



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025, 10:00 AM**

God is generous. Pass on your generosity during Lent.

Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

WORD OF GOD

Prelude Near the cross/O Sacred Head now wounded arr. Courtney

Mike Mulder

Opening Hymn Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal # 343

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Lord, have **mercy**

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, have mercy, have mercy.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Salutation and 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.**

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of 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 [circle of stones] 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

BCP 624

- 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.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the 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.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

There's a wideness in God's **mercy**

Hymnal # 470

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

[15:1-3, 11b-32]

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.'"

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Judy Ferguson

Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Hymnal # 692

Profession of Faith (South Indian), *said together, standing*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

Prayers of the People

Form II

BCP 385

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew, Allen and Mary our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for Donald our President; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: Pray for those who have died.

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially John Donne, *Priest and Poet* (1631); Frederick Denison Maurice, *Priest* (1872); James Lloyd Breck, *Priest* (1876); Richard of Chichester, *Bishop* (1253); Mary of Egypt, *Monastic* (c. 421); Martin Luther King, Jr., *Pastor and Martyr* (1968); and Harriet Starr Cannon, *Monastic* (1896).

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Jean H., Renee, Jackie A., Matilda, Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Walter and family, Wendy G., Caroline and family, Dylan and family, Eileen, Dorothy, Julia, Jeffrey, Neil and Cita, Marian H., Abu, Olivia and family, Michelle B., Celia, Karen L., Cindy B., Sue, Maureen, Marion, Lynn, Abdul and Mohammed, Maggie, Sue and Joe, those who have lost their jobs;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for **the resolution of conflicts around the world, all who suffer injustice and violence, effects of climate change, those suffering from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. Guide us to live with integrity and courage. For the leaders of all nations, let them know that with power and honor come responsibility and accountability. May those who govern do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: 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.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon-in-training: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. [*Psalm 96:8*]

Offertory His Love is Everlasting by Haywood and Roberts

St. James Choir

Doxology

Hymnal # 380 Verse 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

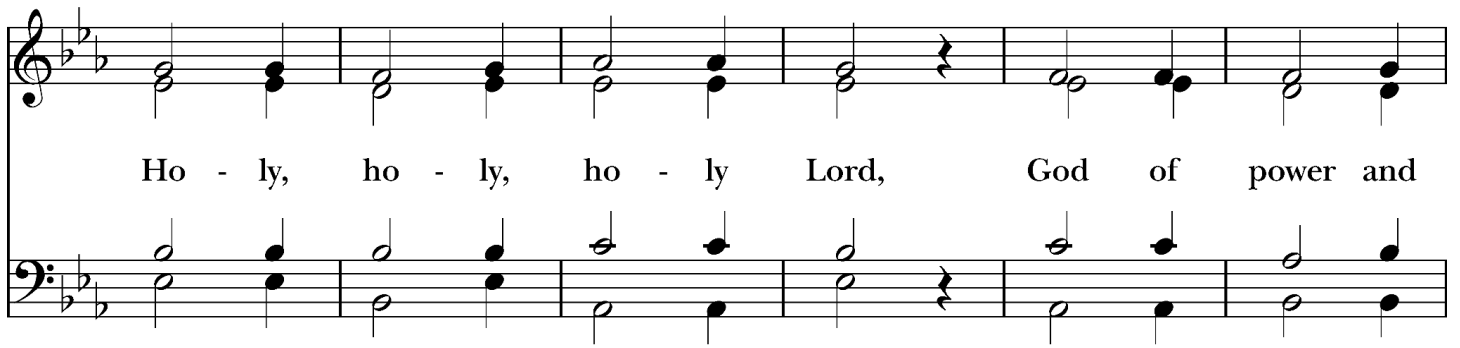
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

