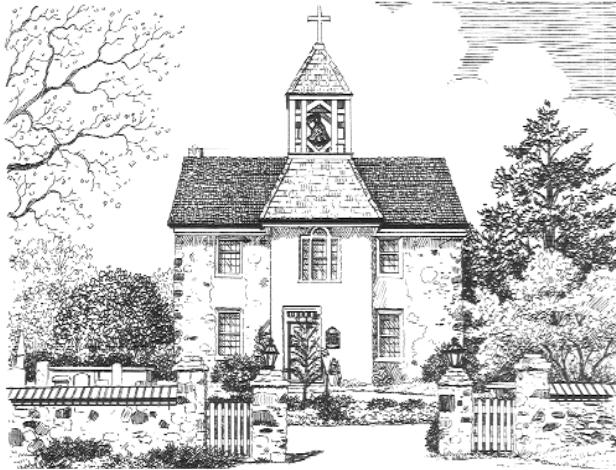


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3rd, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude: Agnus Dei from Requiem

Gabriel Faure

Opening Hymn: Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Hymn 495

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.

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. *Amen.*

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 126

In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.

- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading ~ Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn: When Jesus wept, the falling tear (sung three times) **Hymn 715**

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.

John 12:1-8

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

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

Dear friends, the Lord has done great things for us. With glad and thankful hearts, let us pray, “Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***”

Do a new thing in your Church, O Lord. From our dry places spring forth new life. Refresh all Christians in our vocations and our lives.

We invite your prayers of thanksgiving

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Restore the dreams of those who have lost hope. Among the swift and varied changes of the world, be a strong foundation on which all can rely.

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give water in dry places. Remove the suffering of those who live with drought. Bring water, quench thirst, and give growth in desperate lands.

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray, O God, for the poor. Be merciful to victims of theft. Restore the fortunes of those devastated by dishonest men and women. Never forget the lives of your poor.

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let those who sow with tears, reap with songs of joy. Fill down-turned mouths with shouts of joyful deliverance. Restore your people, O Lord.

We invite your prayers of intercession and petition at this time.

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

O God, we long to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Even as we share in his suffering, even as we die, may we, and all who die, attain the resurrection of the dead.

Fix our hearts where joy is found; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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: If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments
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Thomas Tallis

Presentation of the Alms

Hymn 380 v.3 w/Amen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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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: I am the bread of life

Hymn 335

Post Communion Prayer

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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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Hymn: Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

Hymn 662

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.***

Postlude: Behold the Lamb of God from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton; The Rev. Thomas White, Rector.

- For those in our parish, we pray for Worship Ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, St. James Choir, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, Prayer Team, Pastoral Care Team, Ushers & Worship Ministry Team.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Jeannie, Sr. BJ, Gail, Tammy, Joel, Holly, Tom, Melissa, Christine, Carole, Helen, Carolyn A., Les, Julianna, Debbie M., Dan, Sue, Pablo and family, Daniel, Mary, Faye, Robert, Carolyn, Robin, Ed, Debbie, Wilma, John, Tara, Olivia, Kevin, Ellie, May, Diane, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries. *(added 4/3/22)*

(Please note, the names of those requesting our prayers will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like your name(s) to remain on the prayer list longer, please call the office at 302-994-1584.)

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Andrew, Ariana, Bill, and Tanner.

Holy Week at St. James' Episcopal Church

Palm Sunday - April 10 - 9:30 AM

We begin in the Carriage Circle with the Liturgy of the Palms where we celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After processing into the church we will hear together a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel.

Maundy Thursday - April 14 - 7:00 PM

On this night we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Following the service we will strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday - April 15 - 12:00 PM

We gather with our fellow churches from across the Mill Creek Ministerium to sing hymns, say prayers, and hear meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross.

Easter Sunday - April 17 - 9:30 AM

A festival service of hymns and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist breaks our Lenten fast as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and His victory over the powers of this world.

Easter Memorials

Making a donation for Easter flowers not only beautifies the church as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this is a fitting way to remember loved ones who have passed on and/or to celebrate the people and events in our lives.

Below you will find a form for your use in making a memorial contribution. Envelopes will also be inserted in the Sunday service bulletins through Palm Sunday. Contributions may be mailed or placed in the offering plate. Please note that they must be received by Palm Sunday in order to be listed in the Easter bulletins.

Thank you!

Easter Flower Memorials

Please PRINT the information below, then place this form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate by Palm Sunday.

This form may also be mailed to St. James Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, to be received no later than April 10th.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Thanksgiving for:

Given by: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

The Garden Committee Announcement

The Garden Committee is beginning with clean up. If you are interested in volunteering that would be great. All are welcome! This is the schedule from now until May. If you have any questions please email or call Lynn Morgan at 302 593 4431 or gnurse33@verizon.net

3/30 1pm – 4pm Clean up

4/6 1pm – 4pm Clean up

4/18 9am – 10am Garden Committee Meeting

10am – 12pm Weeding and Clean up

4/30 9am – 10am Plant Blue Salvia

5/2 9am – 11am Weeding

5/16 9am – 11am Weeding

5/29 Weeding

6/13 Weeding and then every two weeks after that Monday

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 .

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 Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call 302-565-8675.

NOTE: Our next ZOOM prayer team will be Sunday, April 3rd 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:	Robert Buraczynski
Director of Music	Keith St. John
Videographer	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	Dave Perry
Vestry Greeters:	Margaret Russ
Counters:	Susan Winward
	Margaret Russ