

✠ ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome



March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Presider & Preacher

The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia,

Priest in Charge

Eucharistic Minister

Sally Soran

Lector

Judy Miranda

Minister of Music

James Jelasic

Cantors

Stacy Sage

Ginny Winn

Violin Bill McAdams



Prayer List

Ruthie Tilman, David Carrier and family, Carolyn Hoag, Lewis Toms, Seth Dever, Mitch Herrick, Michael Frentz, the Roberts family, Don Richardson, Sister D. Bracher, Norm Guiler, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Kimball Bergerud, Jaime Riches, James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Cathryn Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Cliff Sipe, and Kathy Scholl.

Rest of the soul of Rick Tilman and Bethany Carrier.



Welcome

“Every person is welcome at God’s Table”—this is what we say every Sunday morning, and we truly mean it. It guides our lives and our ministries here at St. James, Kent. Whoever you are—whatever your story, your circumstances, your hopes, and your gifts—you are truly and completely welcome with us.

Land Acknowledgment

We at St. James worship and work on the ancestral land of the **Muckleshoot, Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla** people, and within the **Green River** watershed. As the present stewards of this place, we acknowledge their enduring legacy.



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Prelude

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein

James Jelasic, Piano

Welcoming Hymn
**O Love of God,
How Strong and True**
1982 Hymnal 455, v. 1-4
(all standing as able)

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1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

Commissioning of the Vestry

Presider Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. On behalf of the people of St. James I present these persons to be commissioned in the name of God and this congregation to the ministry of

leadership in the Vestry. These persons, chosen by you, have shown their commitment to Jesus Christ by regular attendance and the seeking of knowledge regarding their duties as Vestry members.

Are you ready to exercise your ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of St. James Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Olympia?

Members of the Vestry We are.

You have been called to this important ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with prayer, diligence, and love?

Members of the Vestry: I will, with God's help.

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Members of the Vestry: I will, with God's help.

(to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your love and support, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: We will.

In the name of this congregation, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all

things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ.

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who serve on our vestry as they seek to fulfill your will in this world. Teach them to seek first your honor and glory, and guide them in all their endeavors, granting discernment, courage, and grace to accomplish your purposes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

I present to you our 2025 Vestry Members:

Mr. John Crown, Senior Warden

Mrs. Ann Aarhus, Junior Warden

Mr. Bill Andre

Mr. Mark Bailey

Mr. Lloyd Bridges

Mrs. Debbie Danioth

Mr. Dennis Nelson

Mrs. MaryBeth Sipe

Mr. Bob Yantas

We give special thanks to:

Mr. Matt Bracher, Treasurer

Mrs. Jamie Nelson, Clerk

The Word of God

(The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2, BCP p. 355; all standing as able)

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **and blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

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. ***Amen.***

Trisagion: Holy God

1982 Hymnal S100

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Trisagion: Holy God' from the 1982 Hymnal S100. The score is written on six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and bar lines throughout the score.

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The Collect of the Day *(all standing as able)*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the

unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(the people are seated when the priest is seated)

The Old Testament: A Reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18.

All scriptures are from the NRSV.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my

house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O

Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: A responsive reading from Psalm 27.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord;

one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the

days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *

and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his
shelter; *

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *

in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

The New Testament: A reading from Philippians 3:17-4:1.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our

citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel *(all standing as able)*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior
 Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing

cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell

you, you will not see me until the time comes
when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.’”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(the people are seated)



Sermon

The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia

Priest in Charge



We pause for reflection...

The Nicene Creed *(BCP p. 358, all standing as 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.
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 III, BCP p. 387; all standing as able)

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your
Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the
earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray for the repose of the soul of Rick Tilman and Bethany Carrier.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
In our St. James community we pray for Ruthie
Tilman, David Carrier and family, Carolyn Hoag, Lewis
Toms, Seth Dever, Mitch Herrick, Michael Frentz, the
Roberts family, Don Richardson, Sister D. Bracher,
Norm Guiler, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan
Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Kimball Bergerud, Jaime Riches,
James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Cathryn
Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Cliff Sipe, and Kathy
Scholl, and the names from our hearts. *Silence*

