

St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

PALM SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST



APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 AM

Founded in 1812

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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.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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Children are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available beginning at 8:45. The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs – the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. All children under 10 are welcome to come up for a short children's sermon, followed by Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall. Children's Chapel is for ages 4 to 10; however, ages 3 and under are welcome to attend Children's Chapel with a guardian. We will celebrate God's love through music and a brief activity before rejoining our families to take part in the Eucharist.

ST. JAMES' SUNDAY VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE

The Vestry is composed of 12 elected church members who serve a 3-year term as leaders in the parish. 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 Ray Longo



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

PALM SUNDAY

The title of this day says it all. Today's worship begins with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and moves to shouts of "Crucify him!" In one service, we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then is utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city.

We enter Holy Week today with prayers, music, and ceremonies that would be recognized by ancient pilgrims to Jerusalem as they walked the way of the cross. This is not merely the story of Jerusalem two thousand years ago or the reenactment of a distant historic event--it is our story too. We have a part in this great act by which God redeems the whole of creation through Jesus Christ. Today we are part of the passion of Christ and through it we see the reality of God's saving action in our lives.

Hosanna means "save us." The jarring intersection of triumph and defeat encompassed in this worship shows that when the power of self and the powers of this world fail utterly, it is in this humble, frail Jesus of Nazareth that the power of God is revealed. We shout hosanna not knowing what it will bring. It brings the cross, at once a terrible death and a throne of mercy for us. We are the children whom God so loved that the only Son was sent to live and die as one of us. There is no moment of defeat, of alienation, of brokenness, or even of death itself that can keep God from us.

The palms are given to the glory of God.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people stand, as able and face the back of the Church.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

LUKE 19:28-40

Read by Josh House

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and

found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people raise their palm branches to be blessed.

BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of the victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Let us go forth in peace;

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people remain standing for the procession

THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent you Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our

nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons and the Psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Read by Becky Crisman

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by alternating whole verse.

PSALM 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

**10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even my
neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
ear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

**14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

**16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Read by Sandy Moses

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Luke 22:39-13:56

*The people are invited to join in at the **bold parts** marked "Crowd."*

The people remain seated.

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.)

Narrator He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of
Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached
the place, he said to them,

Jesus "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Reader 3 "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus “No more of this!”

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Reader 1 “This man also was with him.”
(Servant Girl)

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Reader 3 “You also are one of them.”

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter “Man, I am not!”

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Reader 1 “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Reader 3 “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”
(Soldiers)

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Reader 1 “If you are the Messiah, tell us.”
(Elders)
Narrator He replied,

Jesus “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator All of them asked,

Reader 1 “Are you then, the Son of God?”
(Elders)
Narrator He said to them,

Jesus “You say that I am.”

Narrator Then they said,

Reader 3 “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Readers “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator He answered,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

Readers “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

***Crowd* “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

Narrator (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***Crowd* “Crucify, crucify him!”**

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene,

who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

(All stand as able)

Narrator When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Reader 1 “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the
(Leaders) Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Reader 2 “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
(Soldiers)

Narrator There was also an inscription over him,
“This is the King of the Jews.”

Narrator One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Reader 3 “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”
(Criminal)

Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,

Reader 1 “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same
(Criminal) sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator Then he said,

Reader 1 “Jesus, remember me when you come into your
(Criminal) kingdom.”

Narrator He replied,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed;

and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last.
When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Reader 2 "Certainly this man was innocent."
(Centurion)

Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.
Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The people remain standing & reflect quietly on the Passion

The people remain standing for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Sandy Moses

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.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS



If you are a visitor, 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Kneeling or standing as able.

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 of 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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away 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, regardless of age, to receive the bread and wine 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

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.**

THE BLESSING

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

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister says the dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

PRAYER REQUEST'S

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Roger, Shannon Burns, *Larry Potts, *Dj Gunning, *Di Cook, Pamela Scott, *Bill Rice, and *Harold Neely.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Isaiah Rice, *Kevin Smith, Erik deVriendt, The Householder family, Katie B. Sullivan, *Steve Page, Neil Gwinn, Charlotte Giblin, *Rachelle Graves, *Charlotte Woods, Virginia Cogger, *Michael Fabian, Stephanie Kreuger, Dwayne Traylor, *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: *Jack Powers, Tom Lynch and *Steven Cooksey.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO coffee hours on Easter Sunday

Grace to Go is off on Easter Sunday

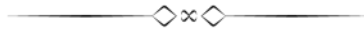
Rector's Bible Study is on hiatus until April 10th

Children's Formation is on hiatus until April 7th

Morning prayer continues through Monday April 14th

The Campus will be closed on April 1, Easter Monday

Spring Adult Forum Resumes May 4th



EASTER AT ST. JAMES'

6:00 a.m. Easter Vigil

Watch the sunrise on Easter morning during the beautiful Easter Vigil. The service begins in the Parish Hall with the lighting of the Paschal fire and then moves into the church. Join us in the Parish Hall after the service for a light breakfast with Mimosas.

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II

Experience a beautiful Easter worship service with Choir, Brass, Children's Sermon, and Children's Chapel. The whole family will enjoy these traditional Easter services.

12:15 p.m. Family Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to join us outside for an Easter egg hunt directly following the 11 a.m. service.

MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT 9:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer continues through **Monday, April 14th** in the Nave.

