

Palm Procession begins at High Street & Mountain Road intersection.

THE LITURGY OF PROCESSION

Celebrant Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Celebrant Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves, lead us through the events of this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives, and embody Christ's spirit into the world. Fill now our hearts with gospel joy; as with anticipation we process to worship you. Bless us and these branches we bring, that our very being shall cry aloud,

People **"Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Amen.**

HYMN

*O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.*

*O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.*

*O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.*

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

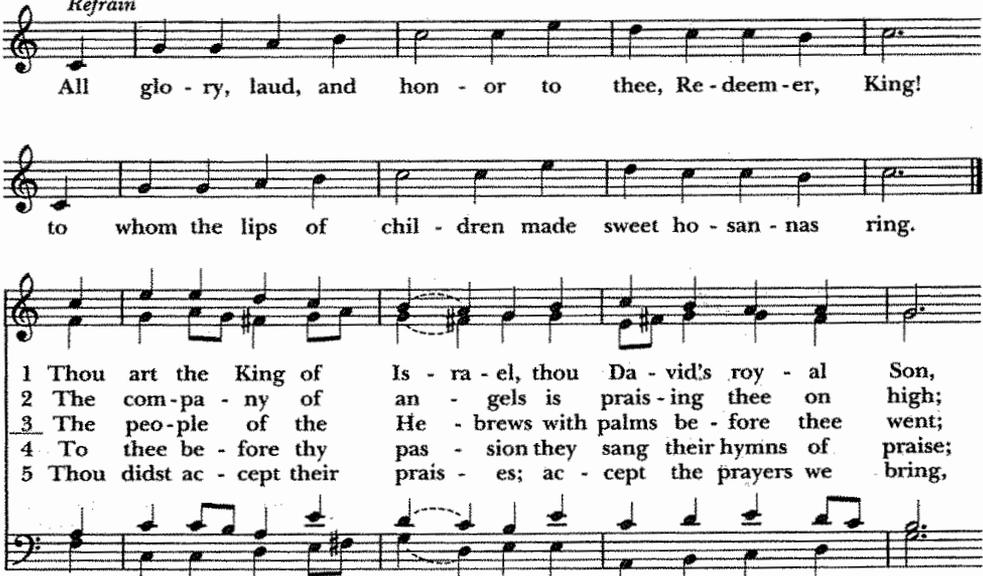
Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All, holding their palms, continue the procession into the church.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

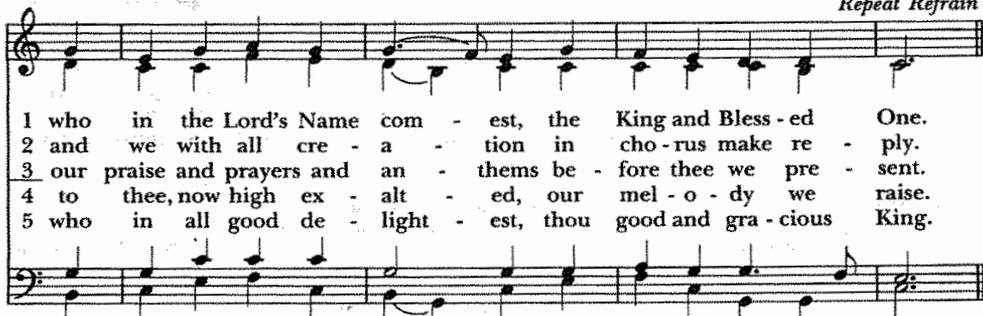
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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 - alt - ed,	our mel - o - dy	we raise.	
5	who in all good de - light - est,	thou good and gra - cious	King.	

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
His mercy endures forever.

◆ Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

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.

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?

Psalms 31:9–16

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; **

***my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.***

*For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; **

***my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones
are consumed.***

*I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; **

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

*I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; **

I am useless as a broken pot.

*For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; **

***they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.***

*But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. **

I have said, "You are my God.

