

St. James' Anglican Church

The First in Lent

Sunday February 22nd, 2026

Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m.

Celebrant and Homilist: The Venerable John E. Anderson

Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

Processional Hymn #175 CP) "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Heinlein

Welcome and Call to Order of Vestry

The Gathering of the Community

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord,

and you will sustain us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence

and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Give us the joy of your saving help again

and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.

Blessed are you, O Holy One,

the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (CP #705)

Gathering Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Ephesians 1: 3 -7 (pg. 1133)

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Those blessings come from the heavenly world. They belong to us because we belong to Christ. God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes. He loved us. So he decided long ago to adopt us. He adopted us as his children with all the rights children have. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done. It pleased God to do it. All those things bring praise to his glorious grace. God freely gave us his grace because of the One he loves. We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. We have been set free because God's grace is so rich.

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

The Gospel

Before the Gospel #562 (CP) "Dona Nobis Pacem" *Taize*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert. There the devil tempted him. After 40 days and 40 nights of going without eating, Jesus was hungry. The tempter came to him. He said, "If you are the Son of God,

tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘Man must not live only on bread. He must also live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city. He had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. It is written, “ ‘The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you. They will lift you up in their hands. Then you won’t trip over a stone.’ ” Jesus answered him, “It is also written, ‘Do not test the Lord your God.’ ” Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain. He showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “If you bow down and worship me,” he said, “I will give you all this.” Jesus said to him, “Get away from me, Satan! It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve.’ ” Then the devil left Jesus. Angels came and took care of him. (*Matthew 4: 1-11*)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Charge to Vestry: Archdeacon John

Prayers of the People

Beth Morum, *Lay Reader*

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #176 (CP) "By the Holy Spirit Sent"

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The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer before Communion

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer # 2 (BAS pg. 196)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (732 CP)

Community Mass/R. Proulx

All **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 God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All **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.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#747(CP) "Lamb of God"

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

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All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Hymn

“Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night”

V1

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee! Out of my
sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth. Out of my
sin and into thyself; Jesus, I come to thee.

V2

Out of my shameful failure, and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into
the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee! Out of earth's
sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm. Out of
distress to jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to thee.

V3

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into thy
blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee. Out of myself to dwell in
thy love, out of despair into raptures above. Upward for aye on wings
like a dove; Jesus, I come to thee.

V4

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee. Out of the
depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold. Ever thy
glorious face to behold; Jesus, I come to thee.

Anthem: “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

St. James' Choir

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith, hope, and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his
name. **Amen.**

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.

Announcements

Break before Conclusion of Vestry

Closing Hymn # 172 (CP) "Now Let Us All With One Accord"

Bourbon

Organ Postlude

"Rondeau"

arr. Henry Purcell

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