



**Welcome to**  
**St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton**

Sundays at 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

**March 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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# Morning Prayer

Kathy Collett, *Lay Worship Leader*

*The St. James wardens and vestry determined that masking while inside the St. James building complex is highly recommended, but no longer required.*

**Prelude** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*arr. by Edward Broughton*

**Processional Hymn:** "To God with gladness sing"

**#399** / *Hymnal* / *standing*

## Opening Sentences of Scripture

*Leader:* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

## Confession

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **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.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us,  
Forgive us all our sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Strengthen us in all goodness,  
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*Leader:* Lord, open our lips.

*All:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Psalm 95

*Venite, exultemus*

To - day if you would hear God's voice, har - den not your hearts.

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### **II:Antiphon:II**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

### **Antiphon**

- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

### **Antiphon**

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

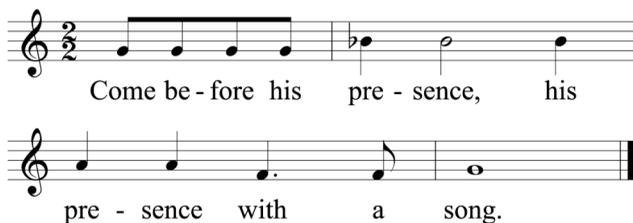
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### Antiphon

- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

### Antiphon

#### Psalm 100 *Jubilate*



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### II:Antiphon:II

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all your lands;\*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with  
a song.

### Antiphon

- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God;\*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his  
pasture.

### Antiphon

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and call upon  
his Name.

### **Antiphon**

4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;\*  
and his faithfulness endures from age  
to age.

### **Antiphon**

## **The Lessons**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading**

*Exodus 17: 1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

**#686 / Hymnal / seated**

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 5: 1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sequence:** "Fill My Cup, Lord"

*Richard Blanchard*

1. Like the woman at the well I was seeking For things that could not satisfy; And then I heard my Savior speaking: "Draw from my Well that never shall run dry." (refrain:) Fill my cup, Lord - I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more -- Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole! 2. There are millions in this world who are craving The pleasures earthly things afford; But none can match the wondrous treasure That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord. (refrain) 3. So, my brother, if the things this world gave you Leave hungers that won't pass away, My blessed Lord will come and save you, If you kneel to Him and humbly pray: (refrain).

**Third Reading**

*John 4: 5-42*

Jesus 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 worshiped 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 worshipers 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 labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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 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 Savior of the world."

*Reader:*        The Word of the Lord.

*All:*             **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

*Kathy Collett*

## The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## **Choir Anthem** "Living Water" Lindy Kirby

He was resting by the well When I brought my jar to fill. He asked for me to give him drink; In surprise, I asked Him how A drink from me, he would allow, And his answer prompted me to think. If thou knewest who I was You'd ask me to fill your cup, And you'd never thirst again but be filled up. You would never thirst again, For you would have a well within, Ever springing into everlasting life. But I wondered how he'd draw with the well so deep and all, for where could He draw the water from? He said, There's no need to draw, It's a blessed gift from God. Come partake the Living Water, come.... Then I knew who He was. He was my Savior, the Son of God, and this gift that he was offering to me, Meant I would never thirst again, For you would have a well within, Ever springing into everlasting life. I'll fill my well with Living Water, Lord, I'll come.

## **The Prayers**

*Please stand or kneel*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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.

