

# From St. James' With Love

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**March – April 2021**

*St James Vision Statement:* God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . . . let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

## From the Rector's Corner

*Why Lent? aka haven't we suffered enough?*

I know! I have heard your cries and have absolutely no doubt that God too has heard our cries. Enough! Why! Make it stop! Where are you! Wake up! Psalm 44:23 exhorts "*Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping,*" along with Psalms 7:7 and 35:23. God, have you fallen asleep? Which oddly goes along with the age-old question, "why me?" Something or somebody is hurting me, and I want someone to make it stop. And my guess is that many of us, when we feel like this, take matters into our own hands. We like to have control, to be in control, and then take control. At the same time, I think we yearn to know in our heart of hearts that God is in charge and has dominion over the situation.

Lent, of course, is an opportunity to stop, look, and listen to the many ways that Jesus has called to us and cared for us for thousands of years, and how He is calling us softly to listen, to follow, to come home, and to surrender our lives and our will to His ways. Through prayer, fasting, self-denial, reading and meditating on Scripture we begin to see the light, the new dawn, the spring-time warmth and hope and joy which invites us back into His kingdom, His will, and His way.

We can ask, "whose fault is this," or worse yet, just assign blame. Or we can offer our body, mind, and soul in prayer to listen and hear how I am being called to cope or to participate in healing and reconciliation. For that is what we are all called to do: get out of our heads, get out of our anger, and turn to God and His ways. God is not sleeping. He *will* tell us. He *will* show us. He *will* lead us. And surely that sure beats sitting in our own mess or creating a mess for someone else.

So that's why Lent. Because from time-to-time we need to stop. To take stock. To assess. Then we need the time to rest in the Lord. To still our lives to hear His voice and to see Jesus at work in our lives and in our world. We need to behold not only the horrors of this world, but the holy in each other.

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP p 265) Read on and you will see the many opportunities you are given at St James to dive into the Lenten mystery and to know that God is listening.

Peace,  
Lynne +

## Weekdays in Lent

At St. James we observe Lent in a variety of ways, and we invite you to give one or two of these weekday practices a try as you live into this holy season.

### **Monday Bible Study**

Bible Study at 4:00, where we continue to study the Book of Psalms. Beginners to experts are invited to participate. All are welcome to join as we read through the text and then have a time of thoughts, questions, and discussions around the Scripture.

### **Every Evening at 8:00**

We have Compline every night at 8:00 on Zoom. A 10-12 minute service of prayer, Scripture, music, and more prayer.

### **Wednesday mornings at 10:00**

This Women's Bible Study may be the one you have been waiting for even if you have NEVER studied the Bible before! We keep it simple and explore the Gospel of Mark, which is the Gospel we will use throughout Year A (from Advent 1 through Christ the King Sunday in November). Each week we learn a little, read a little, discuss a little, pray a little, and explore some of the themes of this Gospel, as well as having the opportunity to read the bits we never hear on Sundays. We learn together, no one has all the answers, and we expect that the Holy Spirit will guide us in some new and interesting ways. Questions? Ask Rev Lynne.

### ***Wednesday Noonday Hammondsport Community Lenten Service***

We gather on Zoom every Wednesday at noon for a brief Service of the Word, rotating our preachers. There is Scripture, music, and prayers.

### ***Thursdays at 10:00***

We are reading through the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lenten Book: Living His Story: Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways. We will read and discuss Chapter 3 on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. You can certainly catch up, or just join us in a discussion of our faith and life.

### **Daily Lenten Meditations**

We are encouraged during the Ash Wednesday service, "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

Episcopal Relief and Development has a daily email meditation [episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/](https://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/). The meditation includes a portion of Scripture or a quote, followed by a short story, and a prayer. The daily readings begin Ash Wednesday and continue through Easter Saturday.

#LiveLent 2021: God's story, our Story and the 40 daily mediations can be emailed to you by signing up through the Church of England Website

[churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story](https://churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story)

### ***Service of Reconciliation (formerly known as Confession)***

#### ***Holy Week – by appointment***

It is said in the Episcopal Church, "all may, not must, some should," when it comes to the matter of making a private confession of sins to a priest. There are two forms available in the Book of Common Prayer: the traditional Form One on page 447 and Form two on page 449 with an explanation of the Rite on page 446. Please contact Rev Lynne if you wish to discuss this Rite, or if you wish to schedule a time during Holy Week to receive this Rite.

**St James Services**  
**Lent through Easter**

**Maundy Thursday, April 1** at 7:00 p.m. we will observe the solemn service of Maundy Thursday with reading of Scripture, solemn music, and Stripping of the Altar, ending the service in silence and darkness.

