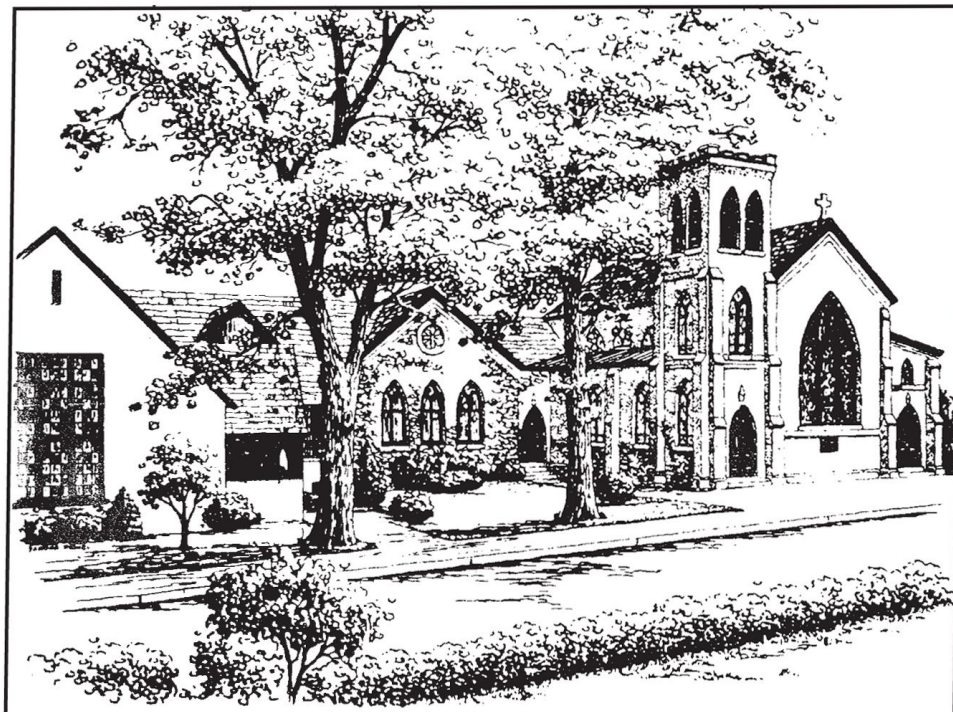


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15am

March 17, 2024

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Prelude: Prelude in E Minor

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A Penitential Order

Opening Hymn: 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL AS THEY ARE ABLE.

During Lent the silence will be kept for an extended period of time. Please use the silence to reflect on what separates you from God and God's purposes for your life.

People **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.**

Kyrie: S-96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **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. **Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE PEOPLE SIT.

Reader A Reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to

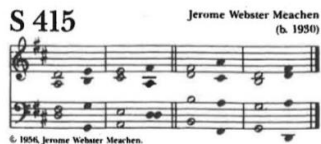
bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm Psalm 119:9-16 *In quo corrigit?*

S-415



CONGREGATION JOINS THE CHOIR IN SINGING

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? * By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader A Reading from Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. “In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 439 What wondrous love is this

Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Gospelor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospelor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Benjamin W. Maas

SILENCE IS PROVIDED TO REFLECT ON GOD'S GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR US TODAY.

Nicene Creed

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 II

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

DURING THE SILENCE, THE PEOPLE OFFER THEIR OWN PRAYERS, EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark, Gail and James our Bishops, Ben and Ted our clergy.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people, especially for Joe our President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court of the United States; we also pray for those in the armed forces, their families and all deployed in harm's way. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially the Afghan refugees, Ellen, Claire, Steve, Christopher, Richard, Betty, Eero, Judi, Hellen, Hannah, Margaret, Tsvi, Lee, Gal, Mia, Tom, Courtney, Mathew, Bryant, Allison, Ainsley, Sutton, Kristin, Raiford, Betty, Wayne, Betsy, Tommy, Kathryn, Patti, Paul, Barbara, Caroline, Justin, Margaret, Susan, John, Bruce, Donna, Rick, Sally, Margot, Carole, Effie, Gary, and Samim (Sah-meem).and for those whom we now name either silently or aloud _____.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Saint James' Episcopal Church and School.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Tommy Dowell, Betty Ford and Harold Morton, and for those whom we now name either silently or aloud _____.

Silence

We give thanks for the work of Common Threads, the partnership and kinship with First Baptist and our other faith partners, and for the work of racial justice and reconciliation and for our many blessings, which we now name either silently or aloud _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

THE PEOPLE SIT BEFORE THE PRESIDER SAYS THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.



