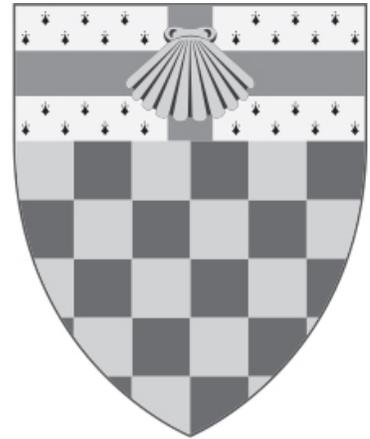


St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15, 2022

7:30 PM

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We Welcome You

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life. If you are a guest with us, please fill out the form on the back of the bulletin, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your time with us.

While Worshipping With Us

- Please remember to silence all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices prior to the service.
- The complete liturgy is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- As of March 3, masks are optional during the worship service. We encourage that in an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us that anyone who is easily susceptible or at great risk should continue to wear a mask during the service.



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The choir and ministers enter in silence; the people kneel as they are able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Read by Kay Gregg

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him--so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Read in unison.

PSALM 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

- 18 Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

Read by Ashley Gam

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since, then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing, and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 167

Sung by all.

There is a green hill far away

Horsley



1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
*3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,
*4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,
5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,



1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.
4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The congregation is encouraged to read the **bold parts**.*

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Narrator Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus Whom are you looking for?

Narrator They answered,

***Priests/Police* Jesus of Nazareth.**

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus I am he.

Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again, he asked them,

Jesus Whom are you looking for?

Narrator And they said,

***Priests/Police* Jesus of Nazareth.**

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

Narrator This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

Narrator So the soldiers, their officers, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First, they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

Narrator Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Woman You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

Narrator He said,

Peter I am not.

Narrator Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

Narrator Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus I have spoken only to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I have said.

Narrator When he said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

***Police* Is that how you answer the high priest?**

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Narrator Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

Narrator Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

***Police* You are not also one of his disciples, are you?**

Narrator He denied it and said,

Peter I am not.

Narrator One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave Did I not see you in the garden with him?

Narrator Again, Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Jesus Before Pilate

Narrator Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate What accusation do you bring against this man?

Narrator They answered,

***Priests/Police* If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Narrator The Jews replied,

***Priests/Police* We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

Narrator This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die. Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Narrator Pilate replied,

Pilate I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Pilate So you are a king?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Pilate What is truth?

Narrator After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

***Crowd* Not this man, but Barabbas!**

Narrator Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

***Soldiers* Hail, King of the Jews!**

Narrator and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing a crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate Here is the man!

Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

***Crowd* Crucify him! Crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

Narrator The Jews answered him,

***Crowd* We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**

Narrator Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate Where are you from?

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Narrator Jesus answered him,

Jesus You would have no power over me unless it had been given to you from above; therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

Narrator From then on, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

***Crowd* If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**

Narrator When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

Pilate Here is your King!

Narrator They cried out,

Crowd **Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Shall I crucify your King?

Narrator The chief priests answered,

Priests **We have no king but the emperor.**

Narrator Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Narrator So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

The people stand, as able.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Priests **Do not write "The King of the Jews," but "This man said, I am King of the Jews."**

Narrator Pilate answered,

Pilate What I have written I have written.

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers **Let us not tear it, cast lots for it to see who will get it.**

Narrator This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus Woman, here is your son.

Narrator Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus Here is your mother.

Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus I am thirsty.

Narrator A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus It is finished.

Narrator And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence is observed.

The Burial of Jesus

Narrator Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because the sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth. These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The people remain standing and reflect quietly on the Passion Narrative.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev. Walter Earl Mullins

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Come and Mourn

H. Hopson

George Garlick, recorder

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky,
when our Lord came to die;
Lone on the cross for our sins He did hang,
and no bird sang.

Women and men with anguish and fear,
then to His cross drew near, drew near;
Hushed then to feel the bitter pang,
and no bird sang.

Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, God's will be done
No bird sang in the sky,
When Christ did come to die.

The people stand, then kneel as able.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs:

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; for its unity in witness and service; for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve; for Susan Goff, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese; for all Christians in this community; for those about to be baptized; that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

A moment of silence.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for Joe Biden, the President of the United States; for the Congress and the Supreme Court; for the Members and Representatives of the United Nations; for all who serve the common good; that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

A moment of silence.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; for the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed; for the sick, the wounded, and the crippled; for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish; for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair; for the sorrowful and bereaved; for prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger; that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

A moment of silence.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ; for those who have never heard the word of salvation; for those who have lost their faith; for those hardened by sin or indifference; for the contemptuous and the scornful; for those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples; for those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others; that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

A moment of silence.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

A moment of silence.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

H. Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley
he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow;
he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him,
he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow;
we must take it by ourselves.
We must take our cross and follow,
we have to follow by ourselves.

ANTHEM

Celebrant We glory in your cross, O Lord,

***People* and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

Celebrant May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

***People* Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Celebrant Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

***People* We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

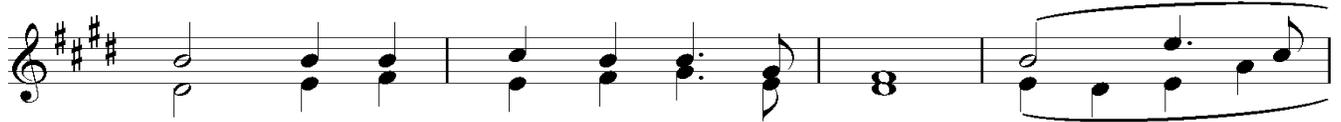
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Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,



trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

After a period of prayer, all depart in silence; on this day, there is no blessing or dismissal.



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PRAYER FOR OUR NEW RECTOR: THE REV. DR. CHAD T. MARTIN

Generous and almighty God, thank you for shining your light of clarity in our call to Fr. Chad and his call to us. Help us as we now prepare to welcome him and his family into our midst. Thank you for uplifting and strengthening the Discernment Committee during this process, and to the Vestry for its enthusiastic affirmation of their recommendation. In the coming months, give peace and joy to Fr. Earl and Patti as they complete their time with us. Continue to gather us and send us out together, renewed in your mission of cultivating the gift of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Chad's first Sunday is June 12th.



ST. JAMES'

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Good Friday - April 15, 2022

12:00 PM - Reserved Sacrament Rite II
(in-person & live-streamed)

7:30 PM - Reserved Sacrament Rite II
(in-person & live-streamed)

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

7:45 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I
(in-person)

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(in-person & live streamed)

ST. JAMES' COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Dear St. James' Parish Family,

During this holy season, we are painfully aware that we have been navigating the pandemic for two full years now. It has been challenging, exhausting, and heartbreaking.

Through it all, the people of St. James' have maintained our commitment to the Gospel imperative, modeled for us most poignantly and faithfully by Jesus, to tend and protect the most vulnerable among us, not looking solely to our own individual interests but to the good of others. We thank you for your concern and faithfulness throughout this difficult time.

At this two-year mark, the landscape of the pandemic has shifted again, as we had hoped. Hospitalizations and deaths have fallen, and the CDC has released new guidance. For Loudoun County, the current community level is Low/Green.

*We are, therefore, happy to report **that effective Thursday, March 3, we will remove the “mask required” signs on entry, and masks will become optional.***

However, we will still continue to refrain from using the common cup at this time, at least until Palm Sunday.

In this, as in our practices throughout the pandemic, we are following the guidance of the Diocese of Virginia and Bishop Susan Goff.

Please be aware that if our community level returns to the High/Orange level in the future, then, according to the CDC protocols, we will return to our previous protocols.

