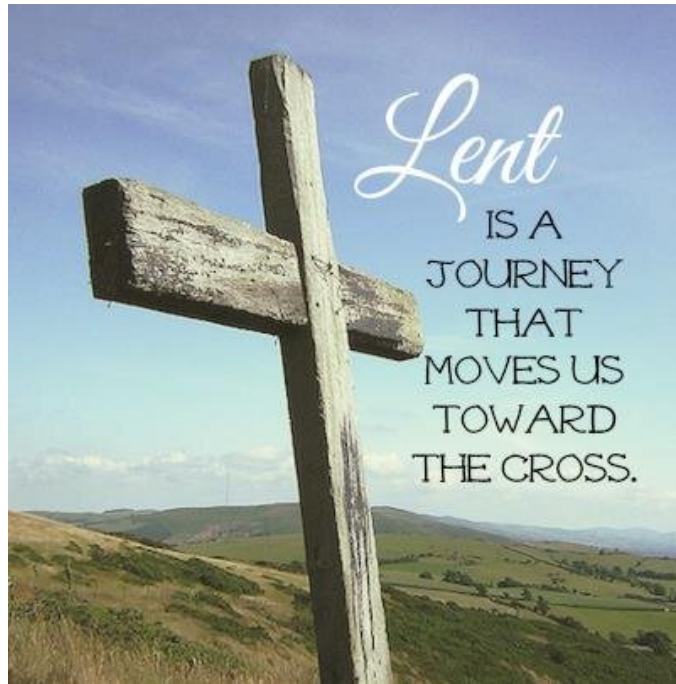


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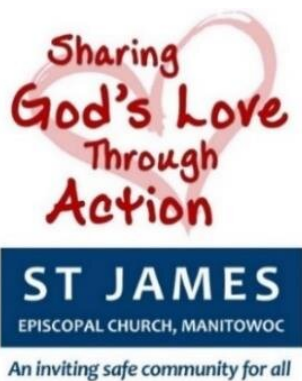
We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

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10AM Worship – March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Skip Cole 2 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal 3 — Eleanor Agnew
<i>Acolyte</i>	Mary Green
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Portia Corbin (Mother Portia)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Green
<i>Counters</i>	Chris Couris & 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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Wardens (council leaders): Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Eleanor Agnew, Dave Dillman, & Fred Hass

Clerk: Teri Wagner

Treasurer: Linda Molitor

Transition Pastor: Pastor Brian Staude

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.

Communion is celebrated most weeks: Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

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

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.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests during the Prayers of the People or at the time for other special prayers, so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

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

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

*Pastor Brian is off today. Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Portia Corbin.
Mother Portia serves as part-time Vicar at St John's Episcopal Church in New London.*

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people before the procession.*

Please rise in body or in spirit. It is customary to turn and bow/nod as the procession passes.

♪ **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 few moments of silent reflection.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

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

All **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

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

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

Reader 2 God calls us to proclaim the gospel for the salvation of all humanity.

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

Reader 3 God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

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

- Reader 1* God calls us to shelter, nurture, and cultivate spiritual communion among all God's children.
- People* **May we be a safe place for everyone to question, to know, to struggle, and to grow.**
- Reader 2* 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.**
- Reader 3* God calls us to uphold the truth.
- People* **May we faithfully struggle to understand truth, so that instead of being chained and imprisoned to it, we may be joyfully and completely set free by it.**
- Reader 1* God calls us to be 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 from Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31 through 34.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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 119, verses 9 through 16.

All How shall the young cleanse their way? By keeping to your words. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments. I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes. With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth. I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches. I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways. My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

The Epistle

Reader 2 A reading from Hebrews chapter 5, verses 5 through 10.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel

John 12. 20-33

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

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

Celebrant Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life

lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon *Mother Portia*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.**

Celebrant 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!**

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Special Prayers

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

Celebrant At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need.

The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating. Individual blessings follow.

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

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

The Celebrant blessings each one present, then offers the following general blessing.

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

All AMEN!

Prayers are offered for any other needs.

Please be seated.

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

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the ambo or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate (or scan the QR code). We're grateful for your financial support.



