

**St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, New York**

Tuesday in Holy Week
Healing from the Grief that Binds Us



do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

April 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Pain, illness, brokenness and sin are a reality in our lives. In worship, we will ask God for forgiveness and healing, and become again, ever-so-gently, ready to face a future sustained by hope and grace.

Please join your voice to the hymns and the prayers printed in bold.

St. James Handbell Choir

Please stand.

Forgiveness

Open yourself to the healing grace of the Holy and Undivided Trinity: One God.
God's loving mercy is in this place.

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings. God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

The priest says:

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence is kept.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
Approach your God in peace.

O God, your love for us is eternal. You, yourself, weep for us in our sadness. The sorrow in our lives is felt in your own heart, as you always reach towards us in compassion. Reach for us now, and be our very present help in our times of sadness, disappointment, illness, loss or grief. Speak to us, God; comfort, heal, and restore us. Amen.

Healing from Mistakes

We have made mistakes, we have lost our way, and we have hurt those closest to us. Ours is a loving and forgiving God. Embrace this God and be forgiven, healed and renewed in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

(43:1b-2, 4-5a, 16-21)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my beloved people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 517: *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

During the hymn, the priest will sprinkle all present with holy water. Let this cleansing water wipe away your guilt and your remorse.

Healing from Loss

God of all consolation, be with all who mourn. Comfort them in their sorrow, give them your faith and courage to bear what they must bear and endure what they must endure. May they find comfort in your never-ending compassion. We pray this in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:35:38-39)

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Psalm 130

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.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Musical Interlude *My Shepherd's Grace*

arr. D. Mark

St. James Bell Choir

The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. We mourn the loss beloved family, friends, and spouses. We mourn the loss of pets. We mourn broken relationships, and disappointments that we have faced. People fail us and we are left to grieve that loss. Please take this time during this musical interlude to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loss that you have experienced or in compassion and empathy for others who have experienced loss.

Healing from Illness

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (17:11-19)
Glory to you Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Diana Leiker

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Music *Piè Jesu*

G. Fauré

Kathryn Fitzpatrick, Soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, Grant them rest,
grant them everlasting rest

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sempiternam requiem

Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest
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During the offertory music you are invited to write down your burdens of grief, anger, disappointment, or brokenness. Bring the paper to the altar as you come up for communion and place it in the fire. Offer your heart, broken, wounded or contrite. This is the offering that God desires of us.

Write as little or as much as you like. No one but God will read it.

Healing through the Nourishment of Christ:
The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

And it is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. And your light shines on in spite of our persistent darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. In the course of time, You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. Throughout time, You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Loving God, thank you for coming to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ who, on that night before he died took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to his friends, saying: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to cleanse and refresh. Do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you. And so, with thanksgiving and hope we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon these holy gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the Lord. And send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling. For you, the heavenly one,

make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first, to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, 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.

The Fraction

A period of silence is kept as the bread is broken.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The bread of God is he who came down from heaven to give life to the world. Receive this gift, come and be fed.

All who feel drawn to the altar are invited to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing just cross your arms over your chest to indicate that desire.

Communion Hymn 318 Here, O my Lord

Laying on of Hands

Piano Interlude: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Richie Popp, piano

From ancient times the laying on of hands has been a symbol for the conveying of God's power. During this musical interlude, you are invited to come to the chantry altar for a prayer of healing, strength and refreshment.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Spirit of Life, Healer of all, we thank you for the nourishment of this meal and the comfort of your love. May we stay aware of your presence, may we feel the support of your power and may we carry the comfort of your protection with us now and always. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for the One that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. And may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, be upon you and remain with you now, and always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace, forgiven, healed and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

Piano Postlude *It is well with my soul*

Richie Popp, piano

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIANS!

Richie Popp, Dawn Mark, Kathryn Fitzpatrick, St. James Bell Choir

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JAMES

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 17th

11 am Holy Eucharist and Prayers of Healing ~ Chapel

12 pm Bible Study ~ Rector's Office

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

7 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19th

Noon to 3 Quiet, devotions and music

7 pm Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church

Easter Eve, April 20th at St. Luke's, Attica

The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm

Easter Day, April 21st

10 am Holy Eucharist with Choir, Hymns, Organ and Brass