



Fifth Sunday in Lent **April 6, 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

Moderato by Leon Boellmann

Mike Mulder

Opening Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymnal # 313

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

The musical score for the Kyrie is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1:

Treble staff: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Bass staff: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

System 2:

Treble staff: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Bass staff: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

System 3:

Treble staff: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Bass staff: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



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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. 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.**

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of 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.**

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 126 *In convertendo*

BCP 782

- 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.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the 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**.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal # 398

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [12:1-8]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mrs. Pam Pooley

Hymn

There is a balm in Gilead

LEVAS II # 203

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 Tikhon, *Bishop and Ecumenist* (1925); William Augustus Muhlenberg, *Priest* (1877); Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Pastor and Theologian* (1945) ; William Law, *Priest* (1761); and George Augustus Selwyn, *Bishop* (1878).

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, Sue and Joe, Leticia, Rob K., John O., Bill S., Robert, Mary Ellen, Liz, Linda, 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: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *[Ephesians 5:2]*

Offertory Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer by Edward Elgar

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*

Hymnal S 130

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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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.



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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 King of glory, King of peace Hymnal #382

St. James Choir

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

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 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.**

Closing Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory

Hymnal # 441

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

I will arise and go to Jesus arr. Penelope Rodriguez

Mike Mulder



If the Lord had not come to my help,
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
As often as I said, "My foot has slipped,"
your love, O Lord, upheld me.
When many cares fill my mind,
your consolations cheer my soul...
the Lord has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my trust.

Psalm 94:17-19, 22

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.

Teaching English to Ukrainian students

How about teaching English to Ukrainian students? Keith Wolff, one of the people who was on our March for Ukraine says, "It has been an immensely rewarding experience for me." The organization is Engin (no 'e' at the end) and has over 50,000 volunteer teachers. They provide all training and support materials that help teachers become successful. No teaching experience is necessary and volunteers can select students with beginner, intermediate or advanced knowledge of English. Their website is:

<https://www.enginprogram.org/volunteer> .

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, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D.



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

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 in Village Hall

April 20: Easter: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

April 27: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

May 4: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

May 11: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am; Mother's Day

May 18: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

May 25: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am; Memorial Day Weekend

Save the date: May 2nd at 7 pm in the Village Hall

"Experience a powerful and moving journey through Earth's story in *Monstrous Gaia*. This unique performance blends poetry, vocal artistry, and instrumental meditations to explore the profound and complicated relationship between our planet and humankind. The program features works by Hildegard, Beethoven, Haydn, Heggie, Crumb, and a world premiere by Harvard student composer Anika Christensen.



Artists

Christina Kay, soprano & Kim Leeds, mezzo-soprano

Andrew Koutroubas, cello

Erika Switzer, piano

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