PLANNED GIVING INFORMATION SESSION

Today, April 13 | 9 a.m. | Parish Hall

We are pleased to announce the launch of a Planned Giving program at St. James'. Planned Giving provides for a means to include St. James' in your long-term financial planning and encompasses bequests from your estate as well as gifts, which can take various forms. While you have always had the ability to include the church in your plans, this program aims to make members aware of their options in making gifts to the church that will continue to support the vitality of our ministries for future generations. Join us for an information session on Sunday, April 13, at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall to learn about Planned Giving, why it matters, and what steps you can take now to build your legacy at St. James'.

The program will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in-person.

EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS

We are now accepting individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt following the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Please drop off your donations in the narthex or at the church office by **Monday, April 14th**.

FOYER GROUPS SPRING/SUMMER SESSION

May-Sept | Off Campus

Foyer groups are small groups of parishioners who meet monthly

between May through September for simple meals and conversation. There's no agenda, simply a time to get together to make new friends & get reacquainted with old friends. For more information or to sign up, email Donna Cash: cashfamily1@gmail.com, or call Donna at 703.593.7381. **Please sign up with Donna by Tomorrow, April 14th**, or the Parish Office at rsnodgrass@stjameslessburg.org.

EASTER OFFERING

In order to be responsible stewards of our resources, 2/3rds of the collected offering at our Easter services, if not designated as a pledge or other purpose, will be donated directly to outside local charities. We plan to resume giving 100% of this offering to outside organizations when we reach a balanced budget. The vestry has chosen two non-profits as this year's recipients:

Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR), www.loudounhunger.org

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS), www.lcsj.org

Please take the time to learn about each of these charities and support them directly as you are able. Their needs are great, and we appreciate your gifts and prayers as they do important work in our community and world.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR OUR SEMINARIAN, JOSH HOUSE

Sunday, April 27 | After the 8 & 10 a.m. Worship | Janney Parlor

Although we may see him occasionally in the future, Josh's last official Sunday at St. James' is Sunday, April 27. Please join us after

each service in the Janney Parlor, as we thank Josh for his service to St. James' and wish him well in his future ministry.

ADULT FORUM:

SPIRITUALITY IN FILM, ART AND POPULAR CULTURE


Sundays, May 4 – June 1 | 9 a.m. | Parish Hall

Join us for a 5-week series on finding spirituality in film, art, and modern-day culture. More details to come! Also, please note that we will not offer Adult Forum on Sundays, April 13, 20 and 27.


THE SACRED SOIL SOCIETY IS BACK IN ACTION

Volunteers are always welcome. Here is the current schedule for April; April 17, 1-3; April 23, 10-12. April has quite a few days as we're trying to get the grounds in the best shape possible ahead of the Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival on April 25 & 26 as it typically brings folks up Cornwall to the church. If possible, please let me know what dates you can help: pamelam1950@verizon.net. Thank you to those who have already let me know you'll be working.

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS ARE OPEN FOR

 **REGISTRATION:** Camps will run weekly Monday-Thursday from June 2nd to July 24th. There are several different camp offerings for children from 2.5 to 5 years old. For more information and to register, scan the QR code or call the office at 703-777-8439.

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

 **June 23 – 27, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

Our theme this year will be Arts Camp: Creating with God
If you would like to be involved, please reach out to Rev.

Marybeth. 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.**

**NEW SCHEDULES FOR CHILDREN'S FORMATION &
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

Palm Sunday, April 13, Children's Formation

Families should gather with the full congregation for the Liturgy of the Palms at 10:00 am, held in front of the Parish House on Cornwall St., weather permitting. When the congregation processes into the church for the service, children attending Children's Formation should follow Jess Eastridge and the "Hosanna" banner into the Parish Hall. Children will return to the worship service at the Peace.

Easter Sunday, April 20 - Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel will be held during both the 9am and 11am services. Children will begin with their families in the pews. After the children's sermon with Fr. Chad, children follow the junior acolyte to Children's Chapel. Children will return to the worship service at the Peace.

Sunday, April 27 - Children's formation & Children's Chapel will be on hiatus. Please join us at the 10:00 am service to witness several baptisms this day and then stop by the St. James' table on Cornwall St. for the Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival.

Sunday, May 4 - Children's Chapel will return to its traditional format. Children will begin with their families in the pews on Sunday mornings and will follow the junior acolyte to Children's Chapel following the children's sermon. Children will return to worship at the Peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13 - Palm Sunday; Planned Giving Information Session

April 14 - Morning Prayer Monday at 9:00 am

April 16 - Guided Stations of the Cross, 11:30 am

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

April 18 - Good Friday; Noon & 7:00 pm services

April 19 - Holy Saturday, 8:30 am service

April 20 - Easter Sunday, 6:00 am Sunrise Vigil
9:00 am & 11:00 am Choral Eucharist
12:15 pm Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 - Campus Closed for Easter Monday

April 27 - Baptism Sunday - Farewell Reception for Josh House,
The Leesburg Flower and Garden Show

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

- 13 SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY**
8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
9:00 a.m. Planned Giving Presentation - Parish Hall *
9:00 a.m. Youth Group Sunday School - Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite I * (Begins at Parish House)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments
- 14 MONDAY**
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Nave
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry - Youth Room
7:00 p.m. At-Anon (Spanish speaking) - Parish Hall
- 16 WEDNESDAY**
11:30 a.m. Guided Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave
- 17 THURSDAY MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall
- 18 FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY**
Noon Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- 19 Saturday Holy Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Holy Saturday Service
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Nave
- 20 SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY**
6:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II *
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

* Live Streamed

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES

BECKY CRISMAN

THERESA SWAIN
AMELIA WHEL BAND
ELEANOR WHEL BAND
PHOENIX MARTIN

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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: _____

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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, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M., FRI, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.)

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