

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH
HYMNS For MARCH 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 420

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:
2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.
4. O spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace!

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 110

1. All ye who seek for sure relief
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress.
2. Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the Cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart;
O to that heart draw nigh.
3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest;
"All ye that labor come to me,
and I will give you rest."
4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to thee we lift our prayer.
5. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood
which from thy heart doth flow;
a new and contrite heart on all
who cry to thee bestow.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 122

1. O thou who dost to man accord
his highest prize, his best reward,
thou hope of all our race;
Jesu, to thee we now draw near,
our earnest supplications hear,

who humbly seek thy face.

2. With self-accusing voice within
our conscience tells of many a sin
in thought and word and deed:
O cleanse that conscience from all stain,
the penitent restore again,
from every burthen freed.
3. If thou reject us, who shall give
our fainting spirits strength to live?
'Tis thine alone to spare;
with cleansèd hearts to pray aright,
and find acceptance in thy sight,
be this our lowly prayer
4. 'Tis thou hast blessed this solemn fast;
so may its days by us be passed
in self control severe,
that, when our Easter morn we hail,
its mystic feast we may not fail
to keep with conscience clear.
5. O blessed Trinity, bestow,
thy pardoning grace on us below,
and shield us evermore;
until, within thy courts above,
we see thy face, and sing thy love,

HYMN FOR COMMUNION: 574

1. Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead;
2. look on the heart by sorrows broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token

that by thy grace our souls are fed.

HYMN FOR THE RECESSION: 431

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy Strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the Path, and Christ the Prize.
3. Cast care aside, upon thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its Life, and Christ its Love.
4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.