



# St. James

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.*

Ten o'clock in the morning  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2020  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Prelude** Choral Dorian *Alain*

**Processional Hymn** The Glory of these 40 days Hymn 143

**Opening Acclamation** BCP 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People: His mercy endures for ever.*

**The Great Commandment** BCP 351

**The Confession** BCP 352

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 Absolution** BCP 353

**The Kyrie** BCP 356

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

**The Collect for the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the Light

Hymn 490

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for

judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Gospel of the Lord.  
*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend De Freeman

**The 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.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Russell; for this gathering; for our priests, De, Mary Jayne, and Forbes, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially those who are sick across our world and those who care for them, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence.*

**The Peace** *The people stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

**The Welcome & Announcements****Offertory Anthem**

*Celebrant & People: All things come of thee, O Lord.  
And of thine own have we given thee.*

**The 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.

**Sanctus**

Hymn \*S-130

*Schubert*

*\*Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are from the service music section at the front of the Hymnal.*

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.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Aramaic Translation*

Our heavenly Father, hallowed is your name. Your Kingdom is come.

Your will is done, As in heaven so also on earth.

Give us the bread for our daily need.

And leave us serene, just as we also allowed others serenity.

And do not pass us through trial, except separate us from the evil one.

For yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory

To the end of the universe, of all the universes. Amen!

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP 364

Celebrant: Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

**The Invitation** *All are invited to the Lord's table.* BCP 364

**The Ministration of Communion**

*Please note, blessed wafers which are not consumed should not be thrown away. Please place them in your flower bed or outside where birds or other animals may eat them.*

**The Communion Hymns**

**My Shepherd will supply my need** Hymn 664

**Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for You.

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**Postcommunion Prayer** BCP 365

*The people kneel or stand.*

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 Solemn Blessing**

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Hymn in Procession** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Hymn 690

**Voluntary** A Mighty Fortress *Pachelbel*



## THE ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

### **Please keep these parishioners in your prayers:**

Patty Brady, Hope Carlisle, Jeanelle Clark, Virginia Dean, David Dorsey, Brandy Haas, Sheila Harriman, Matt Havard, Andrea Hawkins, Augusta Jones, Tod Jonson, Claire Lambert, Patrick Mead, Ellen Nyles, Zera Ann Roussel, Tut Wynne, Dot Yeager, and those who care for them.

### **Let us also pray for the needs of others:**

Byron Baggett, Tom Bierster, Thomas Bowie, Sam Cartner, Charles Cotton, Gary Criscione, Kristen Freeman, Kari Glover, Whitney Goetter, Mimi Henderson, Morgan Henderson, Tim Hickey, Ray Hill, Nancy Island, Cheryl Lawrence, Rebecca Luker, Helen Melancon, Steve Michels, Maggie Mostellar, Ellen Nyles, Jane Orr, Steve Parks, Jackie Pierce, Cindy Powell, Tom Richards, Alan Roe, Deborah Shook, Sandra Simons, Mick St. Amour, Stephenie Tatum, Andy Terry, David Walter, Brandon Webb, Charles Willard, Jr., Claire Windham, Carolyn Zeanah, and those who care for them.

### **Military Prayer Requests:**

Brandon Beam, Lee Brennan, Chase Carlton, William Clarke, Charles Cotton, Matthew Curry, Edward Doyle, Hunter Freeman, Billy Geiger, Bobby Glover, John Granlund, John Michael Gresla, John Heeren, Mallory Henderson, Matthew Kangsumrith, Daniel Keyser, Frances Kinsey, Will McDuff, Walter Miller, Robert Pinkard, Parker Ponder, Colton Pratt, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, James Ramming, Adam Simpson, Gary Spencer, Stephenie Tatum, and William Watts.

*To place a name on the prayer list, please complete one of the prayer cards found in the narthex of the church/chapel, or in the Parish office. Names are listed for 2 months.*

#### **Vestry Members**

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*  
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### **St. James Episcopal Church**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS for WATCHING LIVE:**

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Live stream will begin a few minutes before 10 AM on the internet.

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- Search “St. James Episcopal Church Fairhope Facebook”
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- Click the drop down arrow.
- Click settings.
- Click Notifications from the list on the left-hand side of the page.
- Scroll down the list until you see Video.
- Click the drop-down arrow on the right-hand side of the page by video.
- Turn on notifications for video. Allow notifications on Facebook. If you turn on notifications, you will receive notification when St. James goes live. You can allow notifications by “push,” email, or text message as well.

If you have trouble accessing the video, you can watch it on Monday as well as the audio portion of the sermon on our website at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org).

### **OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES**

#### **to make your virtual worship more enjoyable:**

The Book of Common Prayer is online here: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

The Hymnal is online here: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/EH1982>

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