

Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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: There is a green hill (vs 1,2,5)

Hymnal 167

Opening Sentence

BCP 323

The Kyrie

S91, 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 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?'

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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Psalm 95**BCP 724**

- 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.”

Second Reading: 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 Hymn: Lord who throughout these 40 days Hymnal 142**The Holy 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.’

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: My faith looks up to Thee **Hymnal 691**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP 333
The Sanctus	S114, 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.

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: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah	Hymnal 690
The Dismissal	

Music with permission CCLI # 1152334

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 Middle East and the East Carolina and East Tennessee. In our Diocese we pray for St. Stephen's in Delmar, Christ Church in Deposit, and St. Mary's in Downsville.

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 Danny, 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 Betsy Birchenough 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. Vestry meeting after coffee hour.

Tuesday Study & Fellowship - We will gather at 5:30 for a simple dinner and a study of the Nicene Creed. Week3, Article 5: For our sake---accordance with the Scriptures. Article 6: he ascended--right hand of the Father

Wednesdays at noon: Bring a bag lunch to enjoy fellowship followed by Stations of the Cross.

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

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

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 2nd 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 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