



# St. James Episcopal Church

*Our commitment: Walk with God.*

*First Sunday in Lent*

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**The Great Litany-  
-Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021**

**The Great Litany**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence,  
and famine,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and  
from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law;  
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and  
Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy  
Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the  
day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule  
and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge  
and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may  
set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind  
into thy kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or of this nation*), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of James and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.  
*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Kyrie**

Let us pray. Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## **First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in

the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 614

*(Together as instructed by the Lector)*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who

has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation:** *Steal Away to Jesus*    trad'l spiritual arr. V. Labenske

**Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*    **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

**The Nicene Creed**                      *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 358

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### Peace & Greeting

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

### Offering of Gifts and Praise

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Doxology

#### Collect of the Day

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.*

### Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

*BCP*, page 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

After supper he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage

of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

**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.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* trad'l spiritual arr. P. Taylor

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*Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."*

**Thank you for joining us this morning. We pray that everyone continues to stay well and safe. If you have a prayer need that you would like added to the bulletin, please email or call the church office with your request.**

**Our 4th week of Confirmation Class will begin today at 3:00 pm via ZOOM.**

**Rev. Jennifer invites all to the Adult Bible Study via Zoom each Sunday afternoon at 4:00. The link is available in today's email as well as on our website.**

**Morning Prayer via Zoom is offered each Wednesday starting at 8:00 am. The link is also available on our google calendar, webpage and on our weekly email.**

**The refurbishing of our Sanctuary has begun. The organ, pipes, etc... are being stored in the Parish Hall during this time, so we ask that this space be unoccupied to protect the safety of this precious instrument. Thank you for your patience.**

**Please note that the "Alleluias" will not be said during Lent. They will return at the Great Easter Vigil.**

### Intercessions

**Church Members:** Holly Kane, Alex Dockum, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski

**Family of Church Members:** Debbie Jones, Raymond Bull, Nancy Miller, Joan Brennan, Mary Schumacher

**Friends of Church Members:** Randy Vasold, Linda Parker, Johnny Lynch, Scott Harris, Tim Courtney, Beblon Parks, Mary Holly Bigelow

For Those Affected by COVID-19: Thomas Newton, Mary Ellis

For those in military service, especially: Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, Jon Geiser

For the departed: Paul Kern

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries & Other Thanksgivings**

22-Tom Farrell; 23-Jon & Stephanie Koren; 26-Jill Schumacher

### **Those Who Serve Today**

Lector: Debbie Wesley

Videographer: Rachel Wesley