

# **Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...**

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

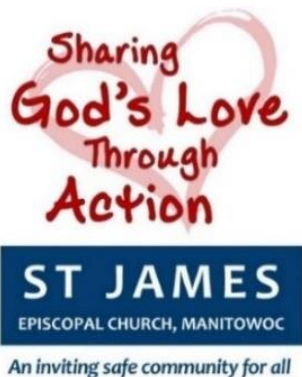
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is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

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## **10AM Worship with Communion – March 5, 2023**

### **The Second Sunday in Lent**



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

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Glenn Davidowich; 2 —Mary Green; 3 — Pat Hanson
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Marian Doszkewycz
<i>Acolyte</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Brian Staude (Pastor Brian)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon Laughrin & Mike Laughrin
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Mary Green & Chris Couris

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

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):  
*Wardens (council leaders):* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green  
*Vestrypersons:* Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl  
*Clerk:* Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor  
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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 Tony Karl.

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

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



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

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

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

*The stationary incense used throughout this season is a visual representation of our prayers rising.*

*During our transition and search process, we're arranging supply (substitute) clergy. Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Brian Staude. Pastor Brian is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Episcopal Church has a "full communion" relationship with the ELCA, allowing us to share clergy.*

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

## ♪ **Now Quit Your Care**

[Hymnal #145; 1-3]

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;  
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.  
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication; God brings new beauty nigh;  
reply, reply, reply with love to Love most high;  
reply, reply, reply with love to Love most high.  
To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,  
or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;  
but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near.  
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear;  
make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.  
For is not this the Fast that I have chosen?  
(The prophet spoke) to shatter every yoke,  
of wickedness the grievous bands to loosen, oppression put to flight,  
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right;  
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *QUITTEZ, PASTEURS*, French Carol.

*Celebrant*     Blessed be the God of our salvation:

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

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

*A few moments of silent reflection.*

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

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

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

*People* **AMEN!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

I will heal, I will heal their land.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Celebrating Our Continuing Legacy**

*Celebrant* Episcopalians first regularly gathered to worship in Manitowoc County 182 years ago, in 1841. St James Episcopal Church is the oldest continually operating congregation in our county, and we formally organized in 1848. In 2023, we celebrate 175 years as a community of faith, and 121 years in this, our present church building. Let us offer up our prayers and thanksgivings for these special milestones.

*People* **O God, ever creative, ever restless, ever brooding over us, we praise you for your great patience with us, for without it we would not be here today. We thank you for the burden of history that you have placed upon us as members of a historic congregation in a historic community. We thank you for the new opportunities you continue to give us to evolve and adapt as we share your love and light.**

*Celebrant* We thank you for being the Lord of all history: for the rich variety of people, and for the emerging oneness of humankind.

*People* **Remind us always that our chief work *in the church* is to equip ourselves to *be the church* while we are *away from the church*. May all parts of the Body of Christ be convicted again and again by your compassion that transcends all human-made boundaries.**

*Celebrant* Everlasting God, in whose presence dwell the redeemed of all the ages, we pray you to make us more gratefully aware of the communion of saints which surrounds us. Just as their spirits continue to challenge and bless us, may we, by your grace, transmit the challenge and the blessing to those who come after us, until at last we are all united with you in perfect communion, fellowship divine. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* After the Sermon we'll be commissioning your Rector Search Team, who will help St James move forward into its next chapter.

*Please remain seated.*

## **First Lesson**

*Reader 1* A reading of Genesis chapter 12, verses 1 through 4a.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*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 27.

*All* The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in God. One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. For in the day of trouble the Lord shall keep me safe; God shall hide me in the secrecy of the temple and set me high upon a rock. Even now the Lord lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in God's dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD. Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me. Show me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and God shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the LORD.

## New Testament

*Reader 2* A reading of Romans chapter 4 verses 1 through 5 and 13 through 17.  
 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

*All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.*

## Gospel

John 3. 1-17

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

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

*Celebrant* There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do

not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.*

**Sermon** *Pastor Brian*

*Please remain seated as Search Team and Vestry move to the front.*

## **Commissioning Our Search Team**

*Celebrant* At this time I invited members of the Search Team and the Vestry to come to the front for the commissioning.

*The Vestry addresses the congregation and Celebrant:*

*Vestry* We present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of the Search Team for our next Rector: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green, and Stephen Phillips.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

*Celebrant* Siblings in Christ, we are all baptized by the one spirit into one Body, and have been given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose now is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministry to which they are called.



*The Celebrant addresses the Vestry:*

*Celebrant* Are these persons whom you have presented prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of God's church?

*Vestry* We believe they are.

*The Celebrant addresses the Search Team:*

*Celebrant* You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Search* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation and Vestry:*

*Celebrant* Will you support the ministry of the Search Team with your prayers, grace, involvement, and the resources they need?

