

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer

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Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. A "designated responder" will lead many of the responses of the people. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. After your prayer is completed, mute yourself again.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Lift up your heads

Hymnal 436 (v. 1,3,4)

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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Opening Sentence

Officiant Jesus said: “If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.” –*Mark 8:34*

Confession of Sin

EOW 19

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone 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.*

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”

The Invitatory and Psalter

EOW 20

Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people’s responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant Our God is full of compassion and mercy:

People O come, let us worship.

Said in unison with the Officiant leading

Psalm 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Officiant Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
People O come, let us worship.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 19

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 1 The heavens declare your glory, O God, *
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often one offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses

his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

A Song of Judith

EOW 35

Judith 16:13-16

Said responsively by whole verse alternating between Officiant and Designated Responder who leads the people

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Beneath the cross of Jesus

Hymnal 498

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love and — my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my — sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my — glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869), alt.
 Music: *St. Christopher*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

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Gospel: John 2:13-22

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Time

Jennifer Ogelby and Heather Winship

Sermon

The Rev. Kim Hardy

The Apostles' Creed

EOW 41

Officiant and People together with Officiant leading

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People And listen to our prayer.
Officiant Let us pray.

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

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship 42

The prayers are said responsively with the responses led by the Designated Responder

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant and People say the Collect of the Day together

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant continues with the Collects. People may join in at home. The Designated Responder leads the "Amens"

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the Sovereign eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.

We remember St. Paul's Church in Canaan and the Rev. Bob Lee in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We give thanks for Rebecca Ophardt, Madison Borch and Polly Larkin who celebrate birthdays this week.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially Karen Geiger, Nicole, Julie and family, and Richard, Kyra and Reece whose family is positive with COVID-19.

Receive into your eternal light all who have died and those who mourn them. We pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Ordway, beloved, longtime member of St. James and for comfort and consolation for her family. Today we also remember and pray for the over 2,555,000 people worldwide who have died from the coronavirus, also remembering the over 518,000 deaths in the United States alone, for their families and loved ones. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for the vaccines to be safely and quickly administered.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

(During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to voice your thanksgiving or intercession and mute yourself again at the end of your petition.)

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Dedication

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)
 Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Community Announcements

Solemn Prayer

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Priest says

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

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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The Third Sunday in Lent—Year B

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. The ultimate saving action of God, in the dying and rising of Jesus, was preceded by a series of salvation events in the history of Israel. Today, in that series of events, we reach the most important of the Old Testament actions of God, the time of the Exodus when Israel is definitively established as the chosen people and God makes the Covenant with the people at Mount Sinai. God's salvation of Israel requires a response by the people which is

described in the Decalogue (Ten Commandments). Note that the grounds for these commandments is stated at the beginning, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

In the second reading, Paul speaks of the true wisdom which brings salvation. Rather than human wisdom, God places before us what seems to be foolish, the crucifixion of Jesus. In the dying and rising of Jesus, God showed that the divine power is greater than any human power or wisdom.

The Gospel reading is John’s account of Jesus cleansing the Temple. That event may be taken as an image of Christ cleansing us from sin in Baptism. We are the continuation of the ancient people of God who were saved in the Exodus and given the Commandments. In the dying and rising of Jesus, salvation has been extended to all people. Through Baptism, we have become part of Jesus’ Body and have died and are being raised with him. We use this time of Lent to recall all that God is doing for us in Jesus, and to prepare for the renewal of our redemption at Easter.

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Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Kim Hardy

Lectors: Frances Huessy, Barbara Cook

Deacon: The Rev. Dn. Dave Ganter

Psalm Leader & Intercessor: Brian Garland

Children’s Chapel Story: Jenny Ogelby and Heather Winship

Designated Responder on Behalf of the People: Patty Hanson

Musicians: Carol Reichard, St. James Choir

Usher: Neal Robinson

Zoom Facilitator (Co-host): Peggy Bonesteel

IN OUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Church in Canaan and the Rev. Bob Lee. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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Birthdays:

Rebecca Ophardt, March 9

Madison Borch, March 11

Polly Larkin, March 13

Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

[Compline Zoom Link](#)

Please join us for Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer each Monday through Saturday morning during Lent at 8:30 a.m. This is an inter-parish, inter-denominational offering and all are welcome.

[Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer](#)

The Green Mountain Online Abbey also offers Morning Prayer and Compline daily online at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please see this webpage for more information:

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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, March 7

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:15 Justice & Anti-Racism

Monday, March 8

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, March 9

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:30 Pastoral Care

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Lenten Study/Social Justice
Bible Challenge, Bishop
Shannon

Thursday, March 11

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Compline
7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, March 12

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Saturday, March 13

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer

Sunday, March 14

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Monday, March 15

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Lenten Study/Social Justice
Bible Challenge, Bishop Shannon

Thursday, March 18

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline
7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, March 19

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Saturday, March 20

8:30 Celtic Lenten Morning Prayer