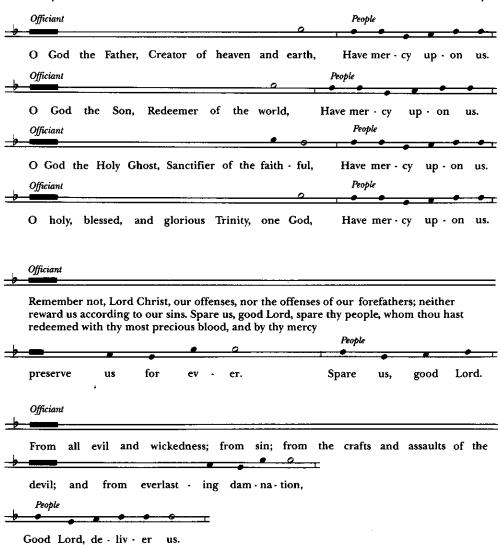
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

The Word of God

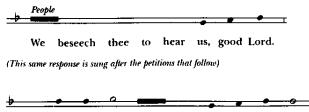
The Great Litany

Hymnal S 67



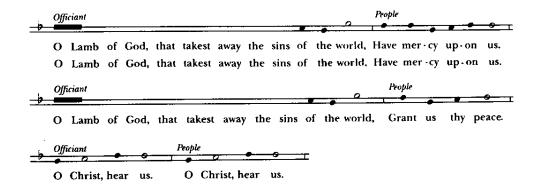
(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



When the Litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:



Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm 25:1–9 (responsively, the people's response in **bold**)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

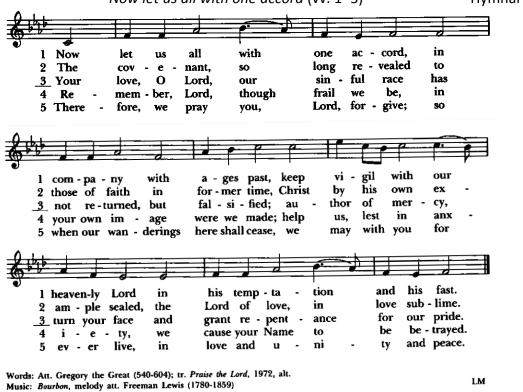
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



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Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN Now let us all with one accord (vv. 4–5)

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The Sermon

The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

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

That we might become the story we tell, trusting in God's steadfast love, and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered, let us pray to the Lord as we respond, Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

For all followers of Christ in every land and nation, praying this day with Anglicans around the globe, especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops, George, our Rector, Doug, our Deacon, all ministers, lay or ordained, that in our words, worship, and work, we will honor the Covenant made with God in Baptism, we pray, **Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.**

We pray that the prayer, fasting, and giving to others, especially during Lent, may bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, especially the people of the Dominican Republic, Yemen, Afghanistan, N. Korea, and for any who struggle with attractions to wealth, power, and control, we pray, **Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.**

That may become living proclamations of the good news, let us pray to the Lord: **Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.**

For all who have no choice but to fast every day, for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters. For the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation and all who ask for our prayers, especially John Beer,

Carmen Propiescus, Cindy, Bob, Michael, Jennifer, Dan and Jacob; Jennifer, Bob Ives, Gail Richey, Lisa Nolan, Barbara, Laura Riss, Peter and Kam Hufstader, Dennis; Henry, Marlene, and Kim; Peggy, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud

Let us remember the dead, any we pray for now, silently or aloud ... we pray, Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Celebrant: God of our salvation, teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, so that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants, through Jesus, your anointed one. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin BCP pg. 330

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you 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 your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Agnus Dei from Messe Solennelle

G. Rossini

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer, one of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

[Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.Amen.

