

**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH**  
**HYMNS For MARCH 15, 2026**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 1 1 1**

1. O Lord, turn not Thy face from me,  
who lie in woeful state,  
lamenting all my sinful life  
before thy mercy-gate:
2. a gate which opens wide to those  
that do lament their sin;  
shut not that gate against me, Lord,  
but let me enter in.
3. And call me not to strict account  
how I have sojourned here;  
for then my guilty conscience knows  
how vile I shall appear.
4. Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask;  
this is my humble prayer;  
for mercy, Lord is all my suit,  
O let Thy mercy spare.

## **OR THIS???**

### **HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 454**

1. Jesu, thy mercies are untold  
through each returning day;  
thy love exceeds a thousandfold  
whatever we can say;
2. That love which in thy passion drained  
for us thy precious blood;  
that love whereby the saints have gained  
the vision of their God;
3. 'Tis thou hast loved us from the womb,  
pure Source of all our bliss,  
our only hope of life to come,  
our happiness in this;
4. Lord, grant us, while on earth we stay,  
thy love to feel and know;  
and, when from hence we pass away,  
to us thy glory show.

### **HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 706**

1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave:  
to thee they went, the blind, the dumb,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper with his tainted life,  
the sick with fevered frame.
2. And lo, thy touch brought life and health,

gave speech and strength and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesareth's shore.

3. Be thou our great deliverer still,  
thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.

## **HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 529**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.

### ***Refrain:***

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;

by your blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me.

***Refrain***

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me.

***Refrain***

**HYMN FOR COMMUNION: 603**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;

***Refrain:***

*when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees;

***Refrain***

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees;

***Refrain***

## **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 752**

1. Virgin-born! we bow before Thee!  
blessed was the Maid who bore Thee,  
Mary, maid and Mother mild,  
blessed was she in her Child
2. Blessed was the breast that fed Thee,  
blessed was the hand that led Thee;  
blessed was the parent's eye,  
That watched Thy slumbering infancy.
3. Blessed she by all creation  
Who brought forth the world's salvation;  
And blessed they – for ever blest,  
Who love thee most and serve thee best.
4. Virgin-born, we bow before Thee!  
blessed was the womb that bore Thee  
Mary, Maid and mother mild,  
blessed was she in her child.

## **OR THIS???**

## **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 658**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong;  
they are weak but he is strong.

### ***Refrain:***

*Yes, Jesus loves me!*

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*The bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me! He who died,  
heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.

***Refrain***

3. Jesus take this heart of mine,  
make it pure and wholly thine;  
on the cross you died for me,  
I will try to live for thee.

***Refrain***

**HYMN FOR THE RECEPTION: 300**

1. Christ is the world's true light,  
its Captain of salvation,  
the Daystar clear and bright  
of every race and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
for all who own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.
2. In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord  
all shall forsake their fear,  
to plough-share beat the sword,  
to pruning hook the spear.
3. One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own thee;

cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of peace, and reign.