



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, MARCH 11; 8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

THE THIRD WEEKEND IN LENT

*Kneeling is preferred in this penitential season; however,
all directions about kneeling and standing are for those who are able.*

Masks are welcome, but not required.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE *Shared on Sunday.*

Prelude in E minor

J.S. BACH

The people stand as the ministers enter.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

THE OPENING HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

WELCOME AND OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

Red Rose on the Altar

The red rose on the altar today is in thanksgiving for generosity shown by one of our members. Pam McCausland, who was a beloved member of this congregation, member of the Daughters of the King, and clerk of the vestry, died in December 2022 and left a legacy gift to the Sr. James Endowment Fund. We give thanks to God for the gift of her life and for her investment in the future of St. James Church.

Those who have not made a designation in their estate plans to give a gift to this parish at the time of their death are invited to do so. Enrolling in the St. James Church Legacy Society is simple. Talk to a member of the Endowment Funds Board or submit a completed enrollment form to the church office. There is no need to provide a copy of your will or to designate the size of your gift in order to join the Legacy Society.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Presider may read one of the following sentences:

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*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Please kneel or stand as you are able. A moment of silence is observed.

All **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 our Savior 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.**

The Presider stands and says:

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling (or standing) through the Collect of the Day.

THE WORD OF GOD

KYRIE *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

HYMN S96 *Lord, have mercy*

SHUBERT

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people?"

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Take Part in the Season's Special Services

Each year there is a reading of the Passion Gospel at all services on Palm Sunday. If you would like to play a role in the dramatic reading at 10:45 a.m., please sign up at the front desk.

If you would like to take part in the overnight vigil (keeping company with Jesus through the night before his crucifixion), please sign up for one hour shifts on the sign-up sheet outside the chapel. Many may sign up to keep vigil at any hour. We need at least one person signed up in every hour.

About Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 days, Lent is a season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter. Most Christians agree that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and that it lasts for 40 days. However, there are disagreements on: how the 40 days are counted, whether Sundays are counted, and whether Lent includes Holy Week, the week immediately before Easter Sunday.

Our current format for Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday and goes until Easter Sunday, lasts for a total of 40 days (not counting Sundays) and includes Holy Week. This tradition began in Rome in the 7th century. Although Lent is a season of fasting, every Sunday in the Christian year is a feast day because it is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, there is no fast on Sundays.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 95

The psalm may be spoken in unison, or alternately by whole or half verse.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-11

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of

God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Sung at the 10:45 service.*

HYMN 679 *Surely it is God who saves me* THOMAS MERTON

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and

who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of

More About Holy Week

The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. In it we remember the last week of Jesus's earthly life, beginning with Palm Sunday's commemoration of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At St. James we have Rite One services of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. on the first three days of Holy Week. The first three days are followed by the Holy Triduum.

The Paschal (Easter) Triduum (three days) begins on Thursday evening of Holy Week. It includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the first service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. The word "Maundy" in the name for Thursday in Holy Week most likely derives from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning mandate, in reference to Jesus' words: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." On Good Friday, we walk the Stations of the Cross at 11:00 and at noon begin our commemoration of the events leading up to and including the Crucifixion. The service includes extended prayers, a reading of the passion narrative, hymns and anthems. There is no Communion from the time the Maundy Thursday service closes until the Eucharist is celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then

his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the

Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman,

“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Reader The Gospel of our Savior
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON SHANNON JOHNSTON, WORSHIP LEADER

At the conclusion of the sermon, a moment of silent reflection is observed.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All **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.**

Please kneel or remain standing.

More About Holy Week

On Holy Saturday, we remember the time that Christ spent in the grave and the confusion experienced by the disciples.

At the Easter Vigil, we commemorate salvation history from Creation to the Resurrection. Beginning with the new fire illuminating the dark, covering all of salvation history, saying ‘Alleluia’ again for the first time since Lent began, and celebrating Christ’s Resurrection in the early hours of Easter morning, this may be the Church’s most unique service. This is the service at which people were traditionally baptized and welcomed into the Body of Christ in the earliest centuries of Christianity. In some years people are baptized at the Easter Vigil service at St. James Church.

Veiling of Crosses and Images

The origin of this practice probably derives from a 9th century German custom of extending a large cloth before the high altar on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The cloth, called the "Hungertuch" or *hunger cloth*, hid the altar from the faithful during Lent until Wednesday of Holy Week at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two," from the reading of the Passion.

Others maintain that this was a remnant of the ancient practice of public penance in which penitents were ritually expelled from the church at the beginning of Lent. After the ritual of public penance fell into disuse, the entire congregation symbolically entered the order of penitents by receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. The altar, or "Holy of Holies," was shielded from view until all were reconciled to God at Easter.

