



St. James' Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

10:30 AM

Celebrant: The Reverend Zach Drennen

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Lutz

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Vestry

2024	2025	2026
Emily Chittenden Laird (Sr)	Dave McClure	Dorothy Hunter
Jody Hammond	Jim Owens	Jake Neumann (Jr)
Greg Johnson (Jr)	Bitsy Shaw	Christine Pollard

Chalicians:

Earl Haddad and Cleve Benedict

Readers:

Old Testament—Mary Lou Lumsden

Epistle & Prayers of the People-Dave Lumsden

Acolytes:

Crucifer: Liam Laird

Torchbearer: Conrad Laird

"The people of St. James' Church are called to love and serve God. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we carry out our ministries through worship, reaching out to those in need, and helping each other and our neighbors understand and live by Christ's commandments."

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church.

(Inspired by Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England)

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-healed or down at the heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or down in the dumps, or don't like organized religion (we're not that keen on it either!).

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to look around. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost off of Interstate 64 looking for the State Fair and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters - and especially you....

Please come in!

A note or two about our worship service:

All of our worship services are found in our red *Book of Common Prayer* or *BCP* for short.

Most of our music is found in the blue Hymnal. Service Music – specific music related to a part of the liturgy – is indicated in your bulletin with an 'S' and will be found in the front section of the blue Hymnal. Just to keep you on your toes, we sometimes sing from the green hymnal found in your pews, *Wonder, Love and Praise*, and that will be indicated in your bulletin with the abbreviation WLP.

About Holy Communion: You are invited to receive the blessed bread and wine. To receive the bread, hold out your hand and the priest will place the bread in it. Likewise with the wine, help the minister guide the chalice to your mouth and take a small sip, or, if you choose, dip the bread in the small 'intinction' cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the chalice bearer will pass by. Those not wishing to receive communion are encouraged come up and receive a blessing from the priest, and we hope you do – we love giving out blessings!

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Prelude

The Processional “Praise to the living God” Hymnal # 372

Opening Acclamation BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth forever.

The Summary of the Law BCP 319

The Confession (*kneeling*) BCP 320

Trisagion (*kneeling*) Hymnal # S102

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: 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.**

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (chanted with the choir)



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God,*
and the firmament shows / his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an/other,*
and one night imparts knowledge to / another.
- 3 Although they have no words or / language,*
and their voi/ces 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 re/vives the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to / the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re/joyce 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 al/together.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than hon/ey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened,*
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. mv strength and mv / redeemer.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

“Creator of the earth and skies”

Hymnal # 148

The Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Zachary Drennen

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

The Prayers of the People –Form I BCP 383

The Peace (*standing*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn (*seated*) Special Music

Doxology Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right to do so.

Sanctus Hymnal #S114

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

Fraction (Breaking of the Bread):

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Sing 3 times

Ag - nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta

mun - di, Mi - se - re - re no - bis.
(3rd time) Do - na - no - bis - pa - cem.

Translation:

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

Communion Hymns

“Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

Hymnal # 318

“Let thy blood in mercy poured”

Hymnal # 313

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

Recessional

“How firm a foundation”

Hymnal # 636

The Dismissal



The greenery on the altar through Lent is given to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Smith by Sally Lane.

Announcements

Midweek Services-Wednesday, March 6

Holy Eucharist—Perpetua and Felicity
Lector— Dave McClure

Chalicer—Libby Johnson
Meditation—The Rev. Zach Drennen

Stations of the Cross—Friday, March 8 @ 5:00 PM

Lenten Lecture Series: March 7th at 5:30pm—Our weekly Supper and Lecture series on “Women of the Old and New Testament” continues this week with meal of soup and bread, followed by a presentation with Q&A led Rev. Joseph Lutz. This week we are examining Mary, Mother of Jesus, her mother Anne, and cousin Elizabeth. These events are open to the public and all are invited.

Lenten Soup and Bread Sign up—We need cooks to bring soup and bread for the remaining Lenten Studies. Please sign up to bring a large pot of soup, basket of bread, tea, help with setup and/or cleanup. You can sign up for one or more evenings Please use the link to participate. <https://signup.com/go/sQSTSMa>

The Greenbrier County Health Department has donated a number of home Covid tests to the church. If anyone would like one or two please stop by the church office

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Set clocks forward one hour.

Nex-Trex Plastic Recycling Project - Please drop off your clean and dry plastic film materials in the recycle bin at the back of St. James’ in the breezeway. Your participation in the Trex Challenge will help us reach our recycling goal and benefit the environment and our community.

QR Code—We can now accept donations online through the attached QR code. Please, point your phone’s camera at the code to access St. James’ online donation portal.



Prayer List

Let us pray for St. James’ members who need our prayers; Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., David H., and Oscar.

For friends and family members who need our prayers; Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, John and Barbara Forrester, Carol Waple, Willie, Gerry, Christy, Curtis Caruthers, Ellen Wygal, Karen, Herbert, Kate, Zach B., and Sylvia.