



## St. James Louisa

Weekly Newsletter Update

March 30th - April 5th, 2026

Our Commitment: Walk in love with God

### Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

#### Holy Week Services Schedule:

**Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday ~**

**7:00 p.m. ~ Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Foot washing**

**Stripping of the Altar**

**Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday**

**12:00 p.m. Service**

**Sunday, April 5th, Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday ~**

**6:30 a.m. ~ Sunrise Service, St. John's Chapel, Green Springs**

**10:00 a.m. ~ Easter Sunday Service, St. James, Louisa**

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service



**April 5th, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday**

**6:30 a.m. ~ Sunrise Service @ St. John's Chapel, Green Springs ~**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)**

**10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)**

*(Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the 10am service on the back lawn)*



Easter Morning, please remember to bring flowers to decorate the cross. Thank you!!

**Collect for Palm Sunday**

*(to be prayed every day this week)*

**Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***



**Join us for Morning Prayer  
each Wednesday @ 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM.**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059496139?pwd=AaN57yzhcW1CoTB5aeMUU3Ti6kM64D.1>

Passcode: 751855

Meeting ID: 730 5949

Psalm 55, Lamentations 2: 1-9, 2 Corinthians 1: 23-2: 11, Mark 12: 1-11



Monday Compline

Time: Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86239481196?pwd=TmmoljmwQyTanS43Ppbn8EOXEHbGE7.1>

Meeting ID: 862 3948 1196

Passcode: 2cJdWT



### **Why worship on Maundy Thursday?**

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Key elements of the service are Holy Communion, foot washing as a sign of service, and the solemn stripping of the altar. It marks the beginning of the Triduum (Three days- Maundy Thursday night to Easter Sunday evening), and the end of Lent. It is about love and service; the sort of sacrificial love that surpasses all understanding. It is a solemn and holy night. Join us. Invite a friend.



## Good Friday

We gather on Friday at noon. It is a solemn service. We begin and end in silence. We focus on the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ as a sacrificial atonement for our sins. Our minds and hearts are turned toward the love, suffering, and redemptive purpose of the crucifixion. It may seem like a lot of services this week. Each has its purpose. It's important that before we turn our hearts and minds to the Resurrection on Easter morning, that we feel and can enter into the crucifixion a bit. I usually don't need much to remind me about my sinful nature. But it is something that few talk about today, and few reflect on. A large segment of people no longer believe in sin or our sinful nature. When this happens, the need for a Savior can also go away. It is important that we recognize this day.

Christ died so that we may live.

I will be offering the Rite of Reconciliation after the service at noon for all who desire it. You can find a form for this service on page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer. Maybe read and reflect upon it.

One of the things the priest says during this rite is, *"May God in his love enlighten your heart, that you may remember in truth all your sins and his unfailing mercy." Amen.*

which is pretty good.

But then, *"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." Matthew 11: 28.*

What a promise.



If you are interested in going to Annual Convention this year and serving as a Lay Delegate or an Alternate, please let Rev. Jennifer know. We need to submit our Certificate of Election by April 15th. The dates of the Convention this year are November 5-7 at the Fredericksburg Convention Center. Our delegate is a member of our congregation who will vote and represent us at Convention, along with Rev. Jennifer. This is a great time to connect with the larger Episcopal Church and find out what is happening in the Diocese around us. If you have never been, consider putting your name forward.



The vestry met on Tuesday March 24th. A reminder to all that the minutes of meetings are printed and posted (usually within a week of the meeting) on the church bulletin board in the hallway off the parish hall.

- We have needed to streamline some financial duties related to the church. A new paid position has been created that will be called the Financial Administrator. Amy Schick has agreed to be our first hire in this role. She will relieve some of the tasks from our Treasurer and oversee some things that have not been formally assigned elsewhere.
  - The new Building Committee has met and a Capital Campaign committee is in the process of being formed. Please pray for guidance for all involved.
  - St. James is in need of a delegate and an alternate for the Diocese's Annual Convention to be held November 5-7 in Fredericksburg. Name submissions are due for the Diocese by April 15th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal faith and all the workings behind the scenes. If you feel a calling or are curious, please speak to Rev. Jennifer.
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MINISTRY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE & HEALING TRAINING


# I Will, With God's Help

Engaging God's People in the Work of Racial Justice



## A COST-FREE RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

This workshop is for clergy, lay leaders, congregations, regions, and all who want to activate their racial justice heart. This workshop complements Healing from Internalized Oppression and Sacred Ground.