Presider Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

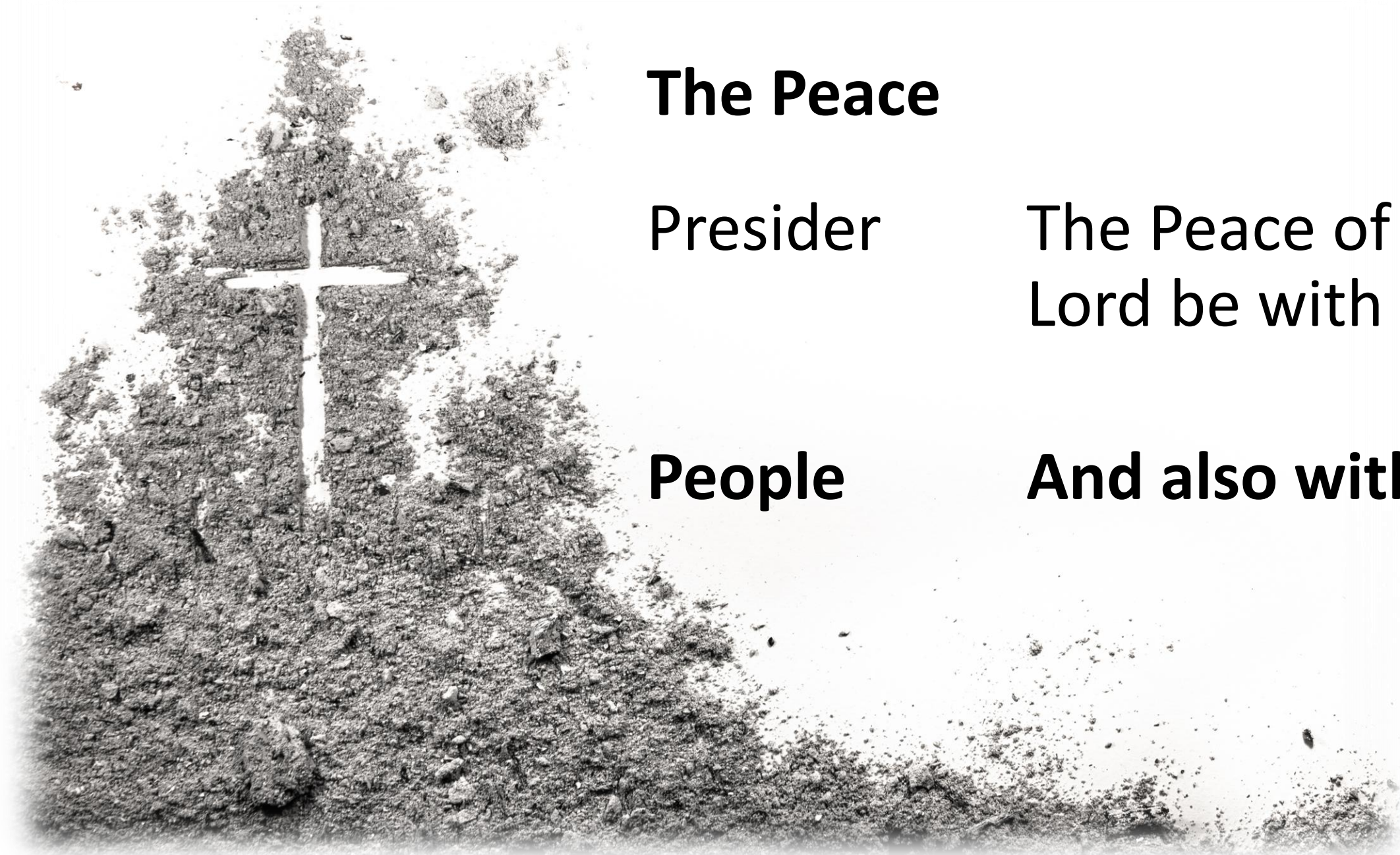
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(the people stand, sit, or kneel as able)*

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 Absolution

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 people stand as able)



The Peace

Presider

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Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15, 16

Offertory

Come Share the Lord

Bryan Jeffery Leach

James Jelasic, Piano

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The Doxology

(all standing as able)

1982 Hymnal #380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361, all standing as able)

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 God thanks and
praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the
glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* 1982 Hymnal S125

† Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of

the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all

creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **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.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you, and feed on him in your
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns