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

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

Please rise in body or in spirit. The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

♪ **Christ Be With Us**

Christ be with us, Christ behind us, Christ before us — all around!
 Christ in busy, noisy cities, Christ where hardly rings a sound.
 Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior; on your love we can depend.
 Help us see your presence clearly in each stranger and each friend.
 Christ in lines of people fleeing, praying that a war will cease;
 Christ in battered women's shelters, looking for a place of peace.
 Christ with people sick or dying, loved ones trying hard to cope
 In this world of so much suffering, Christ, you give your people hope.
 Christ with children who must struggle, working hard for daily food;
 Christ in classrooms, learning, growing, asking questions, seeking good;
 Christ in diners, waiting tables; Christ in homes where children play
 In this world of people working, Christ, you work through us today.
 Christ with all who keep on struggling, helping others to be free;
 Christ with churches working, searching for a greater unity;
 Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, giving strength for each new day
 In this world of daily crosses, be our joyful, living Way.

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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."

The Celebrant elevates the bread and the sanctus bells are rung.

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."

The Celebrant elevates the cup and the sanctus bells are rung.

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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for 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.



The Celebrant elevates the bread and the cup.

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 words of a prayer of Spiritual Communion appear on-screen for those who are participating with us online.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present.

The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup (on the left) or intinct (dip) the bread into the bowl on the right. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Prayer for our Time of Transition

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Guide us, Lord, as we continue to walk our journey of transition. Help us to remember that you are beside our every step. Thank you for this opportunity to grow and evolve as a community. Use us as your hands, feet, and voice to become more fully your presence in our church, our community, and our world. We pray this in Jesus name. 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!

It is customary to face the rear in body or in spirit as the Celebrant and others pass by.

♪ **Go Now with God**

Dm (Am) Gm (Dm) Dm (Am)

vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev - ry bound'ry, ev - ry na - tion

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am)

go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am) A7 (E7) Dm (Am)

go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am) A7 (E7) Dm (Am)

go now, go now with God.
va - mos, va mos con Dios.

Gm (Dm) Dm (Am) A7 (E7) Dm (Am)

Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

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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! Please join us downstairs after Worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of March is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.

St James Weekly

week starting March 17, 2024



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Dine & Discuss 3/19: Trialogue updates

On Tuesday, 3/19, we'll gather again from 6-8PM for our monthly potluck meal, sharing and discussion. This month, we'll focus on the Episcopal Wisconsin Trialogue, the process by which our Diocese of Fond du Lac is planning to unite with the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Diocese of Milwaukee. We'll have copies of the newly released "Proposed Constitution and Canons" and "Joint Agreement of Union" and information about upcoming opportunities to give your feedback prior to our three dioceses gathering for a Special Convention on May 4 in Baraboo, WI to vote on the union.

Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share, if you are able. Our potlucks always have a delicious assortment of foods! The church will be open around 5:45PM for setup; all who are able help clean up. **Please sign up at church or contact coordinator Tony Karl.**



We gather on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM for our Dine & Discuss series to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. If you have any questions or ideas for Dine & Discuss topics, please contact Tony.

Book Group 3/20 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

This month the St James Book Group is reading the classic "*Jayne Eyre*" by Charlotte Brontë (a week early due to Holy Week). We gather to discuss in the Fellowship Hall (we share snacks 😊) and on Zoom. All are welcome to participate, even if you haven't read/finished the book. If you'd like to be on our list to get library books, contact Marian Doszkewycz or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal.

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 #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Palm/Passion Sunday 3/24

Worship begins at 10AM with an outdoor blessing of palms & procession with our MCM friends. Please gather outside the front of St James a few minutes prior to 10AM, where palms and handouts will be distributed. Please wait inside the sanctuary if you are unable to gather outside. After the brief outdoor portion, Worship will resume indoors, including our Passion reading.

Diocesan Chrism Mass Tuesday 3/26

Episcopalians are called together each year for the celebration of the Chrism Mass during which the holy oils are blessed. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend the Chrism Mass at our Cathedral Church of St Paul (51 W Division St, Fond du Lac). at 11am on Tuesday 3/26. Pastor Brian and others will be attending. Visit diofdl.org/chrismmass for more info/registration.

Easter Flower donations due 3/17

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Easter season. You may donate any amount toward our Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent to the church, or made online—include a note including any "in honor of", "in memory of", or "in celebration of" intentions and indicate it is for "Sanctuary Décor Fund" or simply "Flowers". **Please make donations and intentions by March 17.** Money in our Sanctuary Décor Fund are used for flowers, candles, and other items to enhance the beauty of our Worship space; donations to the fund are welcome at any time.

Please help promote upcoming events at St James!

Our Holy Week & Easter events sheet (attached to St James Weekly) is a great resource for our congregational use, and to share with friends and family. Copies are available in the back of the sanctuary that you can use to help promote upcoming events. If you think other forms of promotional material would be helpful for specific events, or if you need promotional materials designed for a church event, please talk to Tony Karl.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a national observance in March that aims to increase public awareness of the needs and potential of people with developmental disabilities. Developmental disabilities are impairments in learning, behavior, physical, or intellectual functioning that can affect people from birth or childhood. The month also promotes the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life and the removal of barriers that they face in society. One example of a developmental disability is cerebral palsy, which is a motor disability that prevents a person's ability to move their muscles. Intellectual disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.



