



Morning Prayer, Rite I

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 8, 2020 | 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

*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: ‘Bryn Calfarfa’

Ralph Vaughan Williams

from “Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes”

Introit: Invocabit me

Plainsong

He shall cry to me, and I will hear him:
I will deliver him, and I will glorify him:
I will fill him with length of day.
He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High
shall abide under the protection of the God of Heaven.

Hymn 401: *Leoni*, “The God of Abraham praise”

Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer, page 37

Confession of Sin

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The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymnal S4: Venite (*found in the front of the blue hymnal*)

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

setting: M. Whitmire

Please be seated.

The Cantor sings the verses; the Congregation sings the antiphon.

The Lord is full of com - pas-sion and mer - cy;
O come, let us a - dore him.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. *Antiphon*

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now
And will be forever. Amen *Antiphon*

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 691: *Mt. Olivet*, “My faith looks up to Thee”

Second Lesson: John 3:1-17 *Please be seated.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing the Canticle from the Hymnal.

Hymnal S11: Jubilate Deo

Sermon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Apostles’ Creed

BCP 53

The Prayers

Salutation and Response

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Suffrages A

Collect of the Day

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

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

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

Officiant and People

Elizabeth Austin, Susan Blanchard, Susan Braden, Matt Curtis, Mark Dalton, Susan Early, Cameron Flippen, Tom Griffin, Bernadette Howard, Rhys Keller, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Sherley Richter, Bill Royall, Clara Sabella, Geoff Sisk, Betty Stallings, JEB Stuart, Jennifer and Woody

The Officiant continues.

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

Greeting and Announcements

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: God so loved the world (from *The Crucifixion*)

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

Hymn 474 (v. 4): *Rockingham*, “When I survey the wondrous cross”

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, “Our fathers’ God, to thee”

General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 657: *Hyfrydol*, “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Closing Sentences

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Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Postlude: ‘Hyfrydol’

Vaughan Williams

from “Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes”

*The greens at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Lucy Gordon Sutton and Frank T. Sutton III*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Musicians:

Vocal Quartet: Lisa Edwards Burrs, Heather Jones, Chris Rock, Brian Lawson

Psalmist: Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs

Guest Organist: David Fisk

Prayers of the People

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

For the sick and in need: especially Elizabeth Austin, Susan Blanchard, Susan Braden, Matt Curtis, Mark Dalton, Susan Early, Cameron Flippen, Tom Griffin, Bernadette Howard, Rhys Keller, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Sherley Richter, Bill Royall, Clara Sabella, Geoff Sisk, Betty Stallings, JEB Stuart, Jennifer and Woody

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher, Duke Hopper, Clare and Beirne Hutcheson, John Nance and Wilson Nance

In this Lenten season we lift up in prayer refugees around the world and all those in harm's way.

For the newly born: especially Avery Jay Blincoe, son of Justine Blincoe and Brendan Trache, and grandson of Mary Louise and Richard Rumble who was born recently.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Parker Agelasto, Mary Fowlkes, Anne Peyton Leitch, Ruby Reed, Randy Reynolds, Dave Southworth, Hilary Streever and Jonesy Wilbanks who celebrate their birthdays today.

For those who have died recently: especially The Reverend Robert Hancock Armstrong, Mellisse Ann Ewing and Vada Showalter

Today, March 8

Holy Eucharist, Rite I – 7:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II – 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation Hour – 10:15 a.m.

Episcopal Church 201 with the Rev. Hilary Streever
in Valentine Hall

Bible Study with Thom Blair – Parkinson Room

Biblical Storyteller for All Ages with Denise Bennett
in Michaux House, room 304

Morning Prayer, Rite I – 11:15 a.m.

Hospitality – Valentine Hall, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We will have coffee and cookies. All are Welcome!

Nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Gibson Hall.

Wednesday, March 11

Holy Eucharist, Rite II – 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Fellowship Supper and Study – Valentine Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Seculosity: The Seculosity of Busyness with author, David Zahl

Nursery is available in Michaux House, Room 201.

For more events, see doers.org

Music Notes



God so loved the world is from the oratorio *The Crucifixion*, by the English composer and organist John Stainer (1840 –1901). Stainer served as organist at Magdalen College, Oxford, and St Paul’s Cathedral in London before becoming a professor of music at Oxford University in 1889.

Dylan Mass: March 22, 9:00 a.m.



How many times can a man turn his head and pretend he just doesn’t see? Please join the West Gallery Choir and Guitar Ensemble, along with guest artists Jonathan Vassar, Corey Axt and Scott Milstead as Bob Dylan’s lyrics encourage us to live as good neighbors. Bring a friend and come early. Prelude begins at 8:45.

Sung Eucharist: March 29 at 11:15 a.m.