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Offertory Reflection: And Can it Be?

by Dan Forrest (b.1978)
Saint James' Adult Choir

*And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain— For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for
Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me!
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love how can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love, And can it be?
- Lyrics by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), with additions by Dan Forrest*

Doxology: Hymn 380 vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

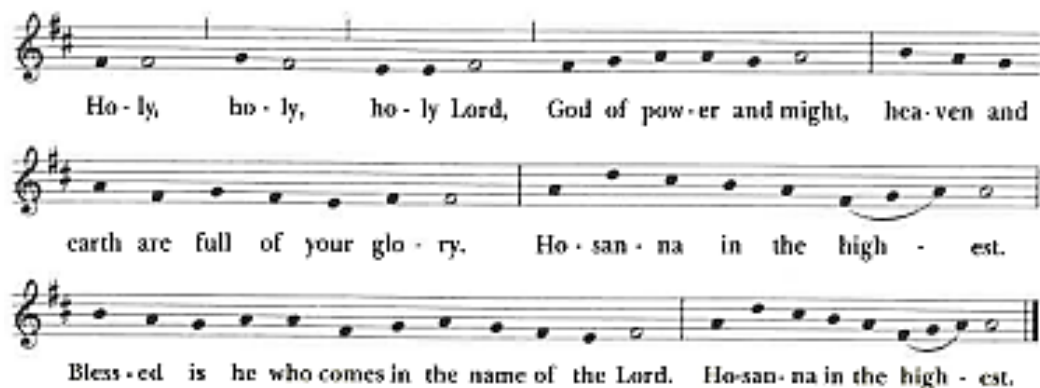
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus: S124



THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son

Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei: S-161



Invitation to Receive Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE PEOPLE COME FORWARD TO THE ALTAR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

THE PEOPLE JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING THE COMMUNION HYMNS.

Communion Hymn: 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Communion Hymn: 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Communion Hymn: 479 Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pain

Postcommunion Prayer

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 473 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Sending Sentences

Gospeler Our worship is now ended, and our service in the world begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor

by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of our mother, Anne S. Reed
Given by The Reed Family

The Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Steve and Vickie Bojokes, and Bill and Pat Shreve
Given by Toni Shreve



Welcome QR Code

Welcome to Saint James' Warrenton. Whether this is your first time visiting or you have been coming for a while now, we'd like to make sure we know who you are, and that you know more about us and our programs and ministries. If you would like to learn more, please take a minute to use this QR code to open our visitor card.

Saint James' Vestry Members

Class of 2024

Greg Arthaud
Joanne Charles
Anita Sherman
George Walker

Class of 2025

Chris Giglio
Margreta Grady
Lucian Niemeyer
Lori Working

Class of 2026

Ashley Rose
Wesley Duvall
Patrick Heijmen
Suzy Watkins

Joanne Charles, **Senior Warden**
Gita Grady, **Junior Warden**
Anita Sherman, **Register**

Announcements



Handel's Messiah: The Adult Choir of Saint James', once more in conjunction with the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra and other ensembles of note, will present selections from the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah*. **This special event will be shared at Saint James' on March 23rd at**

5PM. Although the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* tends to command more performances, the lesser heard Easter portion is equally, if not more, grand in scope, musicality, and spirit; be sure to attend for a unique and powerful experience that will shape Holy Week at Saint James' in a remarkably meaningful way.



Easter Lily Dedications: Celebrate Easter at St. James' by ordering beautiful Easter lilies! Complete the order form included in this week's insert by **Sunday, March 24th**, to ensure your dedication is listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Each lily, in a 6-inch pot, is available for \$15.

Let's adorn our church with the beauty of Easter lilies while honoring our loved ones. Make checks payable to Saint James' Church and please write "Lilies" in the memo field.



March Service Project: National Cereal Day is March 7 and SJES will be collecting unopened, new cereal boxes for Peas & Grace, a food pantry ministry of Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains. Students are also going to use the boxes for the Cereal Box Challenge - and create a domino train

of cereal boxes in the Parish Hall on April 15 as part of science class! **Please place your donation in the bin on the parish hall stage by March 28th. Let's help our neighbors in need and donate today!**

A message from your Green Team: The bursts of color into our bleak winter landscape signals the coming of Spring. Daffodils, crocuses, and budding trees can be seen all throughout Old Town and the county. The peeping of the tiny frogs in our neighborhood pond is a sure sign that Spring is here. As we head towards Easter in the church calendar, we have had time to reflect on our spirituality and sense of being in the church and community. I love how the church calendar appears to follow Earth's natural rhythm. I wonder if you might be looking for a closer relationship with God through the beautiful Earth he has entrusted us with. If so, we would love to see you at The Green Team Interest Meeting on April 7th after the 10:15 service. "We seek all ages and experience. We need planners, organizers, community partners, gardeners, writers, photographers, artists and nature enthusiasts willing to make a difference here at Saint James and beyond our front doors. One of my favorite quotes from the American Hiking Society is "Leave it Better than you Found it." If you have any ideas or want to volunteer please reach out to me, Flora Duvall (fwallace@mail.umw.edu) or Wesley Duvall (W.duvallford@gmail.com).



