



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk in love with God.

***The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024***

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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
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Prelude: Meditation in the American hymn tune *RESTORATION*

arr. Gilbert Martin

Processional: Hymn #495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (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 & People

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.

Kyrie S-91

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

Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 219

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated for the Lessons)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 51:1-13 (Please turn to page 656 in the *Book of Common Prayer*)

(we will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #628 *Help us, O Lord, to learn*

Gospel: John 12:20-33 *(please stand)*

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. 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 and reply with the italicized words in bold)

We come before our loving and gracious God, asking that God’s grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may do your will as we praise your name. We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace and justice for all people.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that with compassion we may respond to the needs of the world, neighbors near and far.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way and offer hope to those who grieve.

Write your word on our hearts, O Lord;

that we may live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips.

The Celebrant will add 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, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” *(John)*

Anthem: *Friends in Faith Who Follow Jesus* Delores Dufner; American tune *RESTORATION*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-128

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

**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.

Communion Hymn #474 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

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.

Blessing

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you, and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #449 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: John Schick
Chalice: Linda Boxley
Lector: Kim Williams (8) / Kathy Campbell (10)
Prayers of the People: Dale Williams (8) / Tara Ford (10)
Ushers: Graven & Kelly Craig
Sunday School: Debbie Wesley / Anna Schick
Nursery: Diane Alfano / Amy Schick
Altar Guild: Linda Boxley / Pattie Cooke
Counters: Kelly Craig / Sherry Morris

Intercessions

Church Members: Allen Walton, Warren & Pat Gehle, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, Carol Coleman

Family of Church Members: Mary Jane Huff, Cody McKinney, Doreen Mercier, Chester Harvey, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi, Richard Bull

Friends of Church Members: Taylor Berry, Rick & Karen Mercier, Robbin Huddleston, Craig Caulkins, Michelle Wheeler, Bill & Melon Dorsey, W.A. Dickinson, Candy Parker, Cheryl Berg, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Zachary Lynch, Hope Matkins, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey

For the departed

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings:

21-Rachel Jones; 23-Joyce Mikytuck

Announcements are on the back

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 as well as the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your e-mail address, so that you can receive our weekly newsletter. Thank you for joining us this morning.

Our Lenten Soup & Study will conclude this Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who has attended and to those who generously provided the soup and salad each week.

Stations of the Cross will be in place for one more week. You may go through the stations on your own and/or on Friday (March 22nd) @ 4:00pm there will be a leader to take you through each station.

The ECW will meet this morning @ 9:00am in the Parish Hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

If you missed the announcement in the Weekly Newsletter of our newly elected Wardens and Register, they are ~ *Jill Schumacher, Senior Warden* ~ *Sherry Morris, Junior Warden* ~ *Linda Barnett, Register*. We are grateful to all the Vestry for their service to St. James.

Congratulations to Mark Cole & Dale Williams who will lead the Men's Group! Thank you to Mike Breen for his amazing leadership over the last 3-4 years.

Please consider donating to the flower fund to help decorate the Altar for the Easter Season. Forms are in the Narthex and on the table in the Parish Hall. Deadline to submit your forms is this Wednesday, March 20th.

Historic St. John's Chapel, 2217 E Green Springs Rd, Louisa, VA 23093, will be opening its doors for an Easter Sunrise service, March 31st @ 6:30 a.m. St. John's Chapel has not held a service for several years, but through the hard work of a Stewardship Committee and a new partnership with St. James-Louisa, St. John's will be holding a Resurrection service. All are invited to attend. Come worship with us in celebrating the revival of this beautiful house of worship.