Veils are usually made of lightweight purple cloth without any decoration or in sackcloth or plain unbleached linen. At St. James Church we have the pleasure of thanking Dottie Evans for making our collection of purple veils for lent, and red veils to be used on Palm Sunday. Thanks to Dottie for her artful work, and thanks to the altar guild for placing them and making the nave and chancel our Lenten home in this season of penitence.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RITE TWO, FORM ONE

- Presider* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
- Leader* For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For the peace of the world, for healing from disaster, for the redemption of creation, for the welfare of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Cathleen; for St. James, our clergy and people; let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For our President, our Governor, and our Mayor. For the United Nations, for leaders of the world, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For the Wichita area, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and the suffering, and for those we mention now, or hold silently in our hearts (*pause for intercessions*) _____ . Let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the hungry and fearful, for the unemployed and the destitute, for victims of prejudice and war, for refugees, prisoners, and captives, and for all who remember and care for the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for all the departed, for those who mourn, and all those whose names we speak now or hold silently in our hearts (*pause for intercessions*) _____. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.**

Leader In the communion of St. James and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Christ: 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 Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Leader Everliving God, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Text Giving

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

Text **StJamesWichita** and the amount you want to give to **73256**

Click the link that is sent back to you.

Complete your gift using the online form provided.

[Example Message](#)

To: 73256

Text: StJamesWichita \$75

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Presider Sundays in Lent are for feasting not fasting. So come to this table with hope. Come too with hearts ready to receive, for God's gifts are now before us.

THE OFFERTORY

On Sunday, please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward during the offertory music and the alms basins are passed in the pews.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

8:30	Lent I (God our Father)	TRADITIONAL
10:45		

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

Please stand as you are able as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

HYMN 541, vs. 4, 5 *Come, labor on* **ORA LABORA**

THE PRESENTATION

Presider All things come of you, O God.

All **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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 *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

HYMN S130

SCHUBERT

All

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.

The people may kneel or remain standing as able.

Presider

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

A Prayer for Women's History

By Sojourners

Let us pray

(Silent time to reflect on the women in one's own personal history)

We remember that March is Women's History Month. Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives and in our histories: mothers, sisters, friends and neighbors. God, may women across the globe continue to be empowered, knowing the love you offer.

Amen.

**A Prayer for Women
Leaders Around the World**

By Diann Neu

Praise to you, women
leaders of the seven
continents, for your many
works of justice.

Praise to you, women
leaders of Asia, for
confronting trafficking of
women.

Praise to you, women
leaders of Africa, for raising
your voices to stop AIDS.

Praise to you, women
leaders of Europe, for your
peacekeeping.

Praise to you, women
leaders of North America,
for confronting economic
inequities and racism.

Praise to you, women
leaders of South America,
for struggling against U.S.
domination of your land.

Praise to you, women
leaders in Antarctica, for
your scientific research.

Praise to you, women
leaders of Australia, for
supporting indigenous
cultures.

Amen.

Presider

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s 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.

All

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

Presider

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.**

The People may kneel or remain standing as able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our savior Christ has offered, we are bold to say:

All **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.**

THE FRACTION

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

HYMN S158 *O Lamb of God* WILLAN

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you. Feed on Him in your heart, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The congregation is seated. On Sunday, ushers come forward to close the altar rail gates, then shepherd the People as they come forward for communion.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

Communion in One Kind

The doctrine of the Eucharist affirms the simultaneous presence of Christ's body and blood in each of the Eucharistic elements (the bread and the wine). It contradicts a narrow identification of Christ's body with the bread and Christ's blood with the wine, but it upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. The communicant who receives Christ's body and blood in one kind – the bread only – has fully received the sacrament of Holy Communion. At St. James some refrain from sharing the common cup under pandemic conditions.

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have prayers you would like added to the prayer list, please call or email the office. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your prayers have been answered, we would love to rejoice with you. Contact the office at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686 to let us know that we can remove your prayer request.

The parish prayer list is available each week in the eTower email and in the service bulletin or insert. You are invited to take your bulletin with you so you can continue to pray for those on our list through the week.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Shared at the 10:45 service.*

Lent I (God our Father)

TRADITIONAL

COMMUNION HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 685 *Rock of ages, cleft for me*

TOPLADY

As Communion comes to a close, ushers open the altar rail gates.

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

All **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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The People may remain kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Presider Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 686 *Come thou fount of every blessing*

NETTLETON

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In keeping with the solemnity of the Season of Lent, there is no Postlude.

10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream

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Women Through the Ages

By Rev. Jude Geiger

Spirit of Renewal, God of
Many Names, and One
Transforming and Abundant
Love,

We turn this month, in our
nation's life, to reflect on
the stories, the heritage, and
the struggles, of women
throughout the ages. We
seek to learn from all those
voices that have been left
unheard.

May we pause before the
silences of the ages, find
who has been left out, and
craft new ways of inclusion,
for every week, and every
month.

May this spiritual practice,
bring out the voices of all
those struggling, all those
left apart.

May we let go of our as-
sumptions and cold com-
forts, of what is the normal
to live by, unless it be a
standard that is rooted in
compassion, in inclusivity, in
diversity.

May this month of reflection
teach us to search for those
stories that are different
from our own.

Mother of Possibilities, in
the finding, may we come to
know ourselves changed.
Renewed were we are dry,
hopeful where we are lost,
and open where we are
shut.

Amen.

WELCOME

WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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