



**Second Sunday in Lent:
March 1, 2026, 10:00 AM
Join the Path Forward**

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

Choral by Flor Peeters

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymnal # 313

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who **forgives** all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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

Hymnal S-88

Cantor or Choir

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir *All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -

e e - le - i - son.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [12:1-4a]

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

BCP 779

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [4:1-5, 13-17]

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he

is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal # 401

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [3:1-17]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Judy Ferguson

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 I

BCP 383

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the towns of North Salem and Brewster, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Janet, Annie, Mackenzie, Bill, Jennifer C., Marissa, Randy S., Matthew, Nancy Guthrie and family, Ed Lorch and family, Fawn, Logan, Michael W., John C., Ron P., Nancy S., those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben and Ali;** 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 those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, 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: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: In the communion of blessed St. James; David of Wales, *Bishop* (c. 544); Chad of Lichfield, *Bishop* (672); John and Charles Wesley, *Priests* (1791, 1788); Perpetua and Felicity, *Martyrs* (202); and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

Reader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People: where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Reader: where there is injury, **pardon;**

People: where there is discord, union;

Reader: where there is doubt, faith;

People: where there is despair, hope;

Reader: where there is darkness, light;

People: where there is sadness, joy.

Reader: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

People: to be understood as to understand;

Reader: to be **loved** as to **love.**

People: For it is in giving that we receive;

Reader: it is in **pardoning** that we are **pardoned;**

People: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant: 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: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. [Matthew 5:23, 24]

Offertory

Sacred Ground by Benjamin Harlan

The St. James Choir

Litany of Healing

Celebrant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: You are the Lord who does wonders:

People: You have declared your power among the peoples.

Celebrant: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People: And in your light we see light.

Celebrant: Hear us, O Lord of Life:

People: Heal us, and make us whole.

Healing Blessing

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom

all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and **love**. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our

disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you **loved** the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having **loved** his own who were in the world, he **loved** them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

As 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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal # 635

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lenten Blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength.
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you
safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lenten Solemn Prayer

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of
your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Baptized in water

LEVAS # 121

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to **love** and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude by J.S. Bach

Michael Mulder



Our Book for Lent: We'll be reading through the following book during Lent, **The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey** by Brian Zahnd.

Diocesan Book for Lent is: **For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional** by Hanna Reichel. Bishop Heyd will be having Zoom discussions. More about this later.

Lent: The fast of 40 days before Easter. In the first three centuries the period of fasting in preparation for Easter did not, as a rule, exceed two or three days, as is evident from a statement of Irenaeus recorded by Eusebius. The first mention of a period of 40 days, occurs in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325; can. 5). The custom may have originated in the prescribed fast of candidates for baptism, and the number 40 was evidently suggested by the 40 days' fasts of Moses, Elijah, and especially the Lord Himself, though till a much later date the period was reckoned differently in the different Churches...Lent is generally observed as a time of penance by abstaining from festivities, by almsgiving, and by devoting more than the usual time to religious exercises. Of recent years in the Western Church more emphasis has been placed on these aspects than on physical fasting.

[The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church]

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Carmine S., Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Bro, Kathleen



Upcoming Services & Events

- March 8: **Third Sunday in Lent; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- March 13: **Community Supper in the Village Hall at 6 pm**
- March 15: **Fourth Sunday in Lent; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- March 22: **Fifth Sunday in Lent; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- March 29: **Palm Sunday; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 2: **Maundy Thursday; Holy Eucharist service at 7:00 PM**
- April 3: **Good Friday service at 7:00 PM**
- April 4: **Easter Day!!! Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 26: **Art for Action art show and benefit in the Village Hall at 5:30 pm**



**ST. JAMES & COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF CROTON FALLS**

Friday, March 13, 2026 6 pm

Let's get together and enjoy delicious food and lively conversations. The topic this month is

What does community mean to you?

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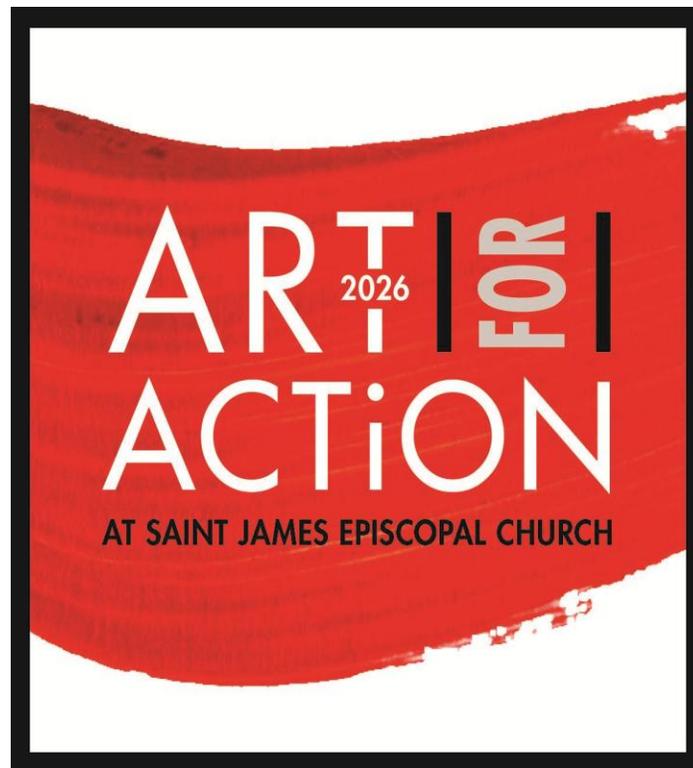
Community Church of Croton Falls
St. James Episcopal Church North Salem

Donation: \$5 per person

Location: St. James Village Hall
296 Titicus Rd., North Salem

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ALL ARE WELCOME



Save the date: Saturday, April 26 at 5:30 pm.