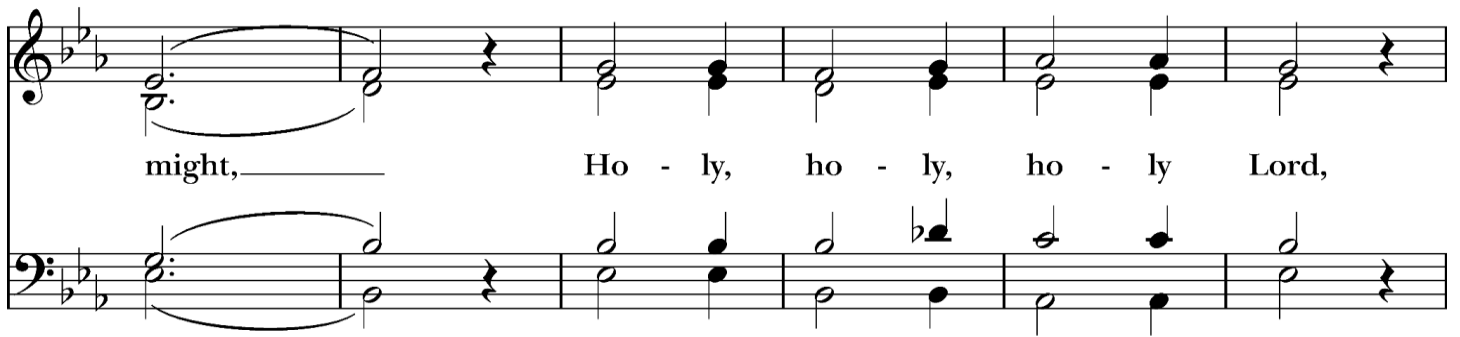
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in **works of mercy**, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

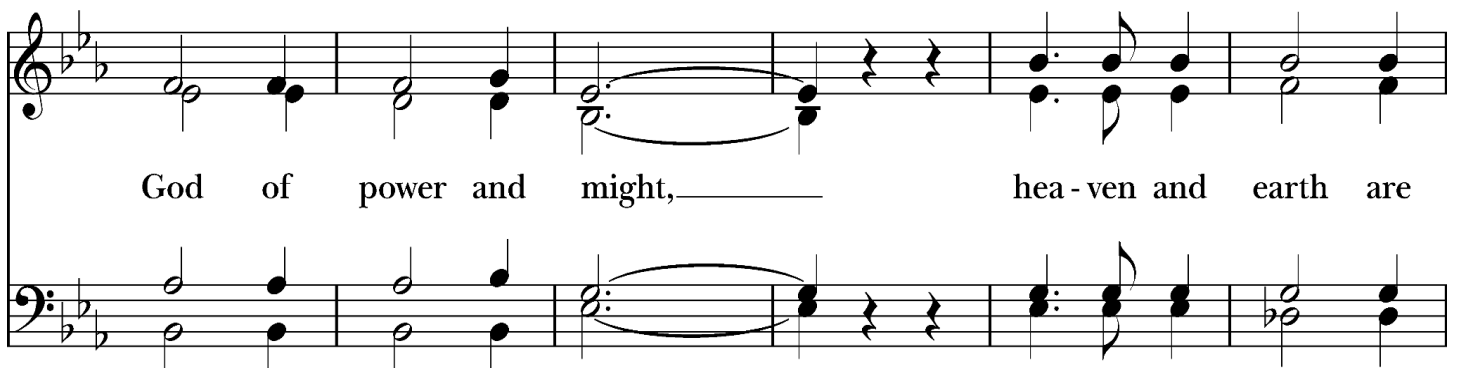
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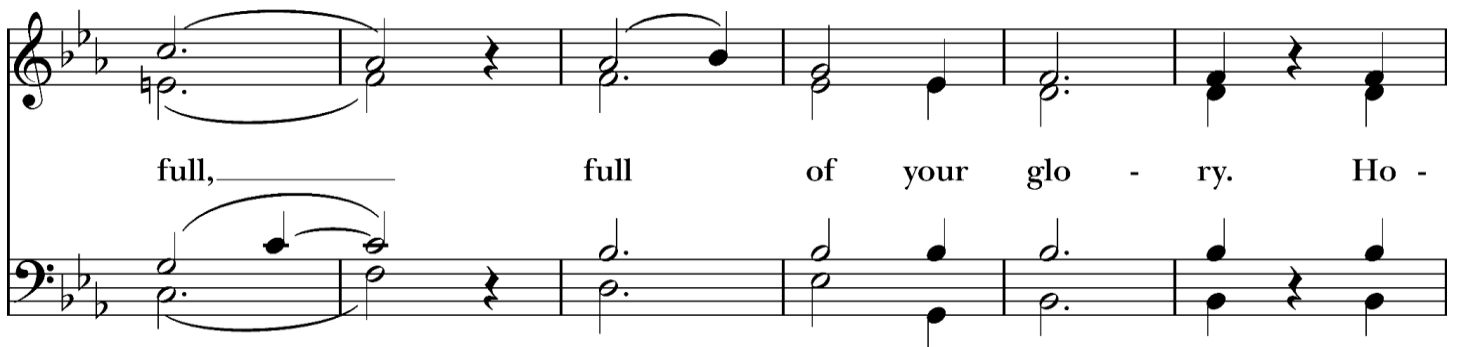
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



