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*St. James' Episcopal Church welcomes you to our service of worship.  
If you are searching for a spiritual home, we invite you to become  
part of our community of faith and love.*

*The mission of St. James' Church derives from the nature of the church.  
It exists for the good of all people, to spread the word of God's Salvation  
and to bring people to know Jesus Christ.*



**I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.**

**Vigil Service for the Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist  
2 April 2022 5 PM**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please remain seated in silence before the service begins.*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.* **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.**

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** *(Said Three Times)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 Lesson

**Isaiah 43:15-21**

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

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.  
*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
**"The Lord has done great things for them."**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **The Gospel**

**John 12:1-8**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John..  
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." *The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Homily

The Nicene Creed (*Please Stand*)

**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 worshiped 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Presider :* God gave our ancestors a land flowing with milk and honey. Let us pray for all peoples on this bountiful earth, and especially for those preparing for baptism..

*Intercessor(s)*

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, God of the Israelites, who gives your people food and drink. Receive the prayers we offer this day and invite us to the feast of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**The Lord be with you.** And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.** We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give him thanks** and praise

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our

care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God bearer, blessed James and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

*All baptized Christians are invited to come to the altar for Communion.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Please stand)*

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 Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **Dismissal**

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

### **Announcements**

Welcome to our service. We are happy you could join us, either in person or via technological means. May you find this worship to be bread on your spiritual journey. To join us as we worship via Zoom. Call in to 646 558.8656 Meeting ID: 317 854 854 Password: 187300. We will be praying Morning Prayer on Monday at 6:30 AM and Evening Prayer on Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom using the same information.

We will once again be participating in the Good Book Club. This year we will be reading Exodus. The readings will be posted in the Good News from St. James e-newsletter and our social media accounts. We meet at 12 Noon on Sundays via Zoom to fellowship, lunch, and reflect on the previous week's readings.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lenten Food Drive. This week's item is canned meats and tuna. Next week we will be collecting nonperishable milk and juice.

## Dates to Remember

10 April	Palm Sunday Service at 9:30 AM
14 April	Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM
15 April	Good Friday Service at 12 Noon and 7 PM
16 April	Essential Items Drive 9A-12Noon
17 April	EASTER - Service at 9:30 AM

### For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

