

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 9, 2025

The First 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.

A Call to Lent (*Moment of Silence*)

The Penitential Order (8:15am only)	BCP Page 319
The Decalogue (8:15am only)	BCP Page 317
The Confession & Absolution (8:15am only)	BCP Page 320
The Great Litany (10:15am only) (<i>Please Stand</i>)	BCP Page 148
The Greeting	BCP Page 325

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with thee.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 **He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.**

The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

Yield not to temptation

See insert

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' And 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Jill Singleton

The Nicene Creed (*Recited In Unison, standing*)

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The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcoming /Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
Sung by the Saint James Choir

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

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

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-113

The Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God

Hymnal S-158

The Prayer of Humble Access

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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

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Hymn 393

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

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The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal

Please stand

Recessional Hymn

The glory of these forty days

Hymn 143

The Shrove Tuesday race took longer than expected, but the traditional pancakes have arrived and will be served by our parish teens immediately following the 10:15 service today.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Lenten Noonday Prayer:** Please join us throughout the season of Lent for Noonday Prayer, held in the chancel of the church Monday-Friday. This brief, contemplative service is a wonderful way to prepare the heart and mind for the splendor of Christ's Resurrection. TOMORROW is the first day.
- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am—3pm Monday—Friday
- * **Church Security:** For security, the doors to the parking lot and driveway are locked at the start of Sunday services. Please enter through the tower doors, which remain open during services.
- * **COFFEE HOUR!!** Have you been enjoying our lively coffee hours? Please consider sponsoring one! You can mark a birthday, anniversary, baptism or other special occasion. Please speak to Barbara Boehm or email her at barbaradrakeboehm@gmail.com
- * **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.
- * **Contact information for our representatives:**

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1. Yield not to temp-ta - tion, For yielding is sin, Each vic-t'ry will
 2. Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, Bad language dis - dain, God's name hold in
 3. To him that o'er-com - eth God giv - eth a crown, Through faith we shall

help you Some oth - er to win; Fight still pressing on - ward,
 rev - 'rence, Nor take it in vain; Be thoughtful and ear - nest,
 con - quer, Though of - ten cast down; He who is our Sav - iour,

Dark passions sub - due, Look ev - er to Je - sus, He'll car - ry you through.
 Kind - hearted and true, Look ev - er to Je - sus, He'll car - ry you through.
 Our strength will re - new, Look ev - er to Je - sus, He'll car - ry you through.

CHORUS.

Ask the Sav - iour to help you, Com - fort, strengthen, and keep you;

He is will - ing to aid you, He will car - ry you through.