

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Today	9:00 am
Usher/Greeter	Jay Mayer
Lay Reader	Tracey Clothier
Intercessor	Michele Hotko
Counters	Michele Hotko and Jay Mayer

March 15	9:00 am
Usher/Greeters	Mick McDonald
Lay Reader	Betsy Birchenough
Intercessor	Bonnie Magno
Counters	Bonnie Magno and Mick McDonald

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 second sunday of lent

march 8, 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

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.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4

Now 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.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4: 1-5, 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.

Gradual

Worship Booklet

The Gospel: John 3: 1-17

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.

Sermon

The Rev. Jean M. DeVaty

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 of England, and the Dioceses of East Carolina and Eastern Michigan. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill; Christ Church, Cooperstown; Christ Church, Cossackie; Christ Church, Deposit; and St. John's Church, Delhi.

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 Sharon, Megan, Dori, Rocco, 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 Betsy Birchenough who celebrates a birthday this week.

READ, MARK, AND INWARDLY DIGEST

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 and keychain crosses at the Welcome Table! Pick one up today to help you observe a Holy Lent!

Next week's Scripture lessons. Read ahead and prepare your heart to hear God's Word: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 4-42.

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

Offering February 23, 2020: \$2358.00.

Service leaflet announcements are due in the office by Tuesday.