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Susan Livingston, Maxine Christensen, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, Jer H., Bob C., Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Cruz, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, and for all who mourn, especially Lou Ludovico and any we name now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord God, we come before You in great humility and thanks for the gift of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and for His courage, obedience, and love. We give thanks for the beauty and awful power of the Cross and everything that Christ bore for us through His deep and final grace. In His name we pray, asking pardon and with immense gratitude. **Amen.**

◆The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Healey Willan

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

**Sanctus*

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

**Agnus Dei* Hymnal (front section) S 161

Communion Hymns: 458, 170, 337

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP pg. 366

◆The Blessing

Announcements

◆HYMN *When I survey the wondrous cross* Hymnal 474

Postlude

The Congregation is asked to depart in silence, please.

◆ You are invited to stand, as able

* You are invited to kneel, as able

BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew book rack.

The hand-hewn cross crafted by John Newton anchors our prayers during this Lenten season. We ask that, if you would like to place a prayer concern/need on the Cross, you come up after the service (or anytime you wish to come by the church), take a card (available at the Cross itself), write your prayer request on it, place the card on the Cross with an iron nail provided in the bowl (use the hammer, if you would like) in solidarity with Christ's Passion. Be blessed this Lent!



Serving this week

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Acolytes	Jacob & Anna Lapointe
Altar Guild	Gina Pines
Chalicer	Carol Kirkwood & Chandler Howard
Lector	Dona Waugh
Ushers	Michael DeNegris & Tim Milligan
Welcomer	Linda Mason
Coffee Hour Host	The Guglielmo family
Vestry Keyholder	Doug McDowell



Our thanks to William Valenti, trumpeter, for joining in worship with us this morning. We also thank the participants in this morning's reading of the Gospel:

Jesus: Anna Whilby

Pilate/Judas/Peter: Oliver Cadigan

High Priest: Bob Sudell

Passerby: Story Cadigan

Centurion: Jonah Solomon

Narrators: Dianne Antos, Brigitte Cadigan, Donna Card, Linda Mason, & Bonnie Sudell.

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Wednesday mid-day service: There will be no mid-day service (and brown bag lunch) on Wednesdays, April 1st, 8th, and 15th due to Holy Week and the DR mission trip schedules.

Stations of the Cross: Each station is represented by artwork, poetry, and a traditional prayer. The art and writings are the accumulation of months of prayerful work by our parishioners who graciously gave their time for this project. The Stations are in the parish hall and entryway throughout Lent for you to view and ponder.

Altar of Repose: This Maundy Thursday (April 2nd), following our 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, our Lord lies in repose, in the Blessed Sacrament, in the Melissa Jane Inrig Memorial Chapel from the moment the service is over until the following morning at 7 am. We have traditionally had sign up times, where people come in person and sit an hour with Jesus during this time, memorializing the first night he spent in the tomb. All are invited to sign up for a time on the parish hall ramp bulletin board. Multiple people can sign up for any time slot, but the late night (2, 3, 4 am) slots can be the more challenging to fill. Materials for prayer and reflection are available in the chapel, so that you may pass the Holy Hour faithfully. A brief, special time of prayer will be held in the Chapel at 7 am on Good Friday morning to conclude the Vigil.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:15 service Easter Sunday! Any child (feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join you!) who wishes to participate in the Egg Hunt is asked to go down to the parish hall right after service ends. We will allow the youngest children to go first and shortly thereafter, our 1st–5th graders will go a-hunting for eggs. Please bring a basket for your child's eggs, if you can, though we will have a few extra. Older children (and parents) in the Hunt are encouraged to help - and be generous with - their younger, perhaps not quite as quick just yet, Egg hunting companions. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone.

Easter Flower Delivery: The best Easter surprise of all may be seeing the delight in the eyes of shut-ins to whom you bring a flower from their parish. Our chancel will be filled with flowers for Easter. You are encouraged to spread joy by taking these plants to those whose names will be available after the services that morning or during the week after Easter. Leave the flower basket in the chapel (please!), remove the plant, take a card with the address of a recipient; deliver it and see what God has in store for you.

Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. Tenebrae – Tenebrae literally means ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’ in Latin. We present a series of wonderful readings as 7 candles are extinguished one at a time, until even the “Christ” candle is hidden, as if in the tomb. Tenebrae prepares us for the coming three days of Holy Week.



Thursday, April 2nd at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday – On the night before Jesus died, He said to His disciples, “a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another” (John 13:34). Traditionally, the community comes forward to have their feet washed, an awkward, but powerful reminder that Peter, in the same situation, was uncomfortable, too. The Holy Sacrament is taken out of the church and placed “in repose” in the Chapel, until the next day. Traditionally, the parish keeps vigil, with volunteers who spend an hour “with Jesus,” through the night, as He goes through His arrest and trial.

Friday, April 3rd at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday – our mid-day service will be an intimate, contemplative service with short readings, Taizé music, and much time for reflection. At the 7 p.m. service we will observe the Veneration of the Cross, and taking of Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament, honoring Jesus as He lays dark in the tomb. For a fleeting moment, we feel outside the reach of Jesus, who is taken from us and placed into the ground, away from us. The low point of Holy Week, as Jesus dies on the Cross. This service will be livestreamed.



Saturday, April 4th at 7:30 pm, The Great Easter Vigil – at sundown we process into the Church from the front lawn, after the lighting of the Easter fire outside, and begin with the glorious strains of the *Exsultet*. After readings and remembering Jesus’ sacrifice, we bring up the lights and find the joy of Alleluia again, for the first time since before Ash Wednesday. This service will be livestreamed.



Easter Sunday, April 5th at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. – Jesus is risen indeed! Joy abounds as we celebrate with uplifting music and a renewed altar. Childcare will be available during the 10:15 a.m. service. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 2nd service, after we have gathered in the parish hall for fellowship and refreshments. The 10:15 service will be livestreamed.

LAST CALL: Easter is a particularly appropriate time to remember loved ones who have died by giving flowers in their memory. Although any contribution is welcome, a gift of **\$40** or more is asked to cover the expense of the Easter flowers. **Names of memorials and gifts received by TOMORROW, MARCH 30th will be listed in the Easter bulletins**, and we will pray for those remembered throughout the Paschal season. Please use the form below to designate your gift. Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked "Easter Flowers". Thank you for your generosity.



Please print the information as you want it listed in the Easter bulletins.

In memory of _____
OR In thanksgiving for _____
Given by _____

The lectionary readings for Easter Sunday, April 5th are:
Jeremiah 31:1-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10.



Join the *St. James Heelers!* St. James Parish is pleased to again participate in the CT Foodshare Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, April 25th. Our team is called

The St James Heelers. This event is fun and family-oriented, and everyone in our parish is invited and encouraged to join in the Walk! **Please note: all in person walkers need to register online.** Of course, if you are unable to join us on the Walk, you can still support us by donating online. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause! Call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444 with any questions.

TO REGISTER TO WALK OR TO DONATE:

1. Go to www.ctfoodshare.org and click the arrow under "Walk Against Hunger". You will be asked press either "Register" or "Donate now".
2. To Register to walk, click "Register". Next, click "Join a team" (you do **not** need to create a team). Search *St James Heelers* to join our team. You will be prompted to complete the registration. This is where you will be able to donate if you would like. If asked for an agency or team to receive our funds, we frequently select Farmington Food Pantry, Meals for Neighbors-Bristol, or Friendship Service Center, but you can indicate any participating agency of your choice.
3. To make a donation only (to support the team, but not walk, click "Donate Now". In the space for crediting the fundraiser or team, type *St James Heelers* and click that into the box. You will be prompted to make your online donation.

MISSION STATEMENT

We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.

We reach out to those in need as a caring community & live Christ's teaching to love one another.

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and
10:15 am (Rite 2).



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