

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH
HYMNS For MARCH 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 1 1 2

1. Christian, dost thou see them
on the holy ground,
how the troops of Midian
prowl and prowl around?
Christian, up and smite them,
counting gain but loss;
smite them by the merit
of the holy cross.
2. Christian, dost thou feel them,
how they work within,
striving, tempting, luring,
goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble;
never be down-cast;
smite them by the virtue
of the Lenten fast.
3. Christian, dost thou hear them,
how they speak thee fair?
'Always fast and vigil?
Always watch and prayer?'
Christian, answer boldly,
'While I breathe I pray:'
peace shall follow battle,
night shall end in day.
4. 'Well I know thy trouble,
O my servant true;

thou art very weary,
I was weary too;
but that toil shall make thee
some day all mine own,
and the end of sorrow
shall be near my throne.'

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 114

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.
3. Shall not we thy sorrow share
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?
4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his Vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.
5. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;

round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at th' eternal Eastertide.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 425

- 1 O happy band of pilgrims,
if onward ye will tread
with Jesus as your fellow
to Jesus as your Head!
- 2 O happy, if ye labour
as Jesus did for men!
O happy, if ye hunger
as Jesus hungered then!
3. The cross that Jesus carried
he carried as your due:
the crown that Jesus weareth
he weareth it for you.
4. The faith by which ye see him,
the hope, in which ye yearn,
the love that through all troubles
to him alone will turn,
5. The trials that beset you,
the sorrows ye endure,
the manifold temptations
that death alone can cure,
6. What are they, but his jewels
of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder,

set up to heaven on earth?

7. O happy band of pilgrims,
look upward to the skies,
where such a light affliction
shall win so great a prize.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION : 504

1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind:
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,

O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN: HYMN 645

1. Do no sinful action,
speak no angry word:
ye belong to Jesus,
children of the Lord.
2. Christ is kind and gentle,
Christ is pure and true;
and his little children
must be holy too.
3. There's a wicked spirit
watching round you still,
and he tries to tempt you
to all harm and ill.
4. But ye must not hear him,
though 'tis hard for you
to resist the evil,
and the good to do.
5. For ye promised truly,
in your infant days,
to renounce him wholly,

and forsake his ways.

6. Ye are new-born Christians,
ye must learn to fight
with the bad within you,
and to do the right.
7. Christ is your own Master;
he is good and true,
and his little children
must be holy too.

HYMN FOR THE RECEPTION: 406

1. Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.
2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou Quickener of the dead.
3. And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.
4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.