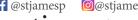
To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Gathering Music

(Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am)

Hymn

"Be still, for the presence of the Lord"

Dan Eyans

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound"

New Britain

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" (Stanzas 1-3)

Deus tuorum militum

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

St. Elizabeth

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison



Lord, have mer - cv.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer

Collect of the Day

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The Lesson:

Joshua 5:9–12

NRSV, p. 195

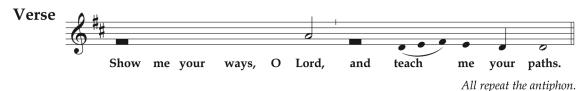
After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

NRSV, p. 954

After the piano introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.





The Sermon

The Reverend Kitty Davis

The Nicene Creed 358

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- DISCIPLES CLASS Great Hall Linda Murchison leads "How, Then Shall We Pray - A Few Simple Practices to Cultivate Wisdom, Resilience, and Hearts of Service"
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS Bishop Wright Room Mebane Boyd, "Safe, Capable, and Loved - From Children to Communities."

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- PRESCHOOLERS Preschool Classroom
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS Yoga Room Break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!
- 6th 12th GRADERS Youth Room "Confirm not Conform"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

• MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Great Hall
- SACRED GROUND 7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- •ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: THE REV. PAN CONRAD "CATASTROPHE, RESILIENCE AND **EVOLUTION: HOW GOD REDEEMS** EVERYTHING" 7:00-8:30 PM | St. James & Livestream

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- •STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
- THRIVE AT 75 KICK OFF 9:00 AM | SJDS Playground
- •BYOBible STUDY 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- •HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE 5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:00 PM | St. James

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING 6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- QUIET REFLECTION 7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- •SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON 7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM 9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- FAITH FORMATION 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- •HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM | Youth Room

while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound. Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."



Liturgy of the Word: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr. Preacher: The Reverend Kitty Davis Liturgy of the Table: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder and Pat Kidder Crittenden.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: "Sing, my soul, his wondrous love" Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race. still to man extends his grace.

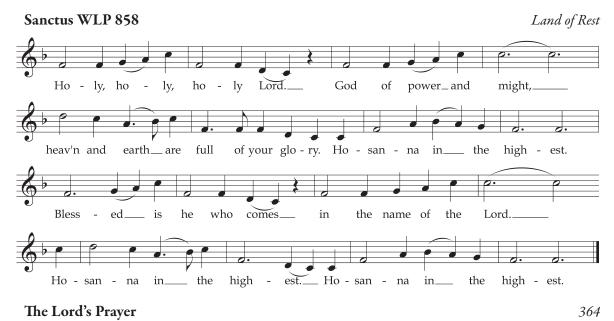
> Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

> > God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

> > > Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come

Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3) "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th 364

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The Breaking of the Bread Cantor Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. The Fraction Anthem

There-fore let us keep the feast.

Communion Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together" Let Us Break Bread Together The Post-communion Prayer

The Blessing 366

Closing Hymn 559 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" Dulce carmen

The Dismissal 366

Postlude:



The Collect

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. Amen.

Joshua 5:9–12

Commentary:

When Israel passed through the Red Sea and out of Egypt, the charge that originated with the Egyptians was that God had led the Israelites out of Egypt only to destroy them in the wilderness. Now that God had brought His people into the land He had promised them, the disgrace of that charge was rolled away. Israel celebrated Passover, the commemoration of God's redemption of His people from Egyptian slavery, in the Promised Land. For the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they were able to use grain from the land to make bread. God provided for His people by supplying manna in the wilderness and now produce from their own land. Circumstances change, but God is steadfast and faithful to His promises and His people.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they are the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But