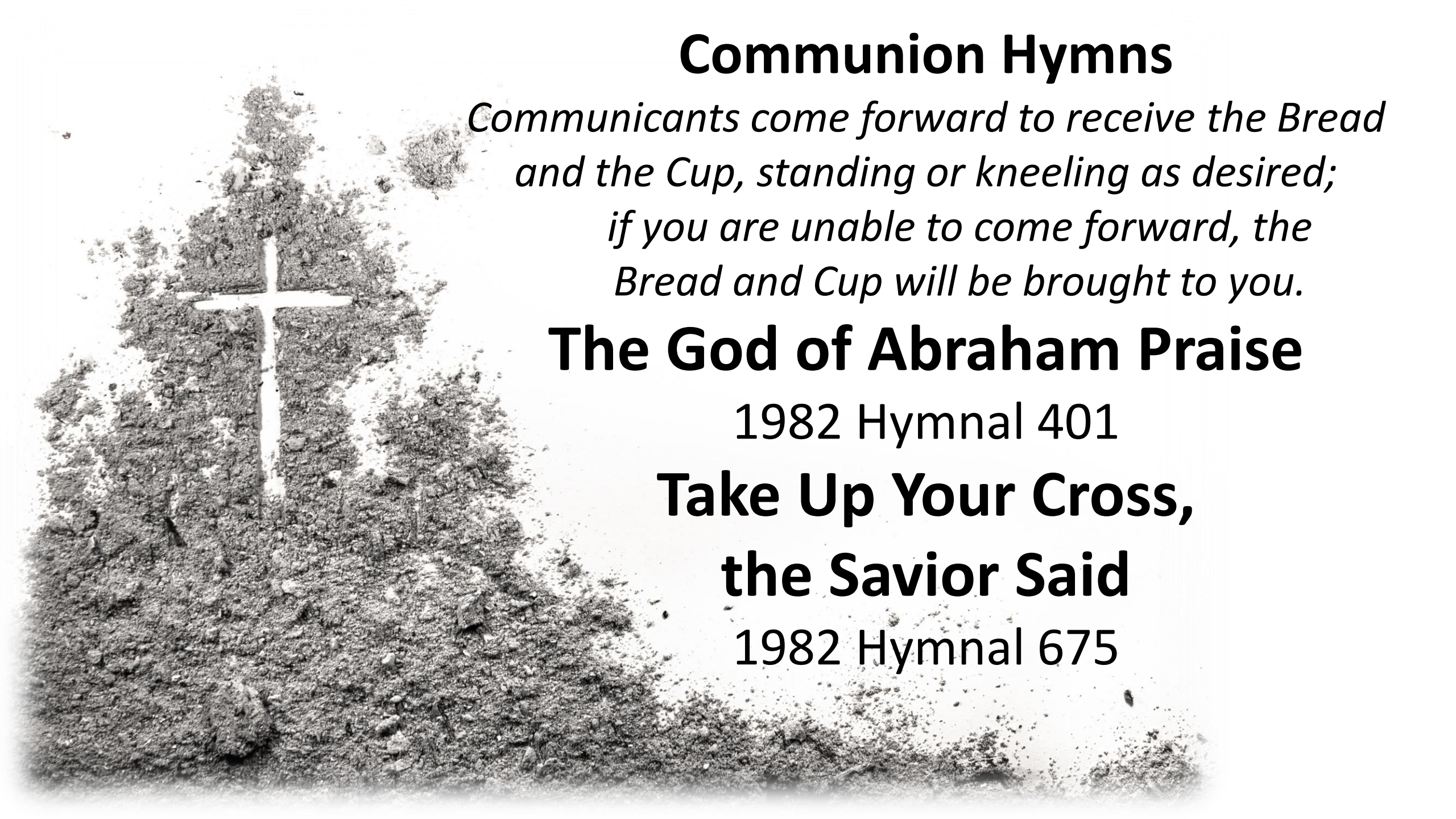
Communicants come forward to receive the Bread and the Cup, standing or kneeling as desired; if you are unable to come forward, the Bread and Cup will be brought to you.

The God of Abraham Praise

1982 Hymnal 401

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1982 Hymnal 675



Post Communion Prayer

(the people stand, sit, or kneel as able)

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Presider

Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(the people stand as able)

Sending Hymn

O Christ the Same

(Hymn Tune - Danny Boy / Londonderry Air)

With One Voice Hymnal 778, v. 1-3

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With One Voice Hymnal 778, v. 1

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

With One Voice Hymnal 778, v. 2

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,

O Prince of life, in all your saving power,

O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

The Dismissal

Presider
People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Postlude

O Christ the Same

James Jelasic, Piano