



# St. James Episcopal Church

*Our commitment: Walk in love with God.*

***The Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026***

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**The Second Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
March 01, 2026**

**Prelude:** Meditation on the hymn tune *LEONI*

arr. Harold Owen

**Processional:** Hymn #401 *The God of Abraham praise*

*(Please Stand)*

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People** His mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Trisagion S-100**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

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**Collect of the Day**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 218*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*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.**

*(please be seated for the Lessons)*

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**The Response: Psalm 121** (Please turn to page 779 in the *Book of Common Prayer*)

*(we will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)*

**Second Reading: Romans 4:1-3, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For

what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #440** *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

*(please stand)*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily:** The Very Reverend Jennifer Lazzuri

**The Nicene Creed** (please stand and turn to page 358 in the *Book of Common Prayer*)

**Prayers of the People** (*please kneel or be seated as you are able*)

(*The congregation will respond with the words in **bolded italics**.*)

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us pray to the source of our sustenance, saying, “God, our hiding place, preserve us from trouble.”

Great God, you have called your people to worship and serve you alone. Instill in us such a singleness of heart that we might perfectly trust you to meet our needs.

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

Great God, we live among many temptations. Free the people of this nation, and this world, from all sinful desires that draw us from the love of God. *Moment of silence.*

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

Great Creator, you have surrounded us with blessings; you provide enough to meet our needs. And yet, we strive and scheme for more, always more. Have mercy on us. *Moment of silence.*

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

O Lord, we pray for those bound by addiction, those for whom temptation is a constant threat. Set the captive free. Satisfy their cravings with abundant grace. *Moment of silence.*

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

Be with the sick and suffering, Great Healer. Be for them a hiding place; preserve them from trouble; surround them with shouts of deliverance. We ask your prayers for **Warren Gehle, Bill Treiber, Linda Boxley, Anna Lou Flynn, Sunny Agee, Jill Schumacher, Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh, Gerry Higgins, Barb Miller, Jimmy & Karen Funke Caldwell, Liz Blanchard, Lydia Hayes, John Steele, Ken, Ted Crackel, William Perry, Sr., Chris Stanley, Kathy Mador, Cathy & Bill Collins, Doris McKamey, Katie Bowles, Kim St. Clair, John Woolfolk, W. A. Dickinson, Glenn, Koralee Vest, Mackenzie Fischer Roper, Mitchell McCotter, Mike Hogan, Paul Loy, Debbie Campbell, John Cochrane, and Nancy Miller.** *Moment of silence.*

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

Through the righteousness of Jesus our Christ, give new and abundant life to all. Justify the dying and the dead, especially **Frances Smith.** Keep them in your strong hands for ever.

God, our hiding place, ***preserve us from trouble.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**Confession**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg.360*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Celebrant & People***

**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 your Son 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.**

## Absolution

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all yours sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace & Greeting *(please stand)*

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

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

## Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### Offering of Gifts and Praise

*Celebrant* Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”  
*(John)*

**Anthem:** *Who At My Door Is Standing?* Mary Slade, c. 1875; English folk tune; arr. K. Lee Scott

#### Doxology *(please stand)*

***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.***

#### Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 361*

*(please remain standing)*

*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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Please kneel as you are able)*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to

you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

*Celebrant and People*

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 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.**

### **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.

### **Fraction Anthem S-157 O Lamb of God**

## Communion Hymn

#603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

#712 *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant us peace)

## Post-Communion Prayer (please kneel)

*The Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 366

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living 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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer (*bow down before the Lord, as you are able*)

Keep this your family Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn #636 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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## Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: Phil Bennett

Chalice: Greg Schumacher

Lector: Graven Craig (8) / Linda Brickey (10)

Prayers of the People: Isa Hawthorne (8) / Gail Funke (10)

Ushers: Patty & Emma Madison

Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Linda Barnett

Altar Guild: Diane Alfano

Counters: Gerry Higgins / Patty Madison

### *Intercessions*

**Church Members:** Warren Gehle, Bill Treiber, Linda Boxley, Sunny Agee, Anna Lou Flynn, Jill Schumacher, Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh, Gerry Higgins, Barb Miller

**Family of Church Members:** Jimmy & Karen Funke Caldwell, Liz Blanchard, Lydia Hayes, John Steele, Ken

**Friends of Church Members:** Ted Crackel, William Perry Sr., Chris Stanley, Kathy Mador, Cathy & Bill Collins, Doris McKamey, Katie Bowles, Kim St. Clair, John Woolfolk, W. A. Dickinson, Glenn, Koralee Vest, Mackenzie Fischer Roper, Mitchell McCotter, Mike Hogan, Paul Loy, Debbie Campbell, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

**For the clergy & congregations of** St. David's, Aylett; Grace, Standardsville; St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station

**For those in military service, especially:** Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin

**For the Departed:** Frances Smith

**For those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgiving this week:**

01-Graven Craig

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

**We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card or the guest register on the table in the back. Thank you for joining us this morning.**

**Join us for Coffee Hour after each service this morning in the Parish Hall. Our thanks to those hosting. If you would like to host a coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month, please see the schedule for availability on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.**

**The Compassionate Care Team will meet this Tuesday at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Our Lenten study begins this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm in the Parish Hall. The focus is on *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. The sessions will continue on Wednesdays in March from 1-2:30pm (a total of 4 weeks). All are welcome to join us.**

**The Adult Formation Class will next meet on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10-11:30am in the Parish Hall.**