Music will include Vaughan Williams’ *Mass in G minor*, one of Vaughan Williams’ finest compositions. Composed in 1922, it is one of the first English Mass settings since the sixteenth century – the era of William Byrd and Thomas Tallis. The work combines old and new musical methods, looking back to the 16th century and also ahead to modern composers as diverse as Arvo Pärt and John Rutter. Our Choir will sing *Mass in G minor* at Gloucester Cathedral this summer.

The Anglican Musical Tradition: March 15

10:15 a.m. in Valentine Hall

In this Episcopal Church 201 lecture, I will discuss the the psalms and how they form the fabric of our musical heritage.

Where are the Whitmires?

We are in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the annual conference of the American Choral Directors Association. We will attend presentations and dozens of concerts by some of the nation’s finest ensemble, including the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Our thanks to David Fisk for his excellent organ playing while we are away.

Special Events

Biblical Storyteller for All Ages – Today at 10:15 a.m.



Denise Bennett will be sharing her stories and music in Room 304 today at 10:15 a.m. She tells stories coupled with music sung and on the harp. Denise won second place in the National Storytelling Festival Slam in 2018 and the “Mountain Mack Virginia Liar’s contest” for her original tall tale, “How My Harp Saved My Life”.

WomanKind 2020 Volunteers Needed!



We need volunteers this month for WomanKind 2020!

Men are welcome to volunteer, and we encourage women who cannot attend all of WomanKind to contribute their talents to food or other needs.

Please visit our online sign-up. signup.com/go/TACpmsc
Then click the link in the post.

WomanKind 2020: Fearless Women of Faith – Register Now!



Our fabulous biennial weekend for women returns March 20-21, 2020! Our theme this year is *Fearless Women of Faith*. Invite your friends! Learn more and register online at womankindrichmond.com/

Visit the WomanKind website learn about our **WomanKindness 2020**. You don't need to

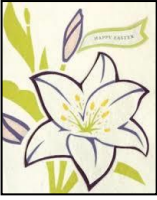
participate in the WomanKind weekend to be a part of this.

WomanKindness 2020 – Anyone Can Participate!

Every WomanKind, we support an outreach program, which we call “WomanKindness.” Our WomanKindness project this year is to equip Transitional Apartments in the CARITAS Center for the women who have been in The Healing Place for Women program. In these apartments, women transition from the recovery program to a self-sufficient life. Whether you attend WomanKind or not, you can help us fill the apartments with items on our Amazon Wishlist. It's like a registry. Each item for the apartments has been skillfully selected by long-time staff who are experts and serving men and women in need. The interior design of the apartments, as well as the entire CARITAS Center has been done by our own, Stevie McFadden of Flourish Spaces. To access the WomanKindness Amazon Wishlist, go to womankindrichmond.com.



Easter Lilies at St. James's



It's time to order your Easter lilies! 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 :

Deadline: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Contact: Gina Young at gyoung@doers.org or 804-355-1779

Amount per Lilly: \$25 payable to

St. James's Episcopal Church (clearly marked for Easter Lilly)

Include: The name(s) as you would like them to appear in the bulletin.

Mail to: St. James's Episcopal Church

1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220.

Season of Lent

God in Your Inbox

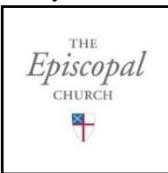
This Lent, tune in to our annual parish-wide devotional, "God in Your Inbox." This year, our series will be a once-weekly email: a further reflection by the Sunday preacher on their most recent sermon. A wide variety of daily Lenten devotionals are available online and in print, including the following recommendations from our clergy.

- From the Society of St. John the Evangelist: *Signs of Life* www.signsoflife.org/
- From Forward Movement: *Lent Madness* www.lentmadness.org/
- From the Center for Action and Contemplation: <https://cac.org/sign-up/>
- From The Episcopal Church, *Living the Way of Love: A 40-Day Devotional*: <https://www.churchpublishing.org/livingthewayoflove>

Confession During Lent

Though each week in worship we confess our sins to God and receive God's absolution, did you know the Episcopal Church offers also offers private confession? "The Reconciliation of a Penitent," as the rite is called in the Book of Common Prayer, is a beautiful service promising God's grace, healing and forgiveness. Confessions are held in the strictest of confidence. If you or someone you know desires to lay down a heavy burden at Jesus' feet this Lent, please contact any member of the clergy.

Sunday Lenten Series: Episcopal Church 201 – Today, March 8



Sundays in Lent: March 1 through March 22

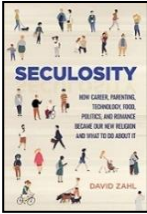
Who are those Episcopalians? Where did we come from and what do we believe and practice? Whether you're new to Christianity, from another denomination or a lifelong Episcopalian, there's always more to learn about our basic beliefs and roots.