*Search* We will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant addresses all present:*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: enlighten with your grace the Search Team of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsel that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **AMEN!**

*The Celebrant addresses the Search Team:*

*Celebrant* In the name of God and of this congregation we commission you as members of the Search Team of St James Episcopal Church.

*The Celebrant blesses each individual, then they return to their seats.*

*All who are able, please stand.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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

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

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

## **Prayers of the People**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The people offer additional prayers at this time.*

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

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

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

**All**            **AMEN!**

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

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

*The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating.*

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

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

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

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

*The Celebrant blesses each one individually, then offers this general blessing.*

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

**All**            **AMEN!**

## **Passing the Peace**

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

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

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

*Please be seated.*

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

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

## **Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves**

*Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site [mySJEC.com/donate](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.**

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

## ♪ **Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus**

Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.

He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."

Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:

"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."

"Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"

Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.

And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!

They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."

God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,

Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have been.

May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.

Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.

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

*All who are able, please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## Prayer for our Time of Transition

*by Linda C Smith-Criddle*

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

*All* Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

## Blessing 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!**

## ♪ In the Midst of New Dimensions [lyrics and music on next page]

### **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 our chat for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.**

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



# ♫ In the Midst of New Dimensions

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

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

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

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

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

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

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

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



**ST JAMES**

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## St James Weekly for the week starting March 5, 2023

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### For pastoral needs & other church needs

Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (please leave a voicemail if no answer) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

## Recurring Schedule

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

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/biblestudy](https://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](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)

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

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

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

By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/Friday](https://go.mysjec.com/Friday)  
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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
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### When needs arise...

The Wardens (Chris & Mary) and Vestrypersons (Nick, Joan, & Tony) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (info above). We will have a mix of supply clergy, most frequently local Pastor Brian Staude, and occasional lay-led Worship.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

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

### Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

### Shamrocks for Shelter 3/11

A St Patrick's Day celebration benefiting The Haven men's homeless shelter in Manitowoc. County This free, public event will take place from 11AM to 6PM on Saturday, March 11 at Knox's Silver Valley. Event will feature games, music by Charlie Bucket Band (2-6PM), raffles, silent auctions, and food (brats, burgers, corned beef sandwiches, Knox's homemade chips). Wear your favorite St Patrick's Day attire or come as you are. Prizes for best costume!

### Monthly congregational chat 3/12

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 3/12 for our monthly congregational chat. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 3/12 will include: 1) updates about our transition process; 2) 2023 planning and ideas. We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

### **NEW!** Dine & Discuss 3/21—details soon

We gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM for our Dine & Discuss series. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. Thanks to all who participated in our February Dine & Discuss Shrove Tuesday party where we learned about Lent and shared our stories and memories.

**On Tuesday, March 21, we'll gather from 6-8PM once again with our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.) for a meal, sharing and discussion.** Additional details about topics and food will be announced soon.

### Easter flower donations

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 31. 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.

### Meeting results; report & letter available

Our Annual Meeting was held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19. We reviewed and celebrate our progress, updated on our clergy transition, held elections, presented information about our budget goals including a letter **inviting our congregation to share your related feedback and ideas by March 7**. Copies of the Annual Report and budget letter are at church. Mike Laughrin (2 years) & Sherry Paszkiewicz (3 years) were elected Trustees.. Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz were elected Diocesan Convention Delegates, and Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen were elected Alternates.

### Help for the Homeless hygiene drive through 3/12

The annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene supply drive runs through March 12 and we can join in the effort. Place personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant in the box at church through March 13 (a full list of needs is posted on the box). The donations will be distributed to local programs and shelters which benefit the homeless and others.

### Turkey/Syria earthquake relief

As announced in Sunday Worship, Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is accepting donations for the victims of the recent earthquake. On the web you may give at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org). There you will see the option to give to this particular need. If you wish to mail a donation, you may do so at Episcopal Relief & Development, 815 Second Ave, New York NY 10017.

### 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](http://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 February goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.** *(We'll continue to build this fund for our next Rector's arrival.)*

### Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. **His fourth installment is now available at the link below.** Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. [anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com](http://anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com)



### **UPDATED!** Prayers for the Week

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Linda Molitor & Family, Nella, Marty, Liz Foster & Family, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Mark H.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S.

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

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

**We offer thanks for:** Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

**We Pray for the Departed:** Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James L, Hugh F, Blake H, and all who have died.

### **UPDATED!** Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 3/1 Kathy Kuecker; 3/5 Dave Dillman; 3/6 Ruby Gunderson; 3/15 Ellen Feller

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

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email ([info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).*





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March 30, 2023

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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More details will be coming soon!



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## 5th 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 51 children. Please help us meet our goal by sponsoring baskets for **\$30** a piece.
- All proceeds go towards filling baskets with Discovery Toys, books, and other treats.
- Deadline is **Friday, March 17th, 2023.**
- Contact Lauren for further information (contact information listed below).



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