



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Vater unser im Himmelreich

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn 401: *Leoni*, "The God of Abraham praise"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

BCP 350

The People kneel as able, responding to each commandment saying:

"Amen. Lord have mercy."

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie S95 (*The People echo each petition sung by the Cantor.*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not

become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

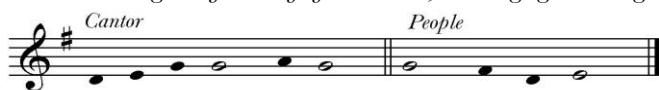
Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

Tone II.1

The Cantor sings the first half of each verse; the congregation sings the second half.



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a barren and dry land where there is **no water**.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
 that I might behold your power **and your glory**.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
 my lips shall **give you praise**.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live
 and lift up my hands **in your Name**.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
 and my mouth praises you with **joyful lips**,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in **the night watches**.
- 7 For you have been my helper,
 and under the shadow of your wings I **will rejoice**.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand **holds me fast**.

Hymn 635 (v. 1): *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, “If thou but trust”

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Procession (*Children follow the clergy into the Children’s Chapel. Please note, masks are required for all Children’s Chapel participants.*)

Hymn 635 (v. 2): *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, “If thou but trust”

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. James Lemler

Nicene Creed

BCP 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.

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Please kneel as you are able and let us open our hearts to God.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name
may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and
reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another
and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as
he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Priest

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Priest and People

Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Hylah Boyd, Stacy Burrs, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Jamie Gugino, Anne Heffner, Dave Johnson, Barbara Katz, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Bunky Miller, Carol Piersol, Henry Seaman, Chuck Silva, Parker Skidmore, Bradford Smith, Cora Sue Spruill, Jessie Sumrell, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Erin Wright, Ben and Eloise, Ace, and David

The Priest continues.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: I have longed for thy saving health William Byrd

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight.
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,
and Thy judgments shall help me.

During the singing of the Doxology, the children may come forward to the Chancel to see the celebration of the Eucharist.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus S125

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.

Celebrant

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.

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.

Celebrant

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.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
For the Lamb of God has tak-en a-way our sins.

Verse

Sing with all the peo-ple of God,
and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. *repeat Antiphon*

Music at Communion

Canticle: A song of penitence, *Kyrie Pantokrator*
(For text see S237 in the hymnal.)

Plainsong

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Please kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Hymn 688: *Ein feste Burg*, “A mighty fortress is our God”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

*The greens are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Randolph Watkins and
Virginia Whitey Watkins*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. James Lemler

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lector: Andrew Sherrod

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Teri Miles, Jay Sandusky

IWC Greeters: Andy Bennett, Dick Bennett

Musicians: West Gallery Choir

Psalmist: Trey Sibley

Cantors: Sabrina LaFleur, Chris Rock

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Giving Online

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Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teehey

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James's Children Center

For those about to be baptized: especially James Knowles Chauncey Millen who will be baptized at St. James's next Sunday

For the newly born: especially Harold James Wardlaw Stegmaier, son of Margaret Wardlaw and Andrew Stegmaier, who was born recently

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Helen Branch, Rob Brumley, Molly Feagans, Bill Hall, Olivia Hopkins, Oscar Monette, Zia Paulachak, Norfleet Stallings, and Elsa Woodaman

We pray for all the people of Ukraine during this time of trial. We pray for peace between the nations of Russia and Ukraine and for all those that have lost their lives. We continue to pray that a peaceful resolution can be found to the current conflict and a that spirit of peace and forbearance can prevail between these two countries.

Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Blake Singer (bsinger@doers.org) or Jane Dowrick (dowhit52@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministers: Ellen Buoyer, Bennette Burks, Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Russell Lawson, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard, Blake Singer, and Chamie Valentine

Music Notes



I have longed for thy saving health is by the Elizabethan composer William Byrd (1543-1623). Byrd was appointed organist at the Chapel Royal by Queen Elizabeth in 1572, where he served alongside his mentor Thomas Tallis. In 1575 the two were granted a patent for the exclusive right to print and sell music in England. Byrd was undoubtedly the finest and most popular composer of his day. In spite of the fact that Catholics were undergoing severe persecution in England, Byrd remained a Catholic and composed Latin motets which were identified with Roman Catholicism.

Kyrie Pantokrator is from the Prayer of Manasseh in the Apocrypha. The text is a prayer of repentance by Manasseh, King of Judah (687-42 BC), which is recorded in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20. This Canticle has been used in Christian worship since the 5th century.

Next Sunday, March 27 at 9 a.m.: Dylan Mass

Bob Dylan's influence has been felt for over five decades. Born Robert Allen Zimmerman in 1941, Dylan changed his name in 1962. Of Jewish descent, he became a Christian in the late 70's, releasing three albums with a Christian message. According to an interview published in *The New York Times* in 1997, he now "subscribes to no organized religion," but in a *60 Minutes* interview with Ed Bradley in 2004, he said "the only person you have to think twice about lying to is either yourself or to God," and he explained his grueling touring schedule as part of a bargain he made with the "chief commander – in this earth and in the world we can't see." He may not subscribe to organized religion, but he seems clear about his relationship with God.



Easter Lilies at St. James's

St. James's is filled with beautiful lilies on Easter. If you would like to contribute a lily as a memorial for or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Gina Young at gyoung@doers.org or Mary Brown at 804-355-1779, ext. 313 no later than **Wednesday, April 6** with the name(s) as you would like them to appear in the bulletin. Please send a check for \$25 (clearly marked for a lily) and the name of the honoree to St. James's Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220. Lilies will be delivered to the sick and home-bound after Easter services.