson; 4/16 Michael Reckelberg; 4/22 Donna Franz; 4/23 Eleanor Agnew; 4/29 Joan Estes

Anniversaries: 3/28 Cindy & Dave Dillman

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