

# 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 – April 3, 2022

### The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Dave Dillman
	2 — Karleen Cole
	3 — Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Green
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook

**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  
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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.*

### ♪ **Again We Keep This Solemn Fast**

Again we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which bids us lovingly to faith and hope and charity.

The law and prophets from of old in figured ways this Lent foretold,  
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide, in these last days has sanctified.

More sparing, therefore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take,  
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense; learn peace through holy penitence.

Let us avoid each harmful way that lures the careless mind astray;  
By watchful prayer our spirits free from scheming of the Enemy.

We pray, O blessed Three in One, our God while endless ages run,  
That this, our Lent of forty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

Words: attr Gregory the Great, tr Peter J Scagnelli & John Mason Neale. Music: *ERHALT UNS HERR*, 1543.

*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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Please be seated.*

## **A Lenten Litany 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.

## **First Lesson**

*Reader 1* A reading of Joshua chapter 43, verses 16 through 21.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*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 126.

*All* When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **New Testament**

*Reader 2* A reading of Second Corinthians chapter 3, verses 4b through 14.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Gospel**

John 12. 1-8

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

*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." Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*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.

*The Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to those present and those watching online and give instructions. 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!**

## ♪ **Singing Songs of Expectation** [Hymnal #527]

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:  
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.

Words: Bernard S Ingermann (1789-1862), tr Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924). Music: *TON-Y-BOTEL*, Thomas J Williams, 1890.

### **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](http://mySJEC.com/donate).*

*April's special offering supports the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.*

### **HOLY WEEK AND 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 an Easter party in the Fellowship Hall.

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



## April 3, 2022 – Lent 5 (C)

### Week 5: 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 5

### Sunday, April 3

*Today's Practice:* Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at [iam.ec/lifetransformed](http://iam.ec/lifetransformed) for Week 5. The topic is based on the practice "Rest" and is titled, "The Valley of Dry Bones".

*Read:* Ezekiel 37:1-14

### Monday, April 4

*Today's Prompt:* What are you thankful for?

*Read:* "For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." – 1 Chronicles 29:15

### Tuesday, April 5

*Today's Prompt:* Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world?

*Read:* "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forward I make you hear new things, hidden things that you have not known." – Isaiah 48:6b

### Wednesday, April 6

*Today's Prompt:* Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today?

*Read:* "As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father

Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him." – Matthew 4:18-22

### Thursday, April 7

*Today's Prompt:* What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ?

*Read:* "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." – Psalm 51:10

### Friday, April 8

*Today's Prompt:* What relationships do you need to mend?

*Read:* "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." – Isaiah 55:8-9

### Saturday, April 9

*Today's Prompt:* How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God?

*Read:* "Let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" – John 7:38

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