**Friday, April 2** at 12:00 Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, April 4** Easter Sunrise 6:30 am at Head of the Lake

**Sunday, April 4** Festive Eucharist at 9:00

**Save the Date: Rogation Procession**  
**formerly known as "Beating the Bounds"**  
**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar and save the date, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. More information to follow . . . in a nutshell, we are going to circumambulate (walk or drive) around Hammondsport praying for the people, government, businesses, agriculture, water, etc. This is a tradition more than 1500 years old. Rogation comes from the Latin rogatio which means "asking."

**Mark Your Calendars: Village Wide Yard Sale Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> & Sat June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Calling All Bakers, Crafters, and People Who Have Too Much Stuff**

The Hammondsport Village Wide Yard Sale Event is coming up (June 4<sup>th</sup>) and June 5<sup>th</sup> and Joan Rogerson has agreed to coordinate our efforts in having the Church Open to the Community, selling yummy baked goods, offering our Crafty items, and selling those old White Elephant thingys hanging out in your basement or garage (or maybe your living room is aching for an update and you want to divest of some small tables and knick-knacks.) All proceeds will go to a designated Mission Project (TBD). Mark your calendars now, and start gathering your items for sale.

As we get closer to the date of this event, sign-up sheets will be put up, but this is just a heads up to get you thinking what would be the best way you could contribute and hopefully start work on any crafts you could make.

**PRAYER LIST**

Jen and John and family, Don M, Jim L, Ray, Dick, Amanda and Billy, Bob R., Bonnie, Carson, Anne, Laura, Ashlyn, Betty, Bob, Jerry, Julie and Ben, Cheryl, Gene, Nicole, Brian, Sheryl, Aliza Jane and family, Douglas, Richard, Kathy, Lindsey, Tammy S., John, Muriel, Heather, Andy, Jim and Marietta, Pam, Colleen, Steve, the Food Pantry, students and teachers, first responders, those suffering from addiction, and those in the military, and those who mourn.

**Upcoming Calendar**

Mon, Mar 1	4:00 Bible Study Psalm 119
Wed, Mar 3	10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark
	12:00 Hammondsport Community Lenten Service

Thurs, Mar 4 10:00 Lenten Book Study, Living His Story Chapter 3  
 Sun, Mar 7 9:00 Lent 3  
 Mon, Mar 8 4:00 Bible Study Psalm 120, 121, 122  
 Wed, Mar 10 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 12:00 Hammondsport Community Lenten Service  
 7:00 Vestry Meeting  
 Thurs, Mar 11 10:00 Lenten Book Study, Living His Story Chapter 4  
 Sun, Mar 14 9:00 Lent 4 & *Clocks "Spring Forward"*  
 Mon, Mar 15 4:00 Bible Study Psalm 123, 124, 125  
 Wed, Mar 17 Blessings this St Patrick's Day  
 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 12:00 Hammondsport Community Lenten Service  
 Thurs, Mar 18 10:00 Lenten Book Study, Living His Story Chapter 5  
 Sun, Mar 21 9:00 Lent 5  
 Mon, Mar 22 4:00 Bible Study Psalm 126, 127, 128  
 Wed, Mar 24 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 12:00 Hammondsport Community Lenten Service  
 Thurs, Mar 25 10:00 Lenten Book Study, Living His Story Chapter 6  
 Sun, Mar 28 9:00 Palm Sunday  
 Mon, Mar 29 4:00 Bible Study Psalm 129, 130, 131  
 Wed, Mar 31 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 Thurs, April 1 10:00 Lenten Book Study, Living His Story Chapter 7  
 7:00 Maundy Thursday  
 Fri, April 2 12:00 Stations of the Cross  
 Sun, April 4 6:30 Easter Sunrise Head of the lake  
 9:00 Festive Easter Service  
 Mon, April 5 Office Closed for Easter Monday  
 Wed, April 7 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 Mon, April 12 4:00 Bible Study, Psalms 132, 133, 134  
 Wed, April 14 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark  
 7:00 Vestry Meeting  
 Mon, April 19 April 24 Rector at Continuing Education Conference  
 Mon, April 26 4:00 Bible Study, Psalms 135, 136, 137  
 Wed, April 28 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mark

*Looking Ahead*

Wed, May 12 5:30 Rogation Procession (Beating the Bounds)  
 Fri & Sat June 4th and 5th Village Wide Yard Sale

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
Mar 7	C. Skinner		S. Pulver R. Little		
Mar 14	M. White		N. Folts D. Barney		
Mar 21	K. Derr		S. Young K. Packard		
Mar 28 Psalm Sunday	N. Forenz		A. Edmister L. Graulich		
Apr 1 Maundy Thurs	N. Forenz		S. Pulver R. Little		
Apr 2 Good Friday	C. Skinner				
Apr 4 Easter	L. Nichiporuk		N. Folts D. Barney		
Apr 11	M. White		S. Young K. Packard		
Apr 18	K. Derr		A. Edmister L. Graulich		
Apr 25	N. Forenz		S. Pulver R. Little		