



SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL



PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

10:30 AM

Today's Liturgy

Today is the Sunday of the Passion, also known as Palm Sunday. Today's liturgy is distinctive in that it begins in triumph and ends in tragedy. Palm Sunday both begins Holy Week and points to the Triduum, the great Three Days, which begin with Maundy Thursday and end with the Great Vigil of Easter. It is important to remember that the Holy Week liturgies are really one long liturgy in separate acts. You are invited to journey through Holy Week and experience the last days of Jesus' life by participating in all the Holy Week liturgies as fully as you are able.

*The Book of Common Prayer is the red book found in the pew rack.
The Hymnal 1982, the blue book, contains the hymns and service music;
numbers with an S are at the front of the hymnal.*

*Be mindful that the service is being live-streamed;
the camera and microphones are live until the end of the postlude.*

*Children are welcome at all services. Activity bags are available in the narthex. Please silence all
cellular phones and similar devices.*

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

St. James is part of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Anglican Communion—a fellowship of 70 million Christians throughout the world. Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered community proclaiming God's word, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, lifting our hearts in prayer, exploring and deepening our faith in community, and serving others as Christ came to serve. We welcome all who seek the living God to journey with us. We are a truly diverse group which gathers around one table as one family in the Body of Christ, each a beloved child of God.

We believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. In this sacrament, our unity in Christ is revealed and from it, we draw our spiritual strength.

All are welcome at God's altar during communion. Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to join with us in receiving the sacrament, regardless of your denomination. If you are not baptized or are in any way uncomfortable receiving communion today, when you come forward, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate you desire a blessing rather than the sacrament. If you are not baptized and would like to be, please speak with a member of the clergy after the service.

Again, welcome, thank you for joining us, and know that we believe in the words of St. Paul who said:

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained
angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)*

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the clergy at the Altar Rail.



Hearing Loop Available: Hearing aid users can activate their T-Coils benefit from this hearing assistance service. St. James also offers assistive listening FM Receivers with ear buds; please make your request to the usher or sound technician

A GUIDE TO OUR SERVICE TODAY AT



SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship on this Sunday. We know that visiting a new church can be a little intimidating, so we prepared this to help you feel more at home.

There are a lot of books in the pew - which one do I use?

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book found in the pew rack. The Hymnal 1982, the blue book, contains the hymns and service music; numbers with an S are at the front of the hymnal.

Where are the restrooms?

The restrooms are located in the main hall toward the offices. Go through the double doors at the rear of the church and turn left. Continue down the hall and the restrooms are on your right.

A changing station is located in the accessible restroom on the right near the drinking fountain.

I am hard of hearing. Will I be able to hear?

Hearing aid users can activate their T-Coils to benefit from our hearing assistance service. St. James also offers assistive listening FM Receivers with ear buds; please make your request to the usher or sound technician.

Is nursery care available during the service?

Nursery care for children four years old and under is available during this service should you desire it. The nursery is located on the lower level. Children are welcome at all services.

May my children color during the service?

Children are always welcome in all our services and activity bags are available to help keep our younger children engaged during the service. Children's Activity Bags are now located in the corner of the Narthex by the window. Children may choose which activities they'd like to take in their bag. Please return the bag to the basket after the service. There's no need to sort the items when you return them, a volunteer will restock everything for the following Sunday.

When do I stand, sit, or kneel?

Episcopalians sometimes stand, sit or kneel during the service – in fact, different Episcopalians do things differently! The bulletin will suggest standing, sitting or kneeling during different places in the service, but do what you are most comfortable with and what your physical condition allows. We guarantee that someone else will be doing it too!

May I receive communion?

All baptized Christians, regardless of their religious tradition, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church, including children of all ages.

How do I receive communion?

To receive communion, come forward down the center aisle when the usher invites you to. To receive the bread, lay one hand over the other, forming a cross. The bread will be placed in your hand. Consume the bread and when the chalice is presented, grasp the chalice lightly at the foot and guide it to your lips to drink the wine. Another option is to dip the bread in the wine and then consume it. Return to your pew by the side aisle after you have received.

What if I am unbaptized or uncomfortable receiving communion?

If you aren't a baptized Christian or if you are uncomfortable receiving communion for any reason, you are encouraged to come to God's altar for a blessing. Simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. This lets the celebrant know that you would like to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Once you have received your blessing, you can return to your pew down the side aisle.