Thanks be to God!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Earl +
Interim Rector

Fred Williams
Senior Warden

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 15-24, 2022

15 FRIDAY (Good Friday)

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Nave (in-person & live-streamed)

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Nave (in-person & live-streamed)

16 SATURDAY (Holy Saturday)

9:00 AM Altar Guild - Sacristy

17 SUNDAY (Easter Sunday)

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)

9:00 AM ****There will be no Kids' Formation on Easter Sunday****

9:00 AM **There will be no Adult Forum on Easter Sunday**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (in-person & live-streamed)

11:30 AM Kids' Easter Egg Hunt - Parking Lot

7:00 PM Al Anon - Janney Parlor

18 MONDAY (Easter Monday)

4:00 PM Grace to Go Meal Distribution - Parking Lot

7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer - Nave

7:00 PM Men's Service Ministry - Parish House, Youth Room

20 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Nave

21 THURSDAY

8:30 PM AA Meeting - Parish House, Youth Room

23 SATURDAY (Leesburg Flower & Garden Show)

9:00 AM Altar Guild - Sacristy

24 SUNDAY (Leesburg Flower & Garden Show/Historic Garden Week)

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)

9:00 AM Kids' Christian Formation - Janney House, 3rd Floor

9:00 AM **Adult Forum: *Why is Loving So Hard?* - Parish Hall**

4:00 PM YOUP Meeting - Parish House, Youth Room

7:00 PM Al Anon - Janney Parlor

ST. JAMES' LITURGICAL TEAM

The Rev. W. Earl Mullins

Interim Rector

Dr. Steven Cooksey

Director of Music/Organist

Kay Gregg

Verger

ST. JAMES' VESTRY

Class of 2019-2022

Kath Bucklin

Andy Durot

Jim Ferry

Steve Mayo

Class of 2020-2023

Chris Cuellar

Tamsyn Knight

Mary Lou Leipheimer

Rebecca Page

Class of 2021-2024

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& Communications

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Laura Heyer

Preschool Assistant

Adán Cortes

Lead Sexton

Officers

Fred Williams, *Senior Warden*

Tom Horne, *Junior Warden*

Jane Roth, *Registrar*

John Forcier, *Treasurer*

Regional Delegates

Dottie Brannock, George Garlick,

& Jane Roth

"In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified."

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

THE REV. EARL MULLINS

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THE CHURCH OFFICE

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IN NEED OF PRAYER... IN NEED OF CARE?

If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

Needed prayer for: Yourself Someone Else

Name(s): _____

Details (Optional): _____

Would you like to be added to the Prayer List? Yes No

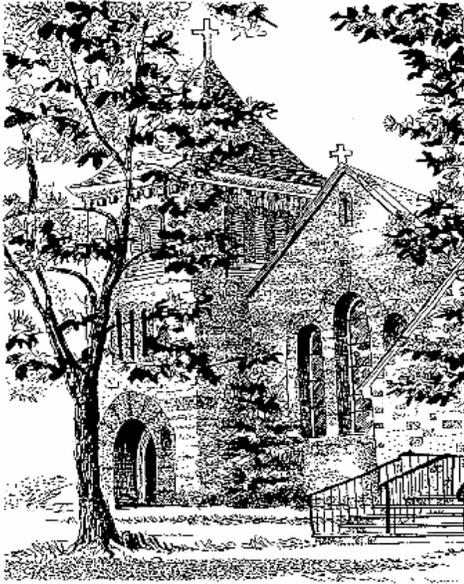
Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)? Yes No

Can we send you a card? Yes No

Address: _____

Would you like to set up a time to talk with Father Earl? Yes No

Comments: _____



ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Join the St. James Family!

If you are a regular worshiper or do not currently have a church home and would like to join our congregation, please contact us today with your name and address at

ebullock@stjamesleesburg.org

OR

fill out the form below and place it in the plate at offertory, or give it to any usher or clergy.

Name: _____

Members of Household: (include ages of children)

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I'd like to receive: Information about St. James' Newsletter

Which service do you attend? _____

Would you like to set up a time to meet with Father Earl? _____

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