



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

10:30 am

Welcome to St. James's!

We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
persons with or without disabilities, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

10:30 am The Second Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Jonte Folkes, Sage Binzen, Xenia Binzen, Sofia Ironside
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<i>Preacher and Presider</i>	The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher
<i>Readers</i>	Thomas DeFreitas, Dana Evelyn
<i>Usher</i>	Mark Agard
<i>Videographer</i>	Alice Killian, Colin Mazzotta
<i>Welcomer</i>	JT Kittredge

A Penitential Order

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the
 Lord hath made, we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the
 Lord hath made, we will re-joyce and be glad in it;
 This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Words: Psalm 118:24

Music: Les Garrett

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Opening Words

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures forever.

Confession of Sin

Bishop Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time and the community kneels as they are able.

All then say

Merciful God, we confess to you our pain:

The pain we have inflicted on others and ourselves,

The pain that keeps us paralyzed by day and awake at night,

The pain of strangers across the world whose lives we cannot touch,

the pain of systems that seem unyielding and untouchable,

and the pain of the earth you have given unto our care.

We invite you into our pain

We invite you to heal us and forgive us,

To undo what is crushing and wrong,

To bring peace and even joy.

Hear now our confession offered to you in hope. Amen.

The Bishop then says

Fear not, friends: God, who is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love,

meets us in our sin and transforms us for God's glory and the healing of God's

world. In the name of God: Creator, Christ, Holy Spirit,


your sins are forgiven, be now at peace. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: Declare his glory among the nations


VF 150




De-clare his glo-ry a-mong all na-tions; and his won-ders a-mong all peo-ple.




1. Sing to the Lord a new song;
2. Worship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness;
3. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be - glad;
4. Then shall all the trees of the wood



sing to the Lord all the earth.
let the whole earth trem - ble be - fore him.
let the sea roar and all that is in it.
shout for joy when he comes.



Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
Tell it out among the nations: the Lord is King;
Let the fields be joy - ful,
He shall judge the world with right - eous - ness,



proclaim the good news of his sal - vation day - by - day.
he will judge the people with e - qui - ty.
and all that is there - in.
and the peo - ples with his truth.

Native American chant style is slow rather than fast. The first line is intoned by a cantor and then repeated by all. The verses may be sung by a cantor or by all. A hand drum may accompany this chant. It should be played on the beat throughout in a steady manner with no accents.

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The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Bishop May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop 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. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Thomas DeFreitas

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, you that fear Him, Stand in awe of Him, o [chil-dren] of Is-ra-el.

All you of Ja-cob's line give glo-ry. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, Glo-ry!

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in
the presence of those who worship him. *Refrain*

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. *Refrain*

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him. *Refrain*

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done. *Refrain*

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Gospel Acclamation: Open My Eyes

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "O - pen my eyes that I may see," "O - pen my ears that I may hear," "O - pen my mind that I may know," and "O - pen my heart that I may live." The music is simple and melodic, with a steady rhythm.

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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

Dana Evelyn

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Alan and Carol, our Bishops;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Bishop then says

Empowering God, those things that your servants have now prayed for, give us all grace and power to work for, and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you;
May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Bishop says

I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Offertory Anthem: My Song in the Night

The Adult Choir

Southern Folk Hymn

arr. Paul Christiansen

Presentation Hymn: Holy Spirit, Come

WLP 813

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit,
come, _____ make our hearts your home. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'come, _____ make our hearts your home. _____'. The music features a simple, folk-like melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests indicated by dashed lines.

Words and Music: Traditional Ojibway lullaby from *Chippewa Music* by Frances Densmore (1867-1957)
Each alternative text is sung independently and repeated numerous times.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Bishop says

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

S 130

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

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.

The Bishop continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Saint James and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;
shower upon us your heav'nly grace
that we may be your people*

Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,
may your name always be hallowed by us.
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.
Save us also from all that is evil.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

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Forever and ever. Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread (Silence is kept)



2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a



wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.



Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were



lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.

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The Invitation

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Anthem: Just a Little Talk with Jesus
The Greenleaf Choir and Parents

Cleavant Derricks

Communion Hymn: Give me Jesus

L 91

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I
2. Dark ___ mid - night was my cry, Dark ___ mid - night was my
3. O ___ when I come to die, O ___ when I come to

1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - - sus.
2. cry, Dark ___ mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - - sus.
3. die, O ___ when I come to die, Give me Je - - sus.

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus, You may
have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Evelyn D. White. Used by Permission.

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

People Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. May the taste of this meal so linger that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Give us courage to hear and live what may seem hard so that we can find deeper relationship in you and serve your vision of a redeemed world. Amen.

Blessing

The Bishop may offer a blessing at this time.

Closing Hymn: The road ahead of me

Unison



1. The road a - head of me is steep and bend - ing: O God! I
2. I do not know my heart, O bless - ed Spir - it, nor have I
3. What can I do if I neg - lect your grac - es? Speak to my
4. My force is flag - ging and my sight is blear - y; I walk with



can - not tell how long or far. I can - not see this twist - ed jour - ney's
tamed the yearn - ings of my will. To - mor - row comes: shall I em - brace or
soul, il - lum - ine and in - spire! Be with me in my dark and des - ert
trou - bled steps, and friends are few: and though my bod - y and my heart grow



end - ing, but trust that you are with me, Guid - ing Star.
fear it? Your voice is beck - on - ing: *Let go, be still.*
plac - es, my Des - ti - na - tion and my one De - sire.
wear - y, I see your Light and I will fol - low you.

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Dismissal

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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