

## **ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH**

March 16th, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist -10:00 am

Homilist & Celebrant Ven. John E. Anderson

Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

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Organ Prelude "Arioso"

*J.S. Bach*

Processional Hymn #468(CP) "To Abraham and Sarah" *Thornbury*

Welcome

A Penitential Office

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*Silence is kept.*

**God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our ills, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

### The Gathering of the Community

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.*

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (CP #704)

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

Gathering Hymn # 337 “God, Your Glorious Presence”

Gathering Prayer

Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life:  
accompany us on the difficult path with the disappeared, the  
broken and the fearful, so that we find the way to the city of our  
peace where we are all accepted as your beloved; through the  
cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. **Amen.** Prayers for an Inclusive Church  
(2009), alt.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 pg. #13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is  
the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and  
foes— they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

A Reading from the Epistle to the Philippians 3.17-4.1 pg. #1140

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The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Before Gospel #577 (CP) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Verse 1

CWM Rhondda

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

After Gospel #577 (CP) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Verse 4

CWM Rhondda

Homily

Archdeacon John Anderson

Anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

*arr. Arnold B. Sherman*

*The St. James' Choir*

Affirmation of Faith     The Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*Mae Cox, Lay-Reader*

Peace

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

*(You are invited to share the peace in a manner comfortable to you.)*

Offertory Hymn #505 (CP) "Be Thou My Vision"

*Slane*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Prayer over the Gifts

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

## Eucharistic Prayer # 1

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#719 (CP) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Land of Rest*

**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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind

and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,  
**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

### The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

#745 (CP) "Lamb of God"

*arr. Senchur*

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.**

### Music During Communion:

Hymn When He Cometh"

*(From the 1938 Hymnal)*

### **V1**

When he cometh, when he cometh, to make up his jewels; all his jewels, precious jewels, his loved and his own.

### **Refrain**

Like the stars of the morning, his bright crown adorning; they shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for his crown.

**V2**

He will gather, he will gather, the gems for his kingdom; all the pure ones, all the bright ones, his loved and his own.

**Refrain****V3**

Little children, little children, who love their Redeemer; are the jewels, precious jewels, his loved and his own.

**Refrain**

Hymn "Your Only Son"

*Lamb of God*

**V1**

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain**

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**V2**

Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died; the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

**Refrain****V3**

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

**Refrain x2**

### Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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

### Blessing

### Announcements

Recessional Hymn #537 (CP) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"  
*Cross of Jesus*

### Dismissal

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God loves. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction "May the Blessing of God Be Upon You"  
*arr. W. Wright*

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

Organ Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in F" *J.S. Bach*

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