



St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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10:00 A.M.

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WELCOME

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.

PLEASE WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST ORGANIST
CAROL WESTERVELT

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available beginning at 9:30am. The Nursery is located through the front left doors to the Sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs-- the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. In response to feedback, we decided to move Children's Formation to the 10 AM hour. Children should arrive between 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. in the upstairs preschool classroom. Look for signs in the Narthex to guide you to the correct location! All children Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome. If you arrive late, please go ahead and join us! Children will return to the service before Communion.

ST. JAMES' SUNDAY VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE

A Vestry Representative will be in the back of the church before and after each service to answer questions and share more about the exciting things happening at St. James'.

Today's representative is Dick Hersh



The Season of Lent

The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencton*, the time of lengthening of days, that which we call Spring. As the days grow longer and the earth awakens, we arise from the doldrums of winter and become more aware of our lives. Traditionally, we think of giving something up for Lent. This act is a spring cleaning of sorts. Whether it is giving up some food item that will prompt us to think twice in our daily routine, or setting aside some time, the idea of giving something up is meant to **create more room in ourselves for God.**

When we make an effort to put away those things which keep us from living as God's people, we make a place for God's love to reside in us. In turn, we can reach out in generosity, and service to all. Lent is a time of both thought and action. As we prepare our hearts and minds to be ready to receive God's love, and make a place for God in our lives, God's love compels us to mend this broken and hurting world.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

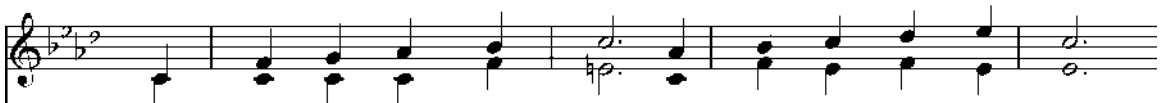
Take My Life and Let It Be

Wilber Held

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 4 0 1

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - cous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

His mercy endureth forever

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE - S-86

Kyrie eleison

Hurd (Greek)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Read by Dave Hov

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 toward 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 turtledove, 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 fire pot 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

God is my light, the strong - hold of my life.

God is my sal - va - tion; in God a - lone I trust.

God is my strong salvation;
 What foe have I to fear?
 IN peril and temptation
 My light, my help, is near. **REFRAIN**

Though hosts encamp around me,
 Firm to the fight I stand;
 What terror can confound me,
 With God at my right hand? **REFRAIN**

Rely on God's protection,
 With courage wait each day,
 God's truth be your affection,
 When weak, your hope and stay. **REFRAIN**

God's might your heart shall strengthen,
 God's love your joy increase;
 With hope your days shall lengthen,
 The Lord will give you peace. **REFRAIN**

Read by Dick Hersh

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 143

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "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 outside of 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

THE REV. KARA LAUGHLIN

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Tamsyn Knight

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Mark and Gayle, for our priests Chad and Marybeth, for our seminarians Josh and Kara, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially...
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Kneeling or standing as able.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of Fr. Chad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please fill out a visitor card found in your pew row or follow the QR code to our digital visitor form so we can get to know you better. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today.

THE OFFERTORY



The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world. You may now make your offering by scanning the QR code on the left.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

God Be in My Head

Hal Hopson

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

God, make me holy; Christ, make me holy;
Spirit, make me holy; Three all holy.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
Amen.

The people stand to sing the presentation acclamation and remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION HYMN - 380

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Old 100

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: '*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.'

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM - S-157

Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)

Merbecke




O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

INVITATION

The people are seated.

Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized to receive the bread at Communion. Please come forward to the altar. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

In this moment of remembrance, The sacrament is spread; Here we celebrate Christ's presence Through the wine and broken bread. At this table of communion, In the light shed from above, We are sheltered in this mercy, And surrounded by his love.	There is healing and forgiveness, There is strength as we partake; Here we know the Savior's promise That he never will forsake. Take and do this in remembrance Are words our Savior said; And we join now in the presence through the wine and broken bread.
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Take and do this in remembrance,
In remembrance of me.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 609

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Gardiner



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

ORGAN:

Rathbun

Elizabeth Krause

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling or standing.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR PRAYER

Celebrant: *N.*, we send you out to share this Holy Communion. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: In the healing name of Christ, and with the compassionate embrace of the family of St. James', we send you forth bearing these holy gifts of our Lord's body and blood. May the one bread and one wine call us into awareness of our unity in the family of Christ. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond **Amen.**

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 636

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Choir

*In memory of Dr. Steven Cooksey, organist and Choirmaster at
St. James' for 43 years*

THE DISMISSAL

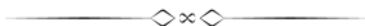
The minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Ancient of Days

Paul Taylor



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(Asterisk * denotes those in the St. James' community)

