



Welcome to
St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton

Sundays at 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

One License #A-401881

Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Gerry Beritela, *Presider*

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

Prelude “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

David Paxton

Processional Hymn: “Now quit your care”

#145 / *Hymnal* / *standing*

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Trisagion #S102

front section of Hymnal

Collect

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated

First Reading

I Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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II:Antiphon:II

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

Antiphon

- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Antiphon

Second Reading

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “The Lord my God my shepherd is”

#663 / Hymnal / standing

Holy Gospel

John 9: 1-41

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Gerry Beritela

Nicene Creed

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,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who 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.**

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 hon-
or 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, especially Seymour, Ephraim, and Merri Young, 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.**

Confession

please stand or kneel

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

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

All: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Choir Anthem: "Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart"

David Ashley White

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal pow'r, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me; until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

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Amen.

Hymnal

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and

peace.

All: **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus #858

*Wonder, Love, and Praise
Standing, kneeling, or sitting*

Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

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.

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Hymnal

Invitation

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

We receive communion at the altar rail. This may be done in one of three ways: consume the host and then drink from the common cup offered by the Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM); receive the host from the celebrant, then give it to the LEM who intincts (dips the host in the wine) and gives it back; receive only the host or only the wine. Those wishing a blessing, rather than receiving Communion, are invited to come forward, crossing their arms across their chests as indication of their wish.

Communion Hymn: “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound”

#671 / *Hymnal*

Post Communion Prayers

Prayer for those at home:

Presider: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. Since we cannot all receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. Let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray:

standing, kneeling, or sitting

All: **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider: 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.**

Recessional Hymn: “The King of love my shepherd is

#645 / *Hymnal*

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Pastorale on Psalm 23”

Robert J. Powell

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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/>

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

	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
Altar Guild	Wendy Weber Jan Wilson	N/A	Beverly King Jan Wilson	Beverly King Jan Wilson
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 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

This Week at St. James

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
Mon., Mar. 20	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. 21	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	7:30 p.m.	AA meeting
Wed., Mar. 22	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. 23	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	7:00 p.m.	Women of Grace
	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Fri., Mar. 24	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
Sat., Mar. 25	4:00 pm	Ante-Communion on Zoom
Sun., Mar. 26	10:00 a.m.	hybrid Holy Eucharist service
	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry rehearsal

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