

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Today	9:00 am
Usher/Greeter	Mick McDonald
Lay Reader	Betsy Birchenough
Intercessor	Bonnie Magno
Counters	Bonnie Magno and Mick McDonald

March 22	9:00 am
Usher/Greeters	Chuck Barton
Lay Reader	Brittany Barton
Intercessor	Kim Barton
Counters	Bonnie Magno and Chuck Barton

LOOKING AHEAD AT ST. JAMES'

Sundays:

9:00 am	Worship	Church
	Children's Chapel	Tuttle Hall
	Coffee Fellowship	Tuttle Hall

Monday - Friday:

8:30 am	Morning Prayer	Church
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Tuesdays:

4:00 - 5:30 pm	Knit Wits	Caffè Vero
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Wednesdays:

10:00 – 11:00 am	Holy Yok-ah	Tuttle Hall
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Saturdays:

7:00 - 8:00 pm	SA	Vestry
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Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

St. James' Episcopal Church

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the third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 15, 2020
9:00 am

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Welcome to St. James'! Please use this Service Leaflet along with the
Worship Booklet to lead you in our time of worship.
Throughout the service, please stand, sit or kneel as you are able.*

Prelude

The Collect

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The First Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

The Epistle: Romans 5: 1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gradual

Worship Booklet

The Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with

her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.’ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.’

Sermon

The Rev. Barb Mitchell, Deacon

Offertory

Communion

Postlude

celtic eucharist during holy lent

For the duration of Lent, we will use an ancient Eucharist blended with a Celtic Eucharist, both from the Anglican Church. The service follows the same recipe for our worship: The Word of the Lord, The Peace, The Holy Communion (called The Last Supper) but uses a more common language. As the Worship Stewards practiced the liturgy, Dcn. Barb remarked that it made her pay attention and take notice of worship. May we all find that our worship during Lent makes us pay better attention to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and worship him in spirit and truth.

AT THE WELCOME TABLE

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship. Please sign our guest book on the Welcome Table at the church entrance and indicate if you would like a call or visit. Let us know if we can be of assistance to you. Please join us for light refreshments in Tuttle Hall following the service. *(To Tuttle Hall: turn left out of the church entrance, across the parking lot and through the glass doors)*

Prayer request cards are located on our Welcome Table. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* or *Our Daily Bread* to use in your daily prayers.

TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the Church in Hong Kong, and the Dioceses of Easton, MD and Eastern Oregon; and the Diocese of Down and Dromore, Ireland. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill; St. Mary's Church, Downsville; Christ Church, Duanesburg; St. Peter's, Fourth Lake; and St. Paul's, Franklin.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Bob, Karen, Todd, Sharon, Megan, Dori, Pattie Jo, Ellie, Lynn, Margie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam, Katherine, Claudia, and Holly.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Rector and Vestry as they lead St. James': Mtr. Jean, Tiffany, Scott, Barbara, Bob, Jay, Bonnie, Jackie and Michele.

We give thanks for Jaxsen McGowan who celebrates a birthday this week.

READ, MARK, AND INWARDLY DIGEST

Today is RDF Sunday: There are many needs within our parish family and our community. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help us help others. Thank you.

The Stations of the Cross that now hang in our church were given and refinished with joy by Ed and Janice Pontacoloni in honor of their granddaughter, Clara Howells. We receive them with great thanksgiving as well as great expectation that they will draw us and others closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. With grateful hearts, thank you Ed and Janice!

Observe a Holy Lent with Wednesday Worship: Join us Wednesdays during Lent for Soup & Bread at 5:30pm and a study of the Crucified Life, followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Change for Change with Heifer International. All through Lent, the Daughters of the King will be collecting change to purchase life changing items for people in need. Please take a self-denial box and help purchase a flock of poultry, a goat, or a hive of bees.

New devotionals at the Welcome Table! Pick one up today for yourself or for someone else to be an aid to observe a Holy Lent!

Thank you Tina Mitchell! Check out our new website. Same address but new design. Thank you Tina for all your hard work to get the word out there inviting others to Seek Christ, Live Christ, and Share Christ!

Next week's Scripture lessons. Read ahead and prepare your heart to hear God's Word: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-44; John 9: 1-41.

Coffee Fellowship: Please sign up to host a simple coffee fellowship during Lent. Sign-up sheet in Tuttle Hall.

Offering February 23, 2020: \$1958.84.

Service leaflet announcements are due in the office by Tuesday.