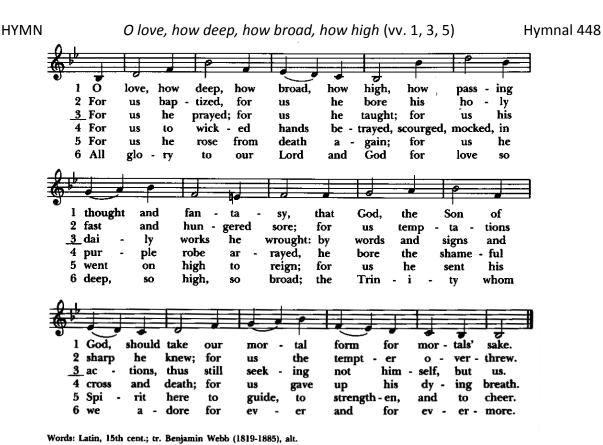
Lenten Prayer (in unison)

BCP pg. 832

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to Your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

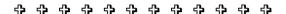


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The Dismissal

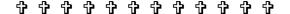
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Crucifer Chloe Roberts Altar Guild Nina Hayes Lector Mimi Hostetter Ushers David McFadden & Janet LaPierre-Green



Thank you to Rachel Abrams for sharing her music with us this morning.

Join us online for worship this morning! Watch us on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – https://bit.ly/StJamesLive

Sunday Bible Study: Join us as we explore the Old Testament book of the Prophet Jeremiah. The prophets of the Old Testament offer us vital glimpses into Israel's journey and life with God in ancient times. The prophetic witness also gives invaluable insight into our own life with God in all its challenges, joys, and complexities. We use a study guide by Matthew Hansen that takes us on a rapid journey through the book of the great prophet, with outlines, commentary, and questions for us to consider. Join us for this fascinating study held on Zoom, **each Sunday after worship at 11 am**. All are welcome!! The Zoom meeting info is:

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 811 8867 4911; Passcode: 025126

Join us for worship during the week on Facebook Live on St. James Parish's Facebook page: https://bit.ly/StJamesLive

Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9 am Wednesdays for Evening Prayer at 5 pm Fridays for Compline at 7:30 pm.

Special thanks to all the St. James cooks who provided casseroles (21 in total!) for the Friendship Service Center last week. They were gratefully accepted and are being served to the residents of their shelters. Your generosity and kindness benefits many and gives assistance to a small staff working without their usual volunteers. Once again, St. James volunteers respond when help is needed!

We have a wonderful Christian Formation series for our congregation and beyond in this program year. We partner with the Spiritual Life Center (SLC), in West Hartford, to present a year on Christian Spiritual Practices. Part of walking the way of Jesus and truly living the Christian life means drawing forever closer to the Divine presence. In our busy lives, however, finding new, creative, and practical ways to live the Christian life and engage in our spiritual journey (we are all on one, by the way) can be very challenging indeed. Our next workshop on

Christian Spiritual practices is Saturday, March 20th at 10 am. Signup is available at http://bit.ly/lgnSpirit

Ignatian Spirituality, Judy Pluta, BA, MA, Boston College, NYU. Saturday, March 20th, 10 am-2 pm. Judy serves as a Spiritual Director, Supervisor and a trainer of Spiritual Directors and Supervisors at The Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford. Her Jesuit Volunteer Corp and Boston College experiences provided an introduction to the richness of Ignatian Spirituality over 35 years ago.

The lectionary readings for next week, February 28th are:
Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:22930 Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38

Pledge giving envelopes: the boxed envelope sets are ready for you to pick up from the table in the narthex (open 24/7), if you requested envelopes when you submitted your 2021 pledge.

Communion on the go: We've had many inquiries regarding Holy Communion in recent months. One of the many challenges of COVID-19 for us, as people of God engaged in Episcopal worship, is that the vast majority of our parishioners are not able to come to in person worship right now. Anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion, but cannot come to in-person worship, can contact Fr. George to set up a time to receive Communion. We know this is not perfect or the way that folks would most like to receive Communion, but in these COVID-ravaged times receiving the blessing and grace of Eucharist cannot be overstated. We hope to hear from you!

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