



# St. James Parish

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Doug McDowell  
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**2027**  
Linda Mason  
Ed Preneta  
David Tompkins

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

Procession (*in silence*)

### The Word of God

#### ◆An Exhortation

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

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| ◆HYMN  | <i>We sing of God</i>                                  | Hymnal 387                  |
| ◆Opening Sentences                                       |  | BCP pg. 355                 |
| ◆Collect for Purity                                      |  | BCP pg. 355                 |
| ◆Kyrie   |  | Hymnal (front section) S 96 |
| ◆Collect of the Day ( <i>Contemporary, in unison</i> )   |  | see insert                  |
| First Reading  | Exodus 3:1–15  |                             |
| Psalm 63:1–8 ( <i>responsively, the People in bold</i> ) |  | see insert                  |
| Second Reading   | 1 Corinthians 10:1–13                                  |                             |
| ◆HYMN  | <i>Lord, who throughout these forty days</i> (vv. 1–3) | Hymnal 142                  |
| ◆The Holy Gospel   | Luke 13:1–9  |                             |
| ◆HYMN  | <i>Lord, who throughout these forty days</i> (vv. 4–5) | Hymnal 142                  |

The Sermon

Lee Febos, M. Div.

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People – Form III

BCP pg. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. For the special needs and concerns of Patricia Anderson, Karen Young, Meghan K., Mark M., Jayla, Richard Kelly, Armen, Barbara N., Heather, Judy and Bill Briggs, Mark, Gary, Jane, Liam Shields, Laurent, Teri, Jordan K., Richard James, Brian, Tom, and all others we wish to remember, silently or aloud ... [*pause here*].

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially George McIntyre and those we name now, silently or aloud ... [*pause here*].

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

*Let Thy Merciful Ears*

Thomas Weelkes

- ◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380
- \*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361
- \**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 130
- \*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364
- \*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

*Gluten-free hosts are available.*

- \**Agnus Dei* Hymnal (front section) S 164

Communion Hymns: 648, 152, 143

- ◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366
- ◆Lenten Prayer (*in unison*) BCP pg. 832

**Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.**

Announcements

- ◆HYMN *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal 344

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able.      \* You are invited to kneel, as able.  
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

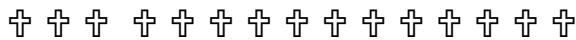


The hand-hewn cross crafted by John Newton will anchor our prayers during this upcoming Lenten season. We have used John's cross in Lent for a number of years and it has been a blessing as we focus our Lenten prayers. We ask that, if you would like to place a prayer concern/need on the Cross, you come up after the service (or anytime you wish to come by the church), take a card (available at the Cross itself), write your prayer request on it, place the card on the Cross with an iron nail provided in the bowl (use the hammer, if you would like) in solidarity with Christ's Passion. Be blessed this Lent!



## *Serving this week*

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Kathy Bullard
Coffee Hour Host		Anna Whilby & Gabriela Henry



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

**Join us online for worship this morning!** Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.



***Faith & Fries!*** We usually gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville. **We next convene THIS TUESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7–8:30 pm.** You can come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. We invite all to come as they are able and please, feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to the conversation! Call the church with questions or more information on *Faith & Fries!*

**Stations of the Cross:** We have brought back the Stations of the Cross artwork display in the parish hall. Each station is represented by artwork, poetry, and a traditional prayer. The art and writings are the accumulation of months of prayerful work by our parishioners who graciously gave their time for this project. **Lenten Fridays at 5:30 pm you have the opportunity to see their visions and interpretation of the Stations while reflecting on the Lenten season in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** If you can't join us on Friday evenings, the Stations are in the parish hall throughout Lent for you to enjoy and ponder.



**Sunday Bible Study:** Join us for Bible study of the Book of Revelation, the last book in Holy Scripture. Revelation has some of the most hopeful and beautiful passages in all of Holy Writ and isn't always what we expected. Join us Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. If you would like a study guide, contact Fr. George.

**Women's History Month /Lent sessions:** On Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> between the services there will be a presentation and discussion in the parish hall about some women named in the Bible along with women who were important religious figures in the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. Between the named and the nameless, there are over three hundred to be found in the Bible. Along with the well-known Biblical women, some of the lesser known will be discussed. One Sunday will be devoted the Medieval mystics – their gifts and contributions. We hope you can join us.