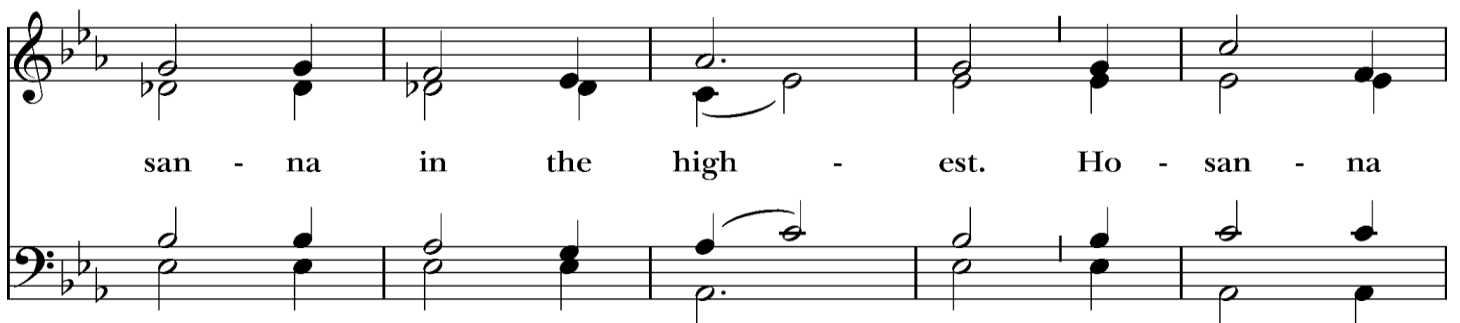
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes held over from one measure to the next.

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Celebrant: 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his 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 for ever. **AMEN!**

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

**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 of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The lyrics are 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words 'peace'.

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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.

Communion Music Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling LEVAS II # 101

St. James Choir
BCP 366

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lenten Solemn Prayer

Look down in **mercy**, Lord, on your people who stand before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymnal # 620

Dismissal

Deacon-in-training: Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude by J.S. Bach

Mike Mulder



But Joseph said to [his brothers],
 “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
 Even though you intended to do harm to me,

God intended it for good,
in order to preserve a numerous people,
as he is doing today.
So have no fear."

[Genesis 50:19-21a]

Lenten Book to Read

If you would like to follow along during Lent and with the sermons, please read 3 pages a day of **Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love**, by Mariann Edgar Budde. Remember that Lent starts Wednesday, March 5, and goes to Saturday, April 19...40 days, not including Sundays.

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Charlie, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Gar, Lee, Zhane, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Adrienne A., Ritchie family, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Dick and Mabel S., Mary H., Betsy, Robert, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W.



Black Coffee and Prayer meets every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Village Hall.

- April 6:** 5 Lent: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- April 13:** **Palm Sunday:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- April 17:** **Maundy Thursday** service, 7 pm, at Holy Communion, Mahopac
- April 18:** **Good Friday** service at 7 pm
- April 20:** **Easter:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am