Why we want people with disabilities at St James

Our church Vision is to be "An inviting safe community for all". What does Scripture say about disability? In Luke 4:18 we find that Jesus' treatment of people with impairments displays God's heart for the excluded. Jesus quotes Isaiah 61 at the start of his Spirit-anointed public ministry: coming to proclaim the good news to the poor, bring sight to the blind, and set the captives free. In Luke 14, Jesus sharply criticizes the Pharisees, telling his host not to invite friends or rich neighbors to his feasts (who would repay him in kind) but instead to seek out and intentionally, "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" (Luke 14:13, 21-23).

The Gospel of Luke shows Jesus fulfilling this mission by intentionally reaching out to the margins of society: to women, Gentiles, the poor, and people with disabilities. St James is blessed to have a Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities SPARKS grant to help us to provide what people with disabilities can come and worship at St James Episcopal Church.

Volunteers needed for Special Convention 5/4

Preparations are underway for the Special Convention at which our diocese will participate in the final vote on reunion with the other Wisconsin dioceses (Milwaukee and Eau Claire). There is a need for volunteers for this historic event to do things like delegate check-in, greeting/wayfinding, and other duties. Email Lisa Baltes (lbaltes@diofdl.org) or call the Diocesan Office at 920-8866 if interested.

Eucharistic Festival at our Cathedral 5/10

All are invited to the diocesan Eucharistic Festival at St Paul's Cathedral in Fond du Lac on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11. Come for one or both days. Friday evening events include a reception with hors d'oeuvres and time with our guest speaker Sarah Coakley followed by her presentation. On Saturday come for the Eucharist with Benediction, Bishop's picnic, and tours of the Cathedral. Registration will be open soon! For details,

Registration open! EpiscoWisco Camp in June

Registration is open for the 2024 EpiscoWisco Camping Season. Different age groups Applications are being accepted for Staff and CIT (Counselors in Training). Visit episcowisco.camp for registration, applications and more information. All are welcome.

SENIOR CAMP (for those completing grades 9-12) from June 9-15, \$575/camper

MIDDLER CAMP (for those completing grades 6-8) from June 16-21, \$500/camper

JUNIOR CAMP (for those completing grades 2-5) from June 23-27, \$425/camper

KINDER CAMP (for those ages 4-7, with an adult) from June 27-29, \$200/camper

EpiscoWisco Camp welcomes persons of all ages and faiths to learn more about God, community, and yourself as we have a lot of fun! Those age 4 through 12th graders are campers. Adults serve as staff members with older youth serving as Counselors-in-Training.

EpiscoWisco Camp focuses on faith development through activities like: arts & crafts, campfires, swimming, gardening & composting, field games, bread baking, boating, singing, games, storytelling, nature hikes, archery, and low-ropes initiative activities. Daily worship is also key to EpiscoWisco Camp programming.

Waypost Camp is located on Mission Lake near Hatley, Wisconsin (about 15 minutes east of Mosinee). It offers cozy cabins, chapel, arts & crafts building, showers, bathrooms, hiking trails, gardens, open fields, low-ropes course, and modern meal facilities. Waypost provides the food service, maintenance, waterfront, and support staff. If you'd like to tour, make a request to episcowiscocamp@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of March goes to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

Mark Hunner

Our beloved sibling in Christ, Mark Hunner, passed away March 11, 2024. We mourn the loss of Mark's presence with us, while we celebrate the resurrection he shares in with Jesus Christ. Please keep his loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time, including Sally, Alison, and the rest of their family. Arrangements are pending and will be shared when they become available.



Vestry Notes

- The Vestry gathered for a Vestry Retreat on Saturday 3/9. Thank you for lifting the Vestry in prayer.
- As part of our grant projects to support those with disabilities, St James will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for people with disabilities in August. We'll need volunteers and other support, More info later.
- An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which is installed in our worship space for emergency needs. We'll need volunteers trained to use the AED. Chris Eggert-Rosenthal will coordinate training for properly using this equipment—contact her if interested.



6th Annual Easter Baskets for CASA Kids

The mission of CASA of East Central Wisconsin is to provide and support specially trained court appointed special advocates to act solely in the best interest of children who have experienced abuse or neglect, who are in need of court protection, to ensure they have a safe and permanent home, and the opportunity to thrive.

