

# LENT



SAINT JAMES  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

SUNDAYS ONLINE 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God of the Cross and Loving God of Community, we are not in a church building today but Church is never canceled. We remain the Body of Christ in your suffering world. Dispersed throughout our community, confined to homes, we continue to seek ways of loving you and loving our neighbor. We know that our vocation is to be the Light of the Christ whose Body we are. Give us courage to be the Church and to keep our minds on what matters—which is to keep loving the world which you have called good. Buildings crumble; the Church Year passes; but your Church endures from generation to generation. Make this for us a Feast Day of your Protection, your Plenty, your Purpose, your Plan and your Peace. All this we ask, as we pray together, with all the Saints and with each other.  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People* **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from\_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM – *read in unison*

## THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from\_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to\_\_\_\_\_.

*People*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

## THE NICENE CREED

**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

*Adapted from a Litany written by The Rev. Michael B.E. Kurth*

God the Father,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty. As the sorrows of our heart and mind increase, we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear. Cast away all works of darkness. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defense, and he will be our Savior.

For all who have died: receive them into the arms of your mercy, grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For those directly infected with the virus: help them recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of resources: have mercy on them, alleviate any fear, and provide for them daily bread and wage.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those at high risk of infection, especially the elderly, those with underlying illnesses, the marginalized, and the poor: keep them healthy and free from all sickness. Teach us how to reach out and relieve their burdens.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those in quarantine, the shut-in, and the infirmed: help them find peace, keep them in good health, and renew their mind and spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of this nation and the world: help them make sound and safe decisions to best secure the future of our planet.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all hospitals, doctors, nurses, and staff: protect them as they minister to the sick, relieve all stress, and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of all the infirmed.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all scientists and those working to find a cure: inspire them towards your truth, and help them discover and disseminate a vaccine and cure.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For first responders: guard them from all harm, and grant them strength and courage as they respond to all calls for help. For service industry workers and those who must work even as their community shuts down:

keep them healthy, give them the resources to best care for themselves and their families, and be their strong rock in times of financial and medical anxiety.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all media and journalists: protect them from all harm in their reporting, and move them to be a vector of truth and certainty, without fear or panic.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all schools, students, teachers, administrators and staff: Give wisdom as we seek new ways of teaching and learning, feed those who would go hungry without school meals, and shelter all students who have no place to live.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the young: spare them from harm and fear, and keep them a joyful sign of your love and light.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all parents: build in them strength and fortitude for the time ahead, and give them the words and witness to be wise counselors and compassionate caregivers.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our church: help them minister to their flock; fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all places of worship: embolden us to be beacons of hope and love, and help us to gather however and wherever we can – be it in person or online – to give you praise. Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead. Ease our fear and anxiety, that we may share our resources rather than hoard them, and extend a helping hand to those in need. Inspire us to both share and be the Good News of your love and hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ our Lord: the Shepherd and Savior of the world.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

*Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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 God thanks and praise.**

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:

*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.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

**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 INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. My Jesus, I believe that as we gather, you are truly present and come to us in the bread and in the wine. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Holy Spirit, knowing you bring the very presence of God to me, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(Developed from two prayers: one by St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787, and one from Enriching Our Worship 2)*

ORGAN MEDITATION      *while that which is consecrated this day is taken outside and placed in the ground – in recognition of God’s love poured out on the whole of creation*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*The people respond with Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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