

St. James' Anglican Church

The Third in Lent

Sunday March 8th, 2026

Holy Eucharist and Baptism - 10 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Carol Hardie

Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

Organ Prelude "Gabriel's Oboe"

arr. Ennio Morricone

Processional Hymn # 347 CP) "The God of Abraham Praise"

Leoni

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life! *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.*

Collect for Purity

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.

Gathering Hymn

“This is the Day”

L. Garrett

Sung Twice

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Gathering Prayer

Lord of the wellspring, source of life and truth: give us the courage of the Samaritan woman, so that we may receive living water, and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ who quenches our thirst with eternal life. **Amen.** *Propers Working Group (2016)*

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading of Exodus 17: 1-7 (Pg. # 71)

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

Second Reading of Romans 5: 1-11 (pg. # 693)

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The Gospel

Before the Gospel #180 (CP) “Giver of the Perfect Gift” *Song 13*

Verses 1 & 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors

worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest?” But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for

harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.' (John 4: 5-42)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel # 180 (CP) "Giver of the Perfect Gift"

Song 13

Verses 3 & 4

Sermon: Rev. Carol Hardie

Anthem: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" *arr. K. Lee Scott*
The St James' Choir

Affirmation of Faith 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

Beth Morum, *Lay Reader*

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Confession and Absolution

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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 #616 (CP) "Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound"

Rivaulx

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer before Communion

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 # 3 (BAS pg. 198)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices in to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus 732

Community Mass/R. Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
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Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are 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 No. 7

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) "Jesus, Lamb of God" (could just be Lamb of God)

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

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 "Like a Mighty River Flowing" R. Vaughan Williams

V1

Like a mighty river flowing, like a flower in beauty growing, far beyond all human knowing is the perfect peace of God.

V2

Like the hills serene and even, like the coursing clouds of heaven, like the heart that's been forgiven is the perfect peace of God.

V3

Like the summer breezes playing, like the tall trees softly swaying, like the lips of silent praying is the perfect peace of God.

V4

Like the morning sun ascended, like the scents of evening blended, like a friendship never ended is the perfect peace of God.

V5

Like the azure ocean swelling, like the jewel all excelling, far beyond our human telling is the perfect peace of God.

Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

Finlandia

V1

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

V2

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

V3

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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 # 508 (CP) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Kingsfold

Dismissal

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

Sung Benediction "Trusting Jesus" (Refrain)

Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by, trusting him whate'er befall. Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Piano Postlude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *arr. J. Rutter*

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