 April 25, 2026 | 9:00am-3pm

Located at:  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
1118 Preston Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

 What's Included

- Lunch
- Spirit-centered conversations about justice
- Practical tools for ministry
- Liturgically centered racial justice training with a closing Eucharist

### Learn More

For more information, contact Tammy Lewis  
tlewis@episcopalvirginia.org



On April 25th, the Charlottesville Region of the Diocese of Virginia will be hosting the above Racial Justice workshop at Trinity Episcopal in Charlottesville. Rev. Jennifer will be attending and would love to have anyone from our parish who would like to join her! Please register with Tammy Lewis whose email is above. I hope to see you on the 25th.

As we continue to have many events scheduled in our Parish Hall, it is important to call the church office (540-967-1665) if you wish to reserve that space. We keep track of all activities and can let you know if your date and time are available for use. Thank you!



A huge Thank You to Chris Shultis who has maintained this garden to the left of the church for many years. Chris is no longer able to care for this lovely addition to the churchyard, so we are asking if anyone would like to adopt it? If you are interested, please let Rev. Jennifer know.



### **Become a Compassionate Caring Presence**

Many at St. James have heard about (or perhaps received a meal or note from) the St. James Compassionate Care Team. We typically meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 12:30 to pray for and plan how to address the needs of our St. James family and our wider local community. Our pastoral care efforts include a variety of activities: writing cards; making and delivering meals; visiting and offering communion to the homebound; and giving rides when needed.

A unique aspect of this team at St. James is a focus on using Benedictine spirituality to become a compassionate listening presence in the lives of those we serve. **If you are interested in learning more about Benedictine spirituality and/or joining the team, please join us on Tuesday, April 7, at 12:30 in the parish hall. A portion of each CCT meeting over the next several months will be devoted to how Benedictine practices can help us grow spiritually and become a compassionate listening presence for others.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Jennifer or a team member.



#### **Intercessions**

**Church Members:** Marie Farrell, Pat Nolen, Pattie Cooke, Warren Gehle, Carol Coleman, Bill Treiber, Linda Boxley, Anna Lou Flynn, Sunny Agee, Jill Schumacher, Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh, Gerry Higgins

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

**Friends of Church Members:** Ted Crackel, Chris Stanley, Cathy & Bill Collins, Kim St. Clair, W.A. Dickinson, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

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



**Monday, March 30th, 2026**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, March 31st, 2026**

Office Open

**10:00am** - Chrism Mass & Reaffirmation of Ordination of Vows

**6:30pm** - Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, April 1st, 2026**

Office Open

**8:00am** - Morning Prayer via Zoom

**9:30am** - Quilters (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, April 2nd 2026 ~ Maundy Thursday**

Office Open

**7:00pm** - Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 3rd, 2026 ~ Good Friday**

Office Open

**12:00pm** - Good Friday Service

**4:00pm** - Stations of the Cross (St. James)

**Sunday, April 5th, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

**6:30am** - Sunrise Service, St. John's Chapel, Green Springs - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

**9:45am** - Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

**10:00am** - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (with music)

Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the 10am service on back lawn

**Have something to add to the weekly update?**

The deadline to submit information for the update and bulletin is Mondays by noon for the following week.

Please send the who, what, when, and why of your news by email to [stjameslouisia@outlook.com](mailto:stjameslouisia@outlook.com)

**2026 Vestry Members:**

Greg Schumacher (Sr. Warden), Randy Keil (Jr. Warden),  
Linda Barnett (Register), Linda Brickey, Gail Funke,  
Horace Higgins, Patty Madison

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The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri, Rector

Tara Ford, Organist/Choirmaster

Linda Harvey, Administrative Assistant

Linda Boxley, Treasurer