

The St. James' Weekly News
Easter Day
March 27, 2016



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“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!”

Hymn #207, v. 1

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to those who are visiting; the addition of your praise and thanks heartens us all. If you are seeking a church home or simply a place to rest for a while on your spiritual journey, we invite you to consider St. James' to be that place. The service leaflet will guide you through the liturgy. In the pew racks you will find the *Book of Common Prayer* (red binding) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue binding). Please do not hesitate to ask a fellow worshipper for help.

If you are new to St. James' and wish to be included in our weekly e-mails (*This Week At St. James'*), please fill in one of the welcome forms (available on the table in the narthex) and leave it in the offertory plate or with an usher. Restrooms are located in the undercroft on the right-hand wall. There is an elevator located in the narthex for those who need it. **Please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or any church member if you have questions or need assistance.** Whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, if you would like a call and/or a visit please call the office at 375-9952 or send an e-mail to stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com. If you have a need for hospital visitation for yourself or for a family member or friend, **you must call Fr. Christopher or the Parish Office.** The SWVMC, like many hospitals these days, does not inform us of nor do they make available the names of patients being admitted.

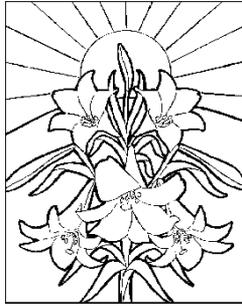
TODAY'S HYMNS are included in the service leaflet and may be found also in the blue-covered *The Hymnal 1982*.

EASTER THANK YOU NOTES. Thanks to so many people for their help and support throughout Holy Week and the preparations for our Easter celebrations:

- The Liturgical Ministers for their commitment to the beauty and solemnity of the different liturgies of Holy Week;
- To the Altar Guild members for their devotion and dedication; a special thank you to Jill Roosma for her leadership in choosing, obtaining and arranging the Easter flowers;
- To those whose generous contributions made the Easter Flowers so abundant and beautiful;
- To the office volunteers for producing the Holy Week service leaflets;
- To Daniel Frank for music;
- And especially to Fr. Christopher for his inspiring spiritual and liturgical leadership and guidance.

THANK YOU, EACH AND ALL!

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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, April 1, 5:30-7PM.....Free Community Dinner
Chair: Eileen Rice with the Battenkill Valley Health Center

Sunday, April 17, 9AM ONE SERVICE ONLY. The Baptismal Covenant Parish Meeting, part of our Ministry Discernment process, follows the liturgy.

Friday, April 29, 5:30-7PM.....Free Community Dinner
Co- Chairs: Susan and Paul Gratz

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS WISH LIST.

Deodorant; soap; shampoo; toothbrushes; toothpaste; razors & shaving cream; diapers (all sizes); feminine products; men's clothing (all sizes); cleaning supplies; toilet paper; paper towels; garbage bags. There is a large plastic bin in the narthex to collect the donations. For more information, please check with Michael Rice.

2016 VESTRY CONTACT INFORMATION. Steven Blackler (518-677-5024); Nancy Boardman, Clerk of the Vestry (375-6138); Rob Faley (375-9355); Ed Gust, People's (Junior) Warden (375-9311); Evan Lawrence (518-677-5662); Kathleen Moore (768-8027); Patricia Gordon Michael (379-8132); Garry Roosma (375-1374); Joanna Taylor, Rector's (Senior) Warden (375-9330).

THE ST. JAMES' FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Marilyn King, President; Nancy Boardman; Pat Clancy; David Durfee; Vivian Lacy; Evan Lawrence; Patricia Gordon Michael; Jill Roosma; Joanna Taylor.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Bob Alexander; Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Don Brown; Janet Cassell; Joseph Eppink; Tammy Lynn Farrell; Peter Garneau; Mary Gerisch; Jo Gillikin; Pamela Harris; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; John Jaworski; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; Marianne Kennedy; Joyce Klugewicz; John Laughrey; Shirley Letiecq; Mary Loring; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; MaryAnn Schaefer; June Sherwin; Tom Snow; Dot Whitley; Anita; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Judy; Kathy; Kay; Kelly and her parents; Mary Ann; Susan; Laurie and Jim; Val; Susan Gratz' mother.

For the Departed: In loving memory of all those in whose names the Easter Flowers were contributed; remembering the victims of violence and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sue; Sara; John; Katie; Joan; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Eleanor; Jack, Vin, Jan and A.J.; Wanda; the Kluj family; the victims of terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world; for the homeless; for all who need our prayers. Pray for peace among all nations and among all peoples.

For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

Birthdays: 3/28-Alec Little; 3/31-Tom Hayton, Kevin Little

Wedding Anniversaries: None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries: 3/30-Evan Lawrence

For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces: Gary Marckres; Margaret; Willow Bucchieri-Sibley

In Thanksgiving For: For Fr. Christopher, the Liturgical Ministers, the Altar Guild, Daniel Frank, and all who worked diligently and lovingly to make Holy Week and Easter inspiring and fulfilling; for the baptism of Penelope Artie Witt; for God's love, freely given; for the gift of hope; the continuing presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For The Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; the people and mission of this Diocese; the Very Rev. Christopher L. David, Interim Pastor; this parish of St. James' and its mission; the Revs. Paul Gratz, Sean Lanigan, Rolfe Lawson, John Miller, Scott B. Neal, Keith F. Patterson, priests; in the Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Colchester; and the Church of the province of the Indian Ocean.



The Easter Flowers are given to the greater glory of God
and in loving memory and in thanksgiving for those
who have blessed our lives.