### Suffrages

*Leader:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*All:* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Leader:* Day by day we bless you;  
*All:* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Leader:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*All:* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*All:* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Leader:* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*All:* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### Collect for the Day

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

*Leader:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People (Form IV)**

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*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially those troubled by war, unrest, and injustice, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, including Pere Fred and his family, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Will,

Merle, Elaine, Tom, Margaret, Bob, Mary Alice, Ronnie and George, Robin, Jim, Karen, Jon and Judy, Kristin, Charlotte, Joe D., Virginia, Emory, Lori, Nancy M., Eugene, Hank, Danilo, Mike and his children, Ardilah and Ismanah, Sue, Margaret Jacobs, Cathy, Carolyn, Edna, Paula, Scott, Maureen, Rhett, and the victims of earthquakes; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Grant us strength and grace to work with the Onyota-a:ka, the ancestral stewards of the land on which we stand, and the other tribes of the Haudenosaunee Confederation, to honor the earth and all living things as gifts from the Creator.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Heal our nation, strengthening all who strive to prevent gun violence, and granting hope to the desperate, forbearance and love in our homes, safe sanctuary in places of learning and in places of work, and Your presence where we walk and play.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide us as we seek a new Rector for this parish; give discernment and wisdom to the members of our Search Committee.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless our parish with strength in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands,

and feet to our neighbors, and with mutual trust and respect, courage and foresight on our journey.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*All:* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Leader:* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

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**Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Deep River" Pietro A. Yon,

*arr. by Michael Ryan*

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

*Join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the Sunday worship service.*

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Material for today's liturgy and worship is from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982*, and *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. The prayer for the parish and the search committee as we search for a new rector is adapted from St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Keller, TX. <https://www.stmartininthefields.org/archive/prayer-as-we-search-for-a-new-rector-2/>  
The prayers for the people of this land is from the ongoing work of Bishop DeDe Duncan Probe and members of the Haudenosaunee Confederation, <https://cnyepiscopal.org/2021/11/convention-153-worship-and-sermon/>

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A special Thank-You to everyone who participated in our services this weekend:

Organist / Choir Director      Irina Popov  
 Coffee Hour                      Mary Lou Iles & Libby Beardsell  
 Worship Committee              Karen Anderson, Kathy Collett, Patricia Jue, Irina Popov  
    Wendy Weber, Jan Wilson

	Mar. 5 @ 10:00 am	Mar. 12 @ 10:00 am	Mar. 19 @ 10:00 am	Mar. 26 @ 10:00 am
Lector	Blair Jones	Diane Baldwin	Jackie Medina	Gail Prentice
LEM	Randy Wilson	Kathy Collett	Gail Prentice	Jackie Medina
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Hospitality Usher	The Webers	The Wilsons	The Wilsons	Jan Wilson
Digital Usher	David Hermann	Brian Collett	Volunteer Needed	Blair Jones

### **Announcements**

*Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton NY. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the back of the church. We hold worship services each week Saturdays 4:00 pm and Sundays 10:00 am either Holy Eucharist as a hybrid service (in- person and by Zoom, or Evening/Morning Prayer by Zoom only. Check our website, [stjamesclinton.org](http://stjamesclinton.org) for our schedule. You are welcome to join us for worship at any time.*

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Palm Sunday Eucharist service	April 2 at 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	April 6 at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Clinton Ministerium Ecumenical service	details to come
Good Friday ( <i>St. James service</i> )	April 7 at 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil service	April 8 at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 9 at 10:00 am

*Bring bells to ring. Easter Sunday service*

*For more information, visit [www.stjamesclinton.org](http://www.stjamesclinton.org)*

## **This Week at St. James**

Sat. Mar. 11	4:00 pm	Ante-Communion on Zoom
Sun., Mar. 12		<i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS</i>
	10:00 a.m.	hybrid Morning Prayer service
	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry rehearsal
Mon., Mar. 13	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	4:45 p.m.	Zumba with Helen Dick
	6:15 p.m.	R. Murray Painting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Spirituality
Tues., Mar. 14	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	9:00 a.m.	Clinton Garden Club
	7:30 p.m.	AA meeting
Wed., Mar. 15	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group (virtual)
	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	4:45 p.m.	Zumba with Helen Dick
Thurs., Mar. 16	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	7:00 p.m.	Women of Grace
	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Fri., Mar. 17		
Sat., Mar. 18	4:00 pm	Ante-Communion on Zoom
Sun., Mar. 19	10:00 a.m.	hybrid Holy Eucharist service
	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry rehearsal

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