

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 337  
Post Communion Prayer    BCP 339  
The Blessing  
Recessional: The God of Abraham praise (vs 4-5)              Hymnal 401  
The Dismissal

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	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Angela & Jaxsen McGowan	Larry Miller & Dave Mitchell
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*Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.*

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## *The Second Sunday of Lent*

*March 1, 2026, 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 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

#### **Psalm 121**

**BCP 779**

- 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.

**Second Reading: 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 Hymn: Lord who throughout these 40 days Hymnal 142**

**The Holy 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.

**The Sermon**

The Nicene Creed  
Prayers of the People, Form II  
The Confession of Sin  
The Peace

**The Rev. Laura Miller**

BCP 326  
BCP 385  
BCP 331  
BCP 332

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory: Lift High the Cross**

**Hymnal 473**

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

## *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 Japan and the Dioceses of Dallas, TX and Delaware. In our Diocese we pray for St. John in the Wilderness in Copake Falls, Christ Church in Coxsack, and St. John's Church in Delhi.

We pray for protection and keeping for Jody, Lindsey, and all our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Sue, Mary, Matt, Fr. Frank, Ken, Tim, Pearson, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, and those known only to God.

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

We give thanks for Stefanie Smith who celebrates a birthday this week..

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

*March 29, Palm Sunday, service begins in Tuttle Hall with palm procession*

*April 2, Maundy Thursday, Agape meal at 5:30 followed by service at 6 and the stripping of the altar.*

*April 3, Good Friday, Noon: Community Stations of the Cross, begins at Sacred Heart. 5 PM, Good Friday service at St. James'*

*April 4, Holy Saturday, 9 am service followed by decorating the church for Easter.*

*April 5, Easter Sunday, 9 am service followed by an Easter Egg hunt.*

## *Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest*

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

**Today:** Join us for coffee hour after the service.

**Tuesday Study & Fellowship** - We will gather at 5:30 for a simple dinner and a study of the Nicene Creed. Week 2, Article 3: Of one Being----all things were made. Article 4: For us and our salvation---was made man.

**Wednesday After Care for Elementary Students (ACES) Program** is in full swing! Please contact Mtr. Laura if you would like to help.

**Daylight Savings Time begins!** Next Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Spring Forward - set your clocks one hour ahead!

**Open flower dates:** 4/19; 6/28; 7/19; 10/4; 11/1, 8. 22 & 29. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall

### *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...*

**Bible Study** - The Nicene Creed. Tuesday evenings at 5:30 throughout Lent.

- Week 3, Article 5: For our sake---accordance with the Scriptures. Article 6: he ascended--right hand of the Father
- Week 4, Article 7: He will come again---will have no end. Article 8: We believe in the H.S.--spoken through the Prophets
- Week 5, Article 9: We believe in one holy catholic..... Article 10: We acknowledge one baptism....
- Week 6, Article 11: We look for the resurrection..... Article 12: and the life of the world to come. AMEN

**Community Dinner, Wed. March 11 at 5pm at Sacred Heart**