

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Word of God

RITE I in Lent

The 1979 BCP provides the services of the Holy Eucharist in both traditional (Rite 1) language and contemporary (Rite 2) language. The Rite 1 liturgy reflects the language and piety of the Elizabethan era and, and the Rite 2 liturgy reflects a more contemporary theology. It is the tradition of the congregation to use Rite 1 in Lent.

Organ Voluntary *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 642* *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Played by Sean Price, organ *(1685-1750)*

Processional Hymn *Praise to the living God!* *Hymn 372*

A Prayer for Children (*Children process to their classrooms*)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Penitential Order *BCP Page 319*

The Decalogue *BCP Page 317*

The Greeting *BCP Page 323*

Confession and Absolution *BCP Page 320*

The Trisagion *Hymnal S-102*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: **The Lord be with thee.**

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: **Let us pray:**

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Behold! Listen!

Congregation: **This is important!**

Collect for the Community (*Read together in unison*)

Gracious God, strengthen in us the two values that we hold central as a Christian Community. These values are inspired by Jesus' two great commandments. First, we love God or something greater than ourselves with all our hearts and mind, and second we commit to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no boundary or condition to our love and commitment to God or to our neighbor, no matter who they may be. All are welcome in this place. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

The Psalm (*Call and respond, alternating by the half-verse*)

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * **and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * **and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * **the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * **the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**



9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * **the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * **cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * **O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died

Hymn 471

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

The Nicene Creed (*Recited In Unison, standing*) BCP Page 327

The Prayers of the People Form II BCP Page 385

The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with thee.
People And with thy spirit.

Welcoming /Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *John Hilton*
Sung by the Saint James Choir *(1560-1608)*

Doxology *Hymn 43, Verse 4*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP Page 333

Sanctus and Benedictus *Hymnal S-113*

The Fraction Anthem O Lamb of God *Hymnal S-157*

The Prayer of Humble Access BCP Page 337

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face *Hymn 318*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Almighty God, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Whether we can be at your table or not, we unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer BCP Page 339

The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal

Please stand

Recessional Hymn Rock of ages, cleft for me *Hymn 685*

The coffee hour today is sponsored by Tara Lewis in thanksgiving for the Rev. Dr. Walter E. Lewis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **Easter Flower cards:** Please find cards and envelopes at the back of the church for Easter flower memorials/remembrances.
- * **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, March 17th at 10:15am. One United Service.
- * **Lenten Noonday Prayer:** Join us Monday-Friday in the chancel of the church for a time of contemplation, reflection, prayers, and readings.
- * **E-Newsletter:** The church office sends out a weekly e-news to keep everyone up to date. If you don't receive it, please email the church office: stjamesmontclairoffice@gmail.com
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am—3pm Monday—Friday
- * **Little Free Pantry on the Front lawn:** We are in need of sources of protein, especially canned tuna, meats, and peanut butter. Donations can be brought to the church.

THE H.O.S.T CORNER (HERE'S ONE SMALL THING)

I will do this one small thing:

- Write a letter about gun safety to your elected officials
- Come to church as often as I can
- Volunteer for the parish's food insufficiency program
- Sign up for the choir
- Sign up your children for church programming
- Donate food to the soup kitchens
- Give one hour in our thrift store
- Say grace at the dinner table
- Say prayers thanking God for the day at waking and sleeping
- Give one Sunday to help gather this community in worship by being an usher
- Be a Church Reader
- Learn the names of our confirmation class
- Volunteer to work with our teens and youth.
- Offer a ride to church for someone who needs it
- Make a short weekly phone call to the homebound
- Help with social media posts
- Reach out by email to welcome a new member
- Invite a friend to Church
- Talk about our church's good works with others
- Show up to events at the church.
- Say hello to a neighbor
- Volunteer to keep the outdoor food pantry stocked.
- Learn the names of three teens or children in our church
- Say Hello to three teens or children in our church
- Become informed about our town government

Be good stewards.

We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church.