

The Sanctus  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Breaking of the Bread

W738, BCP 334  
BCP 336

*All baptized persons are welcome  
to receive communion at God's holy table.*

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: And now O Father                      Hymnal 331  
Post Communion Prayer    BCP 339  
The Blessing

Recessional: The God of Abraham praise (vs 4-5)              Hymnal 401  
The Dismissal

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### *Worship & Ministry Leaders*

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Susan & John Joseph	The McGowan Family
Lay Reader	Scott Cudney	Mick McDonald
Intercessor	Kit Huggard	Michele Hotko

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *The Second Sunday of Lent*

*March 16, 2025, 9:00 am*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*

Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.  
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your  
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts  
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.

### THE WORD OF GOD

Processional: The God of Abraham praise (vs 1-3)              Hymnal 401  
Opening Sentence    BCP 323  
The Kyrie    (spoken) BCP 324  
The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon

him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**Psalm 27** **BCP 617**

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Gradual Hymn: My God, accept my heart** **Hymnal 697**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

**The Sermon The Rev. Laura Miller**

The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
The Confession of Sin	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory: Hail thou once despised Jesus** **Hymnal 495**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

## *Welcome to Worship*

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

**Prayer request cards** are located in the bell tower window. 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* from the welcome table 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 for the Church in the Indian Ocean, and the Dioceses of East Tennessee and Eau Claire, WI. In our Diocese we pray for St. John's in Essex, St. Peter's in Fourth Lake, St. Paul's in Franklin, and Christ Church in Gilbertsville.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, 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 Nina, Apryl, Richard, Janice, Ivy, Duane, Bill, Sally, Al, Joe, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Jackie, Vicki, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Elaine Hersey who celebrates a birthday this week.

### *Holy Week at St. James'*

*April 13, Palm Sunday, service begins in Tuttle Hall with palm procession*

*April 17, Maundy Thursday, Agape meal at 5:30 followed by service at 6 and the stripping of the altar.*

*April 18, Good Friday, Noon: Community Stations of the Cross, begins at Sacred Heart. 5 PM, Good Friday service at St. James'*

*April 19, Holy Saturday, 9 am service followed by decorating the church for Easter.*

*April 20, Easter Sunday, 9 am service followed by an Easter Egg hunt.*

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

### *This week at St. James'*

**Today:** Please join us for coffee hour after the service.

**Lenten devotional:** pick up your copy on the welcome table. (one per family please)

**Bible Study** - We will do a 4-part video study and discussion on *The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus*, by Lee Strobel. We will join together for a simple meal then view the study. Tuesday evenings at 5:30, March 18 & 25, April 1 & 8.

**Stations of the Cross & fellowship** - Wednesdays at noon during Lent. Bring a bag lunch, we will eat together then we will walk the Way of the Cross in the church.

**Looking for a way to help?** Join a committee on fundraising and event planning. See Mtr. Laura.

**Open flower dates:** 6/8; 9/28; 11/2, 23, & 30.

### *Weekly at St. James'*

**AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm** in the parish Hall.

**Monday & Tuesday:** Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

**Tuesdays:** Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

**Saturdays:** Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

### *Coming soon...*

**Community Dinner** - Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, 5 pm.

**May 3, Saturday,** Installation of Mtr. Laura. Bishop Jeremiah presiding. Details to follow.

**May 17, Saturday** - Community Block Party. We have invited Beaver Cross to run Nerf Archery and Axe Throwing booths. We will have a bake sale and hospitality inside. Quilt raffle begins. Volunteers needed!

**May 18, Sunday, 10 AM** Community service followed by All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Caldwell. Tickets \$10.00