

# Saint James' Episcopal Church

## Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**9:30am**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

# **WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **MILLCREEK HUNDRED**

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today. St. James' Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask.

On Sundays we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". This we do in the Communion service -- the *Holy Eucharist*. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

9:30AM

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude: Rosymedre (“Lovely”)

*R. Vaughan Williams*

**Opening Hymn:** O for a thousand tongues to sing

**Hymn 493**

*Celebrant:* Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

### The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 for 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.

*The Priest stands and says,*

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

**Trisagion** (sung three times)

**Hymnal S-102**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

## The First Reading ~ Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

### Psalm 32

#### *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

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

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** I want to walk as a child of the light

**Hymn 490**

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

### **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ben Rockwell

## Nicene Creed

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.

## The Prayers of the People

Friends and neighbors, our God is faithful. Let us offer our prayers to God, saying, “God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you; our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you, as in a parched and barren land. Refresh your Church, revive your Church with living water.

*We invite your prayers of thanksgiving at this time.*

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

Faithful God, be the comfort and strength of innocent victims and their families. We pray for all those who die suddenly and unprepared.

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

Great Mountain God, open our eyes to your presence in the world around us. Set the fire of your presence before us and lead our feet to holy ground.

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

We pray, O God, for victims of violence and abuse. Deliver them; heal their wounds and scars; restore innocence and the ability to trust. Purify our own hearts that we may honor and respect each other.

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

O God, you are our helper; you hide us under the mighty shadow of your wings. Defend your children from all adversities which many happen to the body or soul.

*We invite your prayers of intercession and petition.*

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, feed us with spiritual food; refresh us with spiritual drink. Preserve us, with all your saints, forever.

“God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***”

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## **Announcements**

**Offertory:** Steal Away

Spiritual arr. Joseph Jennings

**Presentation of the Alms**

**Hymn 380 v.3 w/Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP pg 361**

*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 him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

AMEN.

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

**Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S 164**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Music during Communion:** The King of love my shepherd is

**Hymn 645**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP pg 365**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Celebrant continues,*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may  
be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Concluding Hymn:** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

**Hymn 690**

**Choral Benediction:** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

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**Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

***Please be aware that we are recording this service in its entirety. Any talking can be picked up by the microphones. So, please save your conversations for outside the church or after the completion of the music after the Dismissal. Thank you.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Christian Council.
- For those in our parish, we pray for St James Staff: Keith St. John, Director of Music, Borden Adams, Sexton, Liz Lichtenstein, Office Manager.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: James, Carly, Britta, Georgine, Christine, Alex, Brad, and Randy.

And we pray for those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Sherry & David Cernos.

## **Upcoming opportunities for exploring the Bible, fellowship, and worship!**

Please visit our webpage for updates about upcoming activities, including the following:

- Following this morning's service – The Good Book Club will meet in the lounge. Come for the fellowship and discussion. (Doing the readings is not required!)
- Lectionary Bible Study: Mondays at 10:30 in the lounge.
- Wednesday Holy Eucharist in the Church at 10 AM
- Lenten Worship and Lunch – Wednesdays at Noon at Limestone Presbyterian during the season of Lent.

## **St. James' Flea Market**

Saturday May 7th from 8AM until 1PM, May 14th is the rain date. We are currently looking for volunteers that wish to help during this event. If you are interested in volunteering speak with Chuck Haywood 302-368-7987 or email the office to sign up at [office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net) .

We are also accepting donations for the Flea Market. We only ask that things be in good and working condition, and appropriate to be sold at a church function.

Thank you so much!

## **UPDATED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Our firm desire is to worship our Lord in beauty, holiness, AND safety. Please be assured that the St. James' leadership team has worked hard to have meaningful worship while at the same time making our environment as safe as possible for everyone.

- Church entry time will be 9:15 a.m.
- Please sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Face masks are required.

## **ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

St. James' Pastoral Care Team continues to support our parish family and our community.

Please call the office (302-994-1584) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Messages are retrieved daily, seven days a week.

If you or someone you know is in need, we:

- Send cards, make phone calls, and pray with you and/or for you.
- For now, in an abundance of caution, our home, hospital, and Eucharistic visits are on hold.

*Please let us know if you need us or someone you know needs us. We will not know if you do not tell us.*

## **ST. JAMES' PRAYER TEAM**

One Sunday of every month, the members of the prayer team hold a “virtual” ZOOM prayer service (focusing on the prayer requests shared by parishioners through calls or emails to the church office 994-1584 or to individual members of the prayer team.) We lift up these prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world.

Also, weekly we share the prayers and petitions that have been given to us and they are lifted in the daily prayers of the team members. All are welcome to provide their prayer requests and participate in these services.

**For those who have an immediate prayer need or would like to receive the ZOOM codes and join the prayer team service, we invite you to email your prayer needs/requests to Cindy Fauerbach [cindyfauerbach@verizon.net](mailto:cindyfauerbach@verizon.net) or call Cindy at 302-584-8053**

**NOTE: Our next ZOOM prayer team will be Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5PM via ZOOM and include evening prayer.**

## SERVING US THIS MORNING

### **9:30 am Service**

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Ben Rockwell
Lector / Eucharistic Minister:	Margaret Russ
Director of Music	Keith St. John
Videographer	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	Dave & Susan Winward
Vestry Greeters:	Margaret Russ
Counters:	Dave & Susan Winward