*Women's Ministry* Those interested in a Women's Ministry can gather next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm at Linda Mason's house at 198 Talcott Notch Road in Farmington. We will meet over pizza and beverages to discuss our mission, goals and leadership. We urge all women who come to St James to join us for a fun evening of support, brainstorming, and casual womanly togetherness. Casual clothes, please and carpooling is recommended, if able. Please RSVP to Linda at [ldelshire@gmail.com](mailto:ldelshire@gmail.com) or 860-515-4338.

***These Moral Times: A Time of Faith-Filled Conversation and Prophetic Planning.*** Join Bishop John Selders and The Rev. Josh Pawelek of Moral Monday CT, along with partners in the immigrant rights, civil rights, labor, and different religious traditions across the spiritual landscape, as we engage in spirit work vital to the current realities in the country and the state of Connecticut. Please consider joining us next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. For more info, go to [www.Moral-Monday-CT.org](http://www.Moral-Monday-CT.org)

***First Sunday Breakfast:*** Find delicious food and fellowship at the *First Sunday Breakfasts* cooked by a great crew of men of the parish, led by John McBride: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. Gluten-free pancakes or muffins will also be available. Join us on Sunday morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am–9:45 am for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!



**Parish Photo Directory coming!** Any members wishing to be in a St James Parish 2025 Photo Directory, please email Linda Mason ([1delshire@gmail.com](mailto:1delshire@gmail.com)) a photo and your demographics [mailing address, phone number (optional), and email (optional) you would share in the directory. Photos should be one per family. For those who don't have a photo, we can make arrangements to take a picture; please let us know. If you don't want to email the information, please send it to St James with a note: *Photo Directory. Please submit photos and info to Linda by March 24<sup>th</sup>.* Thank you! We hope we will have a great response as a new Directory will be a tremendous help for us all to get to know each other better. Once the book is completed this Spring, copies will be available to parish members.



***Jesus through the eyes of Mark:*** We are sharing a series again this Lenten season, **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the parish hall.** Each Wednesday of Lent (Holy Week excepted), we begin at 5:30 with fellowship and a light supper of soup and salad (maybe some bread 😊) that folks take turns providing, as we have done for a number of years. A program begins at 6pm and conclude by 7:15 pm (so that choir folk, if they choose, can participate). The series continues on March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. This year, we explore the entirety of Mark's Gospel in what is hoped to be a refreshing approach. Over the course of the program, folks are encouraged to read the Gospel of Mark (16 chapters, in total, so an average of 4 chapters per week). We are looking at Jesus through the lens of the other characters in Mark, people like Peter, Matthew, and James, but also various lepers, demon-possessed persons who are healed by Jesus, the Syro-Phoenician woman, and so much more. How is our view of Jesus changed, stimulated, enhanced, etc. by our reading and conversations together? Join us for one night or the whole series. No sign up is required to join the discussions.



**Altar of Repose:** On Maundy Thursday (April 17<sup>th</sup>), following our 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, our Lord lies in repose, in the Blessed Sacrament, in the Melissa Jane Inrig Memorial Chapel from the moment the service is over until the following morning at 7 am. We have traditionally had sign up times, where people come in person and sit an hour with Jesus during this time, memorializing the first night he spent in the tomb. All are invited to sign up for a time on the parish hall ramp bulletin board. Multiple people can sign up for any time slot, but it is the late night (2, 3, 4 am) slots that are more challenging to fill. Materials for prayer and reflection will be available in the chapel, so that you may pass the Holy Hour faithfully. A brief, special time of prayer will be held in the Chapel at 7 am on Good Friday morning to conclude the Vigil, if you'd like to join us.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> are:

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.



## For All Ages

There is a relatively new group in town, *For All Ages*, putting together a series that hopes to address the issue of loneliness. We all know that even as we get more digitized and connected online, the more folks report being lonely and feeling more isolated. *For All Ages* hopes to address some of the roots of this phenomenon and promote social connectivity. They have a program on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm, and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3-4:30 pm. We have flyers for locations and more information. As of now, we have five parishioners who will take part, but anyone is welcome! After the series is over, we are committing to host some kind of social event here at St. James to get people connected. St. James is officially a partner in this series called *Social Connections*. See [www.forallages.org/social-connections](http://www.forallages.org/social-connections) for more information or talk to Fr. George.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &  
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

### COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

### GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

### THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm.  
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