PRAYER REQUEST'S

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: *Dj Gunning, *Di Cook, Isaiah Rice, *Kevin Smith, Pamela Scott, *Bill Rice, and *Harold Neely.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Erik deVriendt, The Householder family, Katie B. Sullivan, *Steve Page, Neil Gwinn, Ruth Ann Fox, Timothy McKimmie, Charlotte Giblin, *Rachelle Graves, *Charlotte Woods, Virginia Cogger, *Michael Fabian, Stephanie Kreuger, The Porter family, Ralph Dale, Dwayne Traylor, Brayan Cruz, Jefferson Zapata, *Michael Dowling, Darrell Ackmann, Kaleb Cortes, Tony Beltrano, Emily, Mary Ellen Hurley, *Barbara Roark, *Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, *Scott Clark, *Pam Mossburg, Virginia Laughlin, and *Alice Lynn.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *Steven Cooksey, *Dan Thomas and *Page Barrett.

Those who need our prayers: All those affected by the fires in the US, for the lives lost and that God will sustain them for the recovery ahead, for all those across the globe who suffer the effects of natural disasters; for those who suffer acts of violence around the world, especially for Ukraine and for the Holy Land; for federal employees and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad; for those who are unemployed or underemployed; and for those who continue to be affected by COVID-19 and for protection of the most vulnerable through flu season and cold weather.

DO YOU HEAR THOSE BELLS RINGING?

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:5-6)

During the season of Lent we will once again be incorporating Sanctus bells into our worship. Bells began to be used in the fifth century, but it wasn't until the thirteenth century that they were used to call attention to significant parts of the service. Originally they were tolled outside by the bell tower, allowing people to stop what they were doing and pray. Later, the bells were moved inside to be part of the service, helping worshippers to refocus their attention toward God.

ADULT FORUM IN LENT: WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Sundays, March 9 – April 6 | 9:00 am | Parish Hall

Join Fr. Chad, Rev. Marybeth and Michael Fabian as we discuss the final week of Jesus' life, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY:



"24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"

Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Janney Parlor

This is a "drop in" event, no registration required. Come as you can. Fr. Chad will be discussing the book "24 Hours that Changed the World." You don't need to buy the book, but if you would like to, scan the **QR code**.

MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT 9:00 A.M.

Beginning **Monday, March 10th** in the Nave, in addition to the

weekly Eucharist service, we will say Morning Prayer together on Mondays and Fridays. Pause during the week and join us for this short service of readings and prayers.

SACRED SOIL SOCIETY 2025 KICKOFF

Sunday, March 23rd | 4:00 pm | Janney Parlor.

No experience is needed to help tend the lovely grounds of St James; we'll teach you. Our second full season of work on caring for the church grounds will begin in early April. More gardeners/helping hands are always welcome. Come and learn more about the work and the bountiful enjoyment of this service ministry! If you can't make the meeting, but want to help out, please email: pamelam1950@verizon.net.

ST. JAMES' NEWCOMER CLASS



Sunday, March 30 | 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall

Join Fr. Chad to hear more about the history, values, and mission of St. James, and discover what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church. You will also learn more about our active ministries and ways to get involved. **Scan the QR code to register.** Child care available by request with advance registration.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioners and guests may make their own pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa, or “Way of Sorrows,” during Lent 2025 on **Wednesdays, March 12th - April 9th in the church from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.** The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus and the devotion commemorating the Passion.

The Way of the Cross booklets will be available in the narthex for self-guided pilgrimages.

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL IS HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR



SJP is looking for a positive, energetic, and motivated Director! If you can help SJP provide its students with a creative learning experience in a Christian atmosphere of love and acceptance, apply now! This is a full-time position with benefits. Application deadline is March 31. **Learn more via the QR code. If you know someone who might be a good fit, please refer them to www.stjamespreschoolleesburg.org**

INAUGURAL MEETING! April 9th, 2:00 pm

St. James' Women's Book Club | Janney Parlor

“To Build Community, Form Friendships, and Read a Good Book”



Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The first meeting will be led by Fran Smith and will be a discussion of the book “Peace Like a River” by Leif Enger. You can get the book from Amazon (scan the **QR code to the left**), Thrift Books, or the Loudoun County Library. Registration is requested so that sufficient refreshments are available.



Register on Realm with the QR code to the right.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS AT ST. JAMES' REGISTRATION IS OPEN



June 23 - 27, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Our theme this year will be Arts Camp: Creating with God. If you would like to be involved, we are planning an organizational meeting Sunday, March 23rd, following the 10:00 am service in the Janney Parlor. We will be offering 2

internships for young adults; high school, or college students. An interest in the arts is a plus but not required.