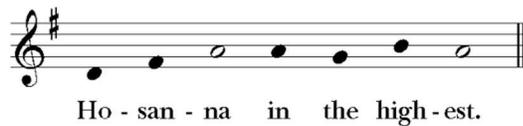
How can I find out more about St. James?

The most comprehensive way to find out more about St. James is to visit our website www.stjamesgreenville.org. There you will find information about our ministries, leadership and programs. However, the best way to find out more about St. James is to ask! We would love to get to know you better and share with you why St. James is our spiritual home – just ask one of us! If you prefer, you can fill out a visitor card in the pew and a member of the clergy will be in touch.

You can also fill out an online visitor card at the following link:
<https://www.stjamesgreenville.org/online-visitor-card>

- The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
- The St. James Parish Family, Ministers in this place:
- The Rev. Kellan J. Day, Rector, *On Parental Leave*
- The Rev. Hope Anderson, Curate (cell: 972-762-7719).....curate@stjamesgreenville.org
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- Mrs. Lisa Muñoz, Parish Administrator.....admin@stjamesgreenville.org
- Mrs. Regina Foxx, Finance Administrator finance@stjamesgreenville.org

[RESPONSE] *said or sung by all*



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever. [RESPONSE]
Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.” [RESPONSE]
Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord. [RESPONSE]
“This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.” [RESPONSE]
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation. [RESPONSE]
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone. [RESPONSE]
This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. [RESPONSE]
On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it. [RESPONSE]
Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success. [RESPONSE]
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord. [RESPONSE]
God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. [RESPONSE]
“You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.” [RESPONSE]
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever. [RESPONSE]

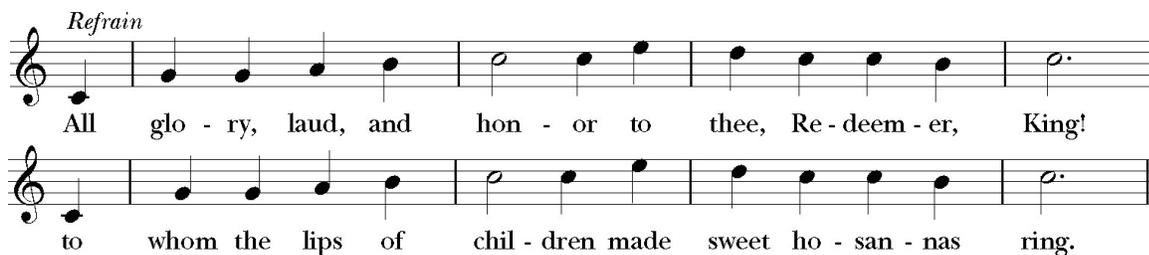
The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

The Choir and Altar Party process into the church during the singing of the hymn.

Processional Hymn

All glory, laud and honor

Hymn 154



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 357

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
 the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens –
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
 The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



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- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in /trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my /belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with /sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are con-/sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my ac-/quaintance; *
when they see me in the street they a-/void me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of /mind; *
I am as useless as a broken /pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a-/round; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my / life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O / LORD. *
I have said, "You are my / God.
- 15 My times are in your /hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who /persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your /servant, *
and in your loving kindness /save me."

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

There is a green hill far away

Hymn 167

All remain standing.

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

See pew Bible, New Testament section, page 23

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The People are seated.

All stand at the mention of Golgotha.

The Homily

The Rev. Hope Anderson

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

Intersessor: For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to resist our habits of sin, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find hope and consolation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Sanctus

Hymn S 122

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people remain standing or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Memorial Acclamation

Hymn S 133

Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant *People*
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn S 119

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S 160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to receive the sacrament.

All are welcome to come forward to God's altar for a blessing.

At this time parents are encouraged to pick up their children in the nursery and come forward as a family.

At Communion

*When Jesus died to save us
To mock your reign, O dearest Lord*

Hymn 322
Hymn 170

After Communion, the People standing or kneeling, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People *Kneeling*

Processional Hymn

Go to dark Gethsemane

Hymn 171

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people and they respond.

People **Thanks be to God.**

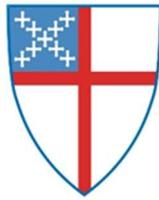
Postlude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

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a welcoming, caring community.*

*We are dedicated to worship, outreach,
fellowship and growth in the service of Christ.*

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