

The Breaking of the Bread

*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: Rock of Ages Hymnal 685  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 339  
The Blessing  
Recessional: Lord dismiss us with thy blessing Hymnal 344  
The Dismissal

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*Worship & Ministry Leaders*

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

*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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# The Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 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: If thou but trust in God to guide thee Hymnal 635  
Opening Sentence BCP 323  
The Kyrie (spoken) BCP 324  
The Collect  
Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites

has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

**Psalm 63:1-8**

**BCP 670**

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they

did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9**

There were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

**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: When Israel was in Egypt Land Hymnal 648**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP 333
The Sanctus	(spoken) BCP 334
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 336

## *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 Ireland, and the Dioceses of Easton, MD and Eastern Oregon. In our Diocese we pray for Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls, Trinity Church in Gouverneur, Christ Church in Greenville, and St. Paul's in Greenwich.

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, 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 Mick McDonald who celebrates a birthday this week, and for Mtr. Laura and Larry Miller who celebrate an anniversary.

### *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 are doing a 4-part video study and discussion on *The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus*, by Lee Strobel. We join together for a simple meal then view the study. Tuesday evenings at 5:30, March 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.

**Paper products needed:** Dessert sized and small dinner plates.

**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