



Welcome to
St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton

Sundays at 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

March 26, 2023

Fifth 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 “Lament II”

Irina G. Popov

Processional Hymn: “Awake , my soul, stretch every nerve”

#546 / *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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



With the LORD— there is mer - cy and— plen - te - ous re - demp - tion.

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Psalm 130

De profundis

II:Antiphon:II

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

Antiphon

- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

Antiphon

- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Antiphon

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ

from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Abide with me: fast falls the eventide"

#662 / 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.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son

of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 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, Melissa, 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 grating 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: "Lazarus" by Robert Tanner

Lazarus! Rise up! The Lord is calling you! Come forth, oh Lazarus! Jesus is calling you! Rise up, Lazarus, he's calling you. No need to be afraid, so come on up out of that grave. The Lord says you're sleeping but if that is true, why did they put you into that tomb? I hear my Lord weeping but don't be ashamed, when Jesus calls your name. The daughter of Jairus fell sick and died, but then the Lord spoke to her and she opened her eyes. She rose up from her slumber, now you do the same, when Jesus calls your name. He's calling you! One morning after sleeping in the Savior's hands, God's children gonna wake up in the Promised Land. So hold your head up now and don't be

ashamed, when Jesus calls your name. He's calling you! Rise up, Lazarus! Rise up! The Lord is calling you! Come forth, oh Lazarus! The Lord is calling you! Rise up, Lazarus! Jesus is calling you. No need to be afraid. The Lord has lifted you up today. So come on up out of that grave.

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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,**

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: “Thou art the Way”

#457 / *Hymnal*

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Vernon Griffiths

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/>

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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

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

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Gerry Beritela
<i>Organist / Choir Director</i>	Irina Popov
<i>Reader</i>	Gail Prentice
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Jackie Medina
<i>Hospitality Usher</i>	Jan Wilson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Beverly King and Jan Wilson
<i>Digital Usher & Zoom Host</i>	Blair Jones
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Mary Lou Iles & Libby Beardsell
<i>Worship Committee</i>	Karen Anderson, Kathy Collett, Patricia Jue, Irina Popov

	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

Wendy Weber, Jan Wilson

Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of the Church of the Epiphany in Sherburne and the people of Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Sherrill.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Alan Gunter.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Anglican Church of South America and their prime bishop, Rt. Rev. Nicholas Drayson.

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. 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
Mon., Mar. 27	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. 28	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	7:30 p.m.	AA meeting
Wed., Mar. 29	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. 30	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
	7:00 p.m.	Women of Grace
	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Fri., Mar. 31	9:00 a.m.	St. James' Day School
Sat., April 1		<i>no worship service</i>
Sun., April 2	10:00 a.m.	hybrid Palm Sunday HE service
	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry rehearsal

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