We're happy to announce a generous donation from Richard Gookin to St. James Episcopal Church. Reverend Bowden's teacup and punch cup sets are now available for parishioners to use at events. Contact Tracy in the church office for further details. Cheers!

This Week at Saint James'

Today: March 17 – Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

8am, Holy Eucharist

8:45am, Café

9:15, Adult Formation

10:15am, Holy Eucharist

11:30am, Coffee Hour

6:30pm, HS Youth Group

Tuesday:

10am, Wisdom Seekers

7pm, Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday:

12pm, Noon Service

Thursday:

7:30am, Bishop's Chapel & Discussion

2:30pm, EfM Meeting

7pm, Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

6:30pm, Vestry Retreat

Saturday:

7am, Men's Bible Study

9am, Wood Ministry

5pm, Handel's Messiah

Palm Sunday: March 24

8am, Holy Eucharist (Procession begins at the Back of the church)

8:45am, Coffee Hour

9:15, Adult Formation

10:15am, Holy Eucharist (Procession begins in the Courtyard)

11:30am, Coffee Hour

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Finance Office: Call to make an appointment.



We encourage you to commit to attending as many of our Holy Week services as you are able. They dramatically walk us through Jesus' last days and allow us to enter the story and receive the love poured out for us more fully. The experience of Holy Week also adds to the richness, joy, and bounding hope of Easter.

March 24 - Palm Sunday, 8:00 and 10:15am: This service stands out for its jarring transition from the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his arrest and death upon the cross. His entry is celebrated with the waving of palms in procession (at 8am from the back of the church, at 10:15 from the courtyard). During the Liturgy of the Word, we read the Passion in parts and conclude with Jesus being laid in the tomb.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm: There is heaviness in the air as Jesus gathers his closest friends with the knowledge that his Passover meal will be his last meal they will share together on this side of the grave. We also remember that on this night Jesus washed his friends' feet to illustrate his new commandment that we love one another the way that he had loved them. Then after we break bread together, we acknowledge Christ's impending death by stripping the altar. Finally, we silently depart with the Reserve Sacrament into the courtyard for a time of silent prayer and reflection, our Garden of Gethsemane, to pray and "stay awake" in solidarity with Christ.

March 29 - Good Friday Liturgy, Noon and 7:00pm: Our poignant Good Friday services will begin in silence and will include a reading of the Passion according to John, solemn prayer, and then the veneration of the cross. Following the noon service until 3pm the nave will be open for people to follow the Stations of the Cross. The 7pm service will include the choir and instrumental accompaniment.

March 30 – The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday 8:00pm: Possibly the most beautiful service of the church year, the Easter Vigil begins outside in our courtyard with the kindling of a fire from which the paschal candle is lit. After processing into the church, each person lights their candle from that paschal candle as the service begins in darkness. While still in the tomb we read of God's saving work throughout history. Then after we have proclaimed our new life in Christ through the renewing of our baptismal covenant, we reign in Easter with the lighting of the altar candles, the illuminating the worship area, and singing and ringing of bells. Then we joyfully celebrate that first Easter Eucharist. The service actually takes us from death to new life and we really experience that Easter moment. If you have not been to the Vigil, please consider making it your Easter celebration. Also, following the service, Lent is officially over, we will celebrate with a champagne and chocolate reception in the parish hall.

March 31 - Easter Day Eucharist, Sunday 8:00am and 10:15am: Come celebrate Easter Day with us. Having completed our journey and walked through the sorrow of Holy Week, we now come ready to experience Easter Joy. Both our 8am & 10:15 services will be joyful celebrations beginning with the children flowering the cross and following behind it in procession. Joyful music fills the space as we tell the story of the empty tomb and the reverberations of that moment throughout history and in our lives. Following both services our children will continue the celebration as they search for Easter eggs.



Celebrate Easter at St. James' by ordering beautiful Easter lilies!

Complete this form by **Sunday, March 24th**, to ensure your dedication is listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Each lily, in a 6-inch pot, is available for \$15. Let's adorn our church with the beauty of Easter lilies while honoring our loved ones.

Make checks payable to **Saint James' Church** and note "**Lilies**" in the memo field.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Giver's Name: *(how it's to appear in dedication bulletin)*

Quantity: _____ Number of plants x \$15.00 = \$_____

Dedication: *(Specify if "in memory" or "in honor" of)*

Thank you for your dedication!

All donations are tax deductible.

Lilies may be taken home after the 10:15 service on March 31st.