In Loving Memory of:

William and Evelyn Oxley; Mary and Alexander Oxley; Eva and Frederick Kulle;
Pamela Clancy Forster *by John and Pat Clancy*

Noah Faley; Peter Gardineer; Anna Faley; Rosa Spottl; James and Helen
Salvatore; Bayard and Gladys Gardineer *by the Faley Family*

Robert "Bud" Whitley; Jo-Ann Fonseca *by Dorothea Whitley*

Frederick H. Grout; Ray and Rachael Little; *by Dorothy Grout; Brian and Nyoka
Little and Family; Deborah Minnar and Family*

Gordon and Dorothy Hard; David Hard; Gordon Hard, Jr.
by Jeffrey Hard

In memory of Adele & Francis Claro; Robert & Virginia Uprichard
by Sue & Norm Claro

Jean and Arthur Boardman, Jr.; Elizabeth Edwards *by Nancy Boardman*

John and Marjorie Roosma; John and Marguerite Carson;
William A. Roosma; John H. Carson, Jr. *by Jill and Garry Roosma*

Evalyn Adams Edens; William Richard Edens; Isaac Christopher Rouse; Billie Booth
Moore; Charles Franklin Huff; Albert Richard Moore, Sr.;
Edith Rupe Moore *by Susan and Richard Moore*

Yvonne Sutton *by Dan Frank*

Leon, Elizabeth, Rita and Joseph Klugewicz; Mary, George and Jack Gordon;
Catherine and John Gordon; Celine Gorlewski; Alexis A. Praus; Don and Dorothy
Carlson; Jerry Oppenlander; Solan Weeks; Mary Margaret Mezacapa; W.A.F. Euler;
Edward Draffin *by Patricia Gordon Michael*



In Thanksgiving

For:

Reed, Adele, Anna, Tatem and Virginia by *Sue & Norm Claro*

Father Christopher; the Altar Guild; Kathleen Moore; Daniel Frank; Dorothea Whitley; Alyce Dickinson and Jack Michael; Sharon; the St. James' Family by *Patricia Gordon Michael*



Alleluia!!

*Today we greet Penelope Artie Witt
on her Baptismal Day.*

We welcome her into the household of God and the family of St. James'.

*"So give this child of thine, we pray,
thy grace and blessing day by day.*

O holy Jesus, Lord divine, we pray thee guard this child of thine."

[The Hymnal 1940, Hymn 185, verse 1]

• MAKE ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST • FAITHFUL IN OUR CALLING TO BE YOUR CHILDREN •

The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 2016

“THIS IS NOT A FAIRY TALE.”

I actually love fairy tales and I used to enjoy reading them to our children when they were young and little. Now to be sure those were the more sanitized fairy tales but there was something good about them, a way of confronting what was tough in life with genuine hope. But they were fairy tales.

This week called Holy Week, the remembrance of Jesus entering Jerusalem and offering His life in the ultimate act of sacrificial love. Good Friday, the experience of betrayal, the experience of friends abandoning you, the experience of injustice and wrong, criminal self-centered conspiracies. And then beyond that Holy Week, the resurrection from the dead. This is not a fairy tale.

The truth is even as we speak this Holy Week, we do so not only in the shadow of the cross but we do so in the shadow of those who have been killed in Brussels, of those who have been wounded and maimed, of those who weep and mourn. And of a world mourning, and not too sure how to move forward. And this world does not need another fairy tale. This week's story of crucifixion and resurrection is not a fairy tale.

Some years ago in the last century George McLeod, the founder of the Iona Community, had fought in the First World War, a war that he came to realize was fought for no good reason. He eventually became ordained, and founded the Iona Community, and at one point he said this about this faith that we hold as followers of Jesus:

I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the centre of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage dump, at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. It was the kind of place where cynics talk smut, thieves curse, soldiers gamble. That's where he died. And that's where we as Christians ought to be and what we as Christians ought to be about.

This week called Holy, the season called Easter, the remembrance of death and the realization of resurrection, this is not a fairy tale, but the revelation of ultimate reality. Now the truth is it's easy to dismiss or discount whether by conscious conviction or by unconscious resignation to dismiss this as naïve, nice, but naïve. It's easy to dismiss it whether consciously or unconsciously as a great hope, a wonderful ideal, but not realistic in a world like this. Maybe, parts of us I suspect wonder, maybe the strong do survive, maybe might does make right, maybe you better look out for number one. I suspect we all share those feelings once in a while.

But, I have to ask myself a question. It's not my question, it's Dr. Phil's, "How's that workin' out for ya?" How's that workin' out for the world? The truth is, the way the world very often operates is not working out. It's not sustainable. It's not the way to life. Jesus has shown us the way. He has shown us that unselfish, sacrificial love, love of God, and love of the other, is the way to life. That, my friends, is the ultimate reality. And that's not a fairy tale.

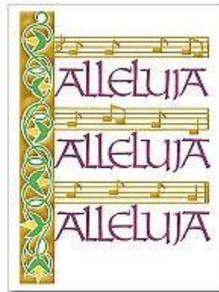
When Jesus was executed, He was tried and convicted of crimes He never committed. He willingly gave His life. Not for Himself, but for others. And in so doing, He showed us what love looks like. That's what we call the Way of the Cross. And that Way is the way of life and hope. And when He died, His closest followers feared that maybe the strong do survive. Maybe might does make right. And maybe we better look out for number one. 'Cause maybe the world has won.

But three days later, something happened. Unexpected. Undreamed of. Unheralded. Three days later their world turned upside-down which is right-side up. God raised Him from the dead. And you could almost hear God thundering forth in that resurrection. Love, in the end, love wins! Love is the way! Trust me! Follow me! Believe in me! This resurrection is real! This is not a fairy tale!

So go forth into this world. Don't be afraid. And don't be ashamed to be people of love. And go forth into this world and help us to change it from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends.

A blessed Holy Week, a blessed Easter, and go forth into the world. Amen.

**The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**



Christ is Risen!