March 8 - Worship and Prayer with the Rev. Hilary Streever

March 15 -The Anglican Musical Tradition with Dr. Mark Whitmire

March 22 - Church Beyond the Parish: the Diocese, the TEC, and the Anglican Communion with the Rev. Dr. Bob Friend

Wednesday Lenten Series: Seculosity



Wednesdays in Lent: March 4 through April 1, 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Valentine Hall. Episcopalian and lay minister David Zahl writes in his 2019 book *Seculosity* that Americans are as religious as ever -- just about things other than God. According to Zahl, we seek salvation in everything from politics to parenting, food to technology, career to romance. Join Zahl and his colleague the Rev. Connor Gwin for this engaging Lenten series.

Join fellow parishioners for a warm meal and conversation at 6:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall and stay for study afterwards. Study – 6:45 p.m.
Nursery available in Michaux House, Room 201

March 11- The Seculosity of Busyness

The last time someone asked you how you were doing, did you respond with 'well'... or 'busy'? The honest truth is, life in the 21st century often feels more like a treadmill than a journey. In this session, we'll explore some of the ways that the calendar has come to serve as a measure of personal enoughness--and exhaustion as a status symbol--and what that might say about the nature of spiritual rest.

March 18 - The Seculosity of Teens and Schools

The Rev. Connor Gwin knows first hand about teens, schools, and religion -- not only was he once a teenager, he now serves as chaplain at Stuart Hall School in Staunton, Virginia. Come for a discussion on how Americans have made a religion out of teens, schools, and academic achievement. Gwin is a contributing writer to the Mockingbird website.

March 25 - The Seculosity of Death and Dying

We are all going to die. This is a universal fact of life, but what happens when the religious understanding of death and dying disappears? In this talk, the Rev. Connor Gwin will discuss the secular religions concerning death that are gaining momentum in our modern age. From Heaven is for Real to “death hacking”, we will see what our culture thinks about death and what Good News actually sounds like when talking about the ultimate question.

April 1 - The Seculosity of Religion

The Rev. Connor Gwin, Chaplain of Stuart Hall School.

There is no realm in which the performance-oriented work of self-justification is more evident (or more damaging) than religion. As the institutional Christian church bemoans the rise of the "nones" (those who have no religious preference), the religious industrial complex is growing rapidly. Healing crystals, chakras, and genuine witchcraft are just some of the ways modern folks seek relief. What happens when the crystals don't work? Where do we turn when the horoscope fails? In this final talk, Connor Gwin will point us to the "solution" to seculosity - the grace of God.

Stewardship

Assuring the Future Vitality of Our Church

The Whitlock Legacy Society is for members and friends of St. James's who have made provisions for the future of our parish through a bequest to the St. James's Endowment Fund. Your gift can be for any amount and be a percentage of your estate, a sum of money, property, a paid up life insurance policy, or any number of other legacy giving options.



March 29 is Founders Day when all Whitlock Legacy Society members are recognized in appreciation for including St. James's in their estate plans, and new members will be called forward for a blessing and a gift. If a donor prefers, their gift can remain anonymous.

There is no better "final act of love" for your family than by having your affairs in order by filling out the Omega File, an end of life planning booklet. This is an ideal Lenten discipline. Thoughtful consideration of these plans is easy to put off, but it is a deeply spiritual process, as well as comforting and affirming. You may find copies in the Narthex and Michaux House as well as a writable PDF at doers.org under Planned Giving.

For more information contact Suzanne Hall, Director of Stewardship and Development at (804)355-1779 x335. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to sustain the future of St. James's.

Getting Connected

Finding A Place for You



St. James's has over 57 lay ministry teams filling over 1,000 volunteer roles - and that's just a start. Need help in discerning your ministry, navigating our many ministry opportunities or getting connected to a ministry team?

Contact Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry at nwarman@doers.org or 804/355-1779, ext. 333

Welcome to St. James's

We're so glad to worship with you this morning! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask a priest or usher.

The Holy Eucharist (the Lord's Supper) is the central act of worship in most of our services. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. In lieu of receiving bread and wine, anyone may receive a blessing from a priest at the altar rail by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like to learn more about being baptized, any of our priests will be happy to speak with you.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. If needed, our nursery is available for children age 3 and under and accessed through the double doors by the pulpit. Materials for coloring and other quiet activities for children are available on the left before entering the sanctuary. Restrooms are located downstairs, as is the Peterkin Parlor, which has audio of the worship service for those who would like to move to a quiet place.

We'd like to know you better! Please fill out the pew card and introduce yourself while you're here. Keep this bulletin for more information about St. James's. We hope to see you again. A Vestry Greeter will be in the narthex following the service with more information about our church.

You can find our online calendar and more information about our programs on our website at www.doers.org. To subscribe to *eChimes* and other online news, send a text to 22828 and enter STJAMESDOERS or send a request to communications@doers.org.

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Services & Office Hours September to May

Sunday worship at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Faith Formation Hour – 10:15 a.m.

Jazz Mass is 1st Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer or Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. services are live streamed on www.doers.org

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Mission Statement

*At St. James's Church,
our mission is to live as Doers of the Word,
worshiping God and serving others
to build Christ's kingdom.*