



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, MARCH 18; 8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

THE FOURTH 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

8:30

Piano voluntary

10:45

If thou but suffer God to guide thee

KIRNBERGER

The people stand as the ministers enter.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

THE OPENING HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 645, VS. 1-2, 5-6

The King of love, my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

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.

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.

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 Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited

them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will

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.

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.

not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the

horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 23

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



- 1 The Lord is my **shepherd**; *
 I shall not be in **want**.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** *
 and leads me beside still **waters**.
- 3 He revives my **soul** *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no **evil**; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort **me**.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble **me**; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running **over**.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my **life**, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for **ever**.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now children of light—for the fruit of
in the Lord you are light. Live as the light is found in all that is good

and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but

everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 538 *God of mercy, God of grace* MOSCOW

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL **JOHN 9:1-41**

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors

and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask

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.

him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One

thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world

for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not

blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANDY HOULTBERG

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.

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	<i>Piano voluntary</i>	
10:45	<i>I Waited for the Lord</i>	SCHULTZ

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."

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.*

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JS BACH

COMMUNION HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

HOUSTON

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 down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Sung on Sunday.*

HYMN 567 *Thine arms, O Lord, in days of old*

ST. MATTHEW

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.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
The Rev. Andy Houltberg, Preacher
Elizabeth Wenger, Lay Worship Leader
Warren Kim, Choir Director
Barbara Orsak, Pianist
Marcia Hansen, Organist
St. James Choir

ACOLYTES:

Deb Bagby, William Compton

CHALICE BEARERS:

Mary Druding, Deb Bagby, Danny Blair, Richard Bowman

LECTORS:

Vicky Petty, Dave McDonald, Susan Stallings,
William Compton, Mary Halley

USHERS:

Keith Stevens, Jeanne Kroeker, Johnson Olanya

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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