

Welcome to St. James' Anglican Church
March 9th, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. - Eucharist Service
Book of Alternative Services (Green Book)
Rector: The Rev'd Marty Keatings
Lay Readers: Bob Welt, Lorraine Livingston
Musician: Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING SENTENCE: *We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.* *Matthew 4.4*

OPENING HYMN: WE WALK BY FAITH **#244**

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

CHILDREN'S HYMN: MY GOD IS SO BIG, SO STRONG & SO MIGHTY

My God is so Big, So Strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do!

My God is so Big, So Strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do!

The mountains are His, the rivers are His.

The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so Big, So Strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY: **P.185**

COLLECT OF THE DAY: **P.287**

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to Your Spirit, that as You know our weakness, so we may know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 26:1 –11	Michael Watson
Psalm 91	Vs 1-2, 9-16	P. 828-829
Second Reading:	Romans 10:8b – 13	Louise Watson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

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.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And, also with you*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Luke 4: 1-13**

All: **Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel,

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED:

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INVITATION TO PRAYER: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER LIST

St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness or are in need of prayerful support. Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace. Lord, we pray for:



Garnet, Little Jack, Murray, Clara, Nickolas, Matthew, Jo, Mark, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anne, John, Janey, Judy, Eleanor, Susan, Little J.J., Anne, Rob & Bella, Deny, Linda, Douglas, Matthew, Anne, Caitlin, Gtace and Elise.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN: FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

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Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
 forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled,
 prowling beats around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
 and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
 Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice—keep us constant at your side;
 and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**P.287**

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer You this day, and through the death and resurrection of Your Son transform us to His likeness. We ask this in His name. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:

Eucharistic Prayer #3	P.198
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The Lord's Prayer (sung)	P.211
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COMMUNION HYMN: WE ARE PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

We are people on a journey, following where the Master walks.

We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross.

What compels? The face of Jesus! Who protects? Our faithful guide:
 he who treads the road of service, Christ the Lord the crucified.

We are people on a journey, taking up the cross of Christ.

We are people on a journey, moving on from death to life.

We release the sin that tangles. We relinquish all acclaim.

We receive the suffering Saviour, he our glory, wealth, and fame.

We are people on a journey to the table of the Lord.

We are people on a journey, fed by water and the Word.

We remember, we remember how you wash disciples' feet;

We remember on the last night gifts of wine and bread to eat.

We are people on a journey, rising up in life reborn.
We are people on a journey, speaking peace, accepting scorn.
We are walking toward a homeland, to a mystery yet unknown;
to a kingdom coming quickly, to the light of God's own throne.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: **P.287**

*Faithful God, in this holy bread You increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ who is Your Word of life. We ask this in His
name. Amen.*

THE DOXOLOGY: (sung) **P.214**

*Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the
Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: ON EAGLE'S WINGS **#531**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings bear you on the breath
of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his
hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL: This service has ended, but

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU (sung)

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.
May the Spirit enlighten your way.
May you walk in the comfort of God's care.*