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026



Classes are filling quickly for the 2025-26 School year! There are still some openings, so please complete your application (indicating 1st and 2nd class choices) and submit with \$100 application fee to reserve those last spots!

Please contact the Preschool office at (703) 777-8439 or **scan the QR code** to register online.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. Weekly | Youth Room | Parish House

All 6th to 12th grade students are invited to join us for Sunday School class between services on the Biblical theme of *Deliverance*. We meet at 9:00 am in the Youth Room (lower level of the Parish House). Light snacks are provided. For questions, please email Jon Coate (jtcoate@gmail.com)

SHRINE MONT SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW



OPEN

Registration for Shrine Mont summer camps is now open. Last summer, we had several campers from St. James' and Rev. Marybeth served as chaplain for one of the St. George's sessions. We would love to continue to strengthen the connections between St. James' and Shrine Mont.

Scan the QR Code for more information or to register.

MENS' SERVICE MINISTRY

7:00 p.m. Weekly | Youth Room - Parish House

All men of St. James are invited to join a weekly MSM meeting.

For additional information or if you have questions, please email Mike Scott at mdscott_2001@yahoo.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Honor a loved one, remember a special individual in your life or in the life of our parish, or simply beautify our worship space by donating altar flowers. To sign up, please contact the church office at rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org or call 703-777-1124.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10 - April 11 - Morning Prayer Monday & Friday @ 9:00 am

March 12 - April 9 - Self-guided Stations of the Cross @ 12-1 pm

March 30 - 5th Sunday Family Service; St. James' Newcomer Class

April 13 - Palm Sunday; no Adult Forum

April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm Choral service & Stripping of the Altar

April 18 - Good Friday; 7:00 pm service

April 19 - Holy Saturday; 8:30 am service

April 20 - Easter Sunday; 6:00 am Sunrise Vigil

9:00 am & 11:00 am Choral Service

April 21 - Campus Closed for Easter Monday

April 27 - Baptism Sunday - Flower and Garden Show

ST. JAMES'

Holy Week & Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025

8:00 AM - Spoken Eucharist Rite I with Passion Narrative

10:00 AM - Choral Eucharist Rite I with Passion Narrative

Wednesday - April 16, 2025

11:30 AM - Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday - April 17, 2025

7:00 PM - Choral Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday - April 18, 2025

12:00 PM - Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Narrative

7:00 PM - Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Narrative

Holy Saturday - April 19, 2025

8:30 AM - Liturgy for Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

6:00 AM - Easter Vigil

9:00 AM - Choral Eucharist Rite I

11:00 AM - Choral Eucharist Rite II

12:15 PM Family Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER LILIES

Each year we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ by adorning the Nave in white lilies. If you wish to dedicate lilies to the memory or thanksgiving of a loved one, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with a donation. Deadline is **noon Monday, April 14**. You may also call the office at **(703)777-1124**.

Given by: _____

In Memory of In Thanksgiving of: _____

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

16 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum - Parish Hall *
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Sunday School - Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite I *
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

17 MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Property Committee - Kitty Boyd Room
- 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Spanish speaking) - Parish Hall

18 TUESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Kitty Boyd Room

19 WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study - Janney Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave

20 THURSDAY

- 8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall

21 FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Nave

23 SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum - Parish Hall *
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Sunday School - Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite I *
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

*** Live Streamed**

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES	BECKY CRISMAN WINSTON CHAMBLIN	ALEX DULLE ELEANOR WHEL BAND AMELIA WHEL BAND
READERS	FRAN SMITH BILL BROOKS	DAVE HOV DICK HERSH
INTERCESSOR	BILL BROOKS	TAMSYN KNIGHT SUSAN MOFFETT DEBBIE OVERSON KEN GETTY CHARLIE THORNTON KARA LAUGHLIN
LEMS & DEACON	RANDY MINCHEW JEFF BRANNOCK KARA LAUGHLIN	ANDY DUROT TOM HORNE MIKE SCOTT MARY DUNLOP
USHERS	JOY GRIFFITH	JEFF BRANNOCK
A/V LEAD EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		
ALTAR GUILD	SHERRI ANDERSON, JOY GRIFFITH, ELLEN PINSON, LYND SAY WELSH	

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Michael Fabian

Dick Hersh

Senta Keegan

Bryan Welsh

LAY DELEGATES

Dottie Brannock

George Garlick

Jane Roth (alternate)

IN NEED OF PRAYER; IN NEED OF CARE?

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

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

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

If you are in need of pastoral care, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or use the resources below:

THE CHURCH OFFICE

(M-TH, 9A.M. TO 5 P.M., FRI 9 AM TO 2 PM)

(703)777-1124

AFTER HOURS PASTORAL CARE LINE

(202)750-4247

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 one of our clergy?

Yes No

Phone number: _____

Comments: _____

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