We need your help providing Easter baskets for Manitowoc and Sheboygan County children who are part of CASA of East Central Wisconsin.

- Our goal is to provide Easter baskets for 45 children. Please help us meet our goal by sponsoring baskets for \$35 a piece.
- All proceeds go towards filling baskets with Discovery Toys, books, and other treats.
- Deadline is **Friday, March 15th, 2024.**
- Contact Lauren for further information (contact information listed below).

Lauren Daun
(920) 901-5540
kadow30@gmail.com



Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Please talk to coordinator Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you have any questions.

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

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

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

3/17—The Fifth Sunday in Lent

3/24—Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
Holy Week—see separate page

3/31—Easter Sunday

4/7—The Second Sunday of Easter

4/14—The Third Sunday of Easter

4/21—The Fourth Sunday of Easter / Creation Care

4/28—The Fifth Sunday of Easter / Companion Diocese

5/5—Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mental Health Awareness

5/12—7th Sunday of Easter / Mothers & Mother Figures

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

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

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

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Who to contact...

Our Transition Pastor (The Rev'd Brian Staude), Wardens (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green) and Vestrypersons (Eleanor Agnew, Dave Dillman, & Fred Hass) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James throughout our search process.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Brian (*contact info below*).

If you have questions related to worship or music, please contact Worship Coordinator Tony Karl.

If you have info for *St James Weekly*, please get that to Tony (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

For other general questions about the church, please contact Chris (*contact info below*).

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In our prayers

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie, Marcia, Chip & Janice, Mary G, Shelley R, Brian M, Mike & Sharon L, Nancy J, Richard H, Jenny M, Connie, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Bart K, Anna, Mark H & family, Mandi M, Lucie M, John C, Gail R, Vicki W & family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Barb C, Jane E, Candace G, Marian F, Terry & Mary, Helen C, Roger S, Kara & Anders, Michael, Eric, Katrina, Haidyn, Ken Gresl, Tim, Jerry K, Jan G, the Hunner family.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mary, Gaetz Family.

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James, Manitowoc; Holy Family Mission District Dorowa, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the The Church of the Province of Uganda. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For our Rector Search Committee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all. We pray for the family, and all of the First responders searching for Elijah Vue

We offer thanks for: Pastor Brian and Barb Staude; our Vestry (Chris, Mary, Fred, Eleanor, Dave); Tony and Linda our paid staff, and every person connected to our congregation. In the wider church we pray for our Bishop Matt Gunter, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and their families. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and 2nd Bishop of Masvingo Osiward Mapika.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, James L, Hugh F, Matthew C, John, Charlie, Mike M., Mark Hunner, and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 3/1 Kathy Kuecker; 3/5 Pastor Brian Staude; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/15 Ellen Feller; 3/17 Teri Wagner.

Anniversaries: 3/28 Dave & Cindy Dillman

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Sherry Paszkiewicz or send an email to info@mysjec.com

2024 Holy Week & Easter schedule



Palm Sunday 3/24 at 10AM

*Begins with outdoor blessing of palms & procession with our MCM friends
(please wait inside if unable to gather outside)*

Maundy Thursday 3/28 at 6:30PM

Recalling the Last Supper, includes our ritual washing (hands or feet)

Good Friday Community Worship 3/29 at 12:30PM

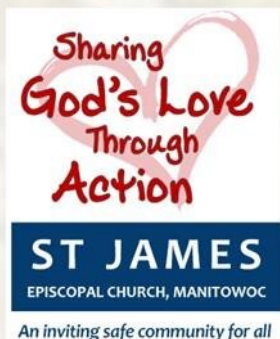
Ecumenical Tenebrae worship, hosted this year at St James

The Great Vigil of Easter Saturday 3/30 at 8PM

*Worship begins with a fire being kindled in the dark church and the recounting
of God's promises to us by candlelight before the lights come on for a festive
celebration of the Resurrection, including remembering our Baptisms*

Easter Sunday 3/31 at 10AM

Festive worship for the Day of Resurrection, followed by a party



**For complete schedule, mailing list, video links, and
other info visit mySJEC.com or scan this QR code**



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corner of 8th & State in downtown Manitowoc

*Our guest parking is located on the west side of our building, other parking nearby. Our building
is accessible, with an elevator, and restroom located near the automatic glass entry doors*

*St James Episcopal Church is a congregation in the Fond du Lac Diocese of The Episcopal Church (TEC), part of the historic
worldwide Anglican Communion. We follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. We've been serving the county since 1841.*

**An inclusive community of faith is here, in the heart of
downtown Manitowoc—all that's missing is you!**