

**SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
119 WASHINGTON STREET
GROVELAND, MA**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 -- Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service of Healing, Eucharistic Visitors, Health & Healing Ministry

March 14th, 2010

To all who are young and need counsel; to all who are grateful and want to pray; to all who are strong and want a task; to all who are weary and need a rest; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are joyous and want to give thanks; to all who are sinful and need a Savior; to whosoever will; this church opens wide its doors and, in the name of Christ our Lord, says

WELCOME!

Prelude

AT THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit There's a wideness in God's Mercy

[Sung by Choir]

Silent Procession

Penitential Order

BCP p. 351

Lenten Kyrie #S-96

[Found in the front of your Blue Hymnal 1982 -- Singing Together]

Collect of the Day

BCP p. 167

First Lesson Joshua 5:9-12

Introduction to the Reading

Lay Reader: The Israelites have entered the Promised Land. They are now camped between the Jordan and Jericho. In thanks to God for the gift of the Land, they restore two religious practices not followed during the Exodus: circumcision and Passover.

Lay Reader: The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

[Meditative Pause]

given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

[Meditative Pause]

Gradual Hymn #671, v1,3,4 Amazing grace

The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Congregation: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to

celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to You Lord Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

The Nicene Creed *[All Stand]*

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Lenten Confession of Sin

Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Presider: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Presider: Amen.

People: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Presider: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

[Source: Iona Abbey Worship Book]

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

[Greet one another in the name of the Lord]

Announcements

[Commissioning of newly trained Eucharistic Visitors]

Offertory #686 Come thou fount of every blessing

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

AT THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D *[All Stand]*

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Sanctus #S-130 *[Found in the front of your Blue Hymnal 1982 -- Singing Together]*

The Lords Prayer *[Praying Together]*

BCP p. 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Agnus Dei #S-164 *[Found in the front of your Blue Hymnal 1982 -- Singing Together]*

Communion

Communion Anthem Softly and tenderly

[Will L. Thompson]

AT THE POSTCOMMUNION AND GOING FORTH FOR MINISTRY

Post Communion Prayer

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Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's bread of life and cup of salvation.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Recessional #690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Healing Hymn Be still my soul

***Our Mission in March 2010 is . . .
Rebuilding Together***

Please see Elaine Hatch or John Sawyer for details
and look for Mission Envelopes in your bulletin on
Sunday, March 21st.



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2010

Sun., Mar. 14th, 9:30am

4th Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Service of Healing, Eucharistic Visitors,
Health and Healing Ministry

Wed., Mar. 17th, 7:00pm

Celtic Service of Evening Prayer

Sun., Mar. 21st, 9:30am

5th Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Feast of the Annunciation

Sun., Mar. 28th, 9:30am

Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Thurs., Apr. 1st

6:00pm – Agape Feast w/Simple Eucharist

7:30pm – Service of Tenebrae

Vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane

9:00pm -- Thursday evening to

7:00am -- Friday morning

Fri., Apr. 2nd, 2:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Sat., Apr. 3rd, 7:00pm

The Great Easter Vigil

Sun., Apr. 4th

5:00am – Sunrise Service, 2nd Congregational, West Boxford

9:30am – Festival Eucharist

THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

The Congregation

Bishops: Tom Shaw, Roy ("Bud") Cederholm, Gayle Harris

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

Altar Guild: Mark Prescott and Jayne Smallman

Acolyte: Mark Prescott

Chalice Bearer: Wayne Sanborn

Greeter: Cheryl Robinson

Hospitality: Sunday School Bake Sale

Reader: Julia Steer

Money Counter: Linda Chiango

Prayer Partner: Marya DeCarlen

Health & Healing: Annette Olsen

Eucharistic Visitors: Starr Anderson; Dick & Helen Bates; Jim DiNapoli; Elaine Hatch; Mary Klueber; Mary Miner; Regina Moormann; Charlotte Parker;

ON THIS WEEKS PRAYER LIST

O God, we place in your care all who need healing in body, mind or spirit. At this time we offer you prayers of healing for Jennie; Helen; Chrissy Phillips; Baby Grace; Marion Di Napoli; Melinda; Scott Barbone; Carol; Bo; the family and friends of Timothy E. Durette; Josue Campos Alvarez; Denise; Carmello Addonizio; Ward and Joanne, Jonathan; Matthew; Becky and Cody; Emma; Chris, Kim and Grace; Patty; Sharon; Mark; Debbie and Jodi; Martha and Katie; Judy; Robyn Curry; Lisa, Judy Rose and her daughter; Janey Norton and David Paige; Elaine Hatch; Julie Beaver; Pete Cassell; Kerry; and for all the military personnel sent to serve in the Middle East this week.

Deaths: We pray for Martha Sue Esco, mother of Susan Esco Chandler (Rector, St. James Amesbury) and all those who have lost their lives in Chile and Haiti. We pray for all military personnel killed in Afghanistan and Iraq this past week, especially Tom Keogh, Liam Maughan, Jonothon Michael Allott, Alan N. Dikcis, Anthony A. Paci, Nigel K. Olsen, and Richard Green.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE

Epiphany Middle School, Dorchester; St. Dunstan's Church, Dover; Church of St. John the Evangelist, Duxbury; Deanery Co-conveners; Hospitality Homes

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean -- The Most Rev. Gerald James (Ian) Ernest, Archbishop; Province of the Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2010

Creative Spirit

If you have a craft you enjoy and want to spend a few hours in the company of Creative Spirits, come and join us. We meet every other Tuesday at 7p.m. During the energy saving winter months, we may retreat to the warmth of the homes of members. **Please join us next on Tues., March 16th! Location to be announced.**

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

In case of a pastoral emergency, contact the Reverend Marya DeCarlen.

978-887-8111 (home)
978-590-1642(cell phone)
mdecarlen@comcast.net



BUNNY CAKES ARE COMING TO TOWN

Saturday, April 3rd @ 10AM in the parish hall.

Please see Jill Robinson for details.

Cakes will be \$15.00 each and the money will go towards supporting our youth group.



Newsletter Contributors!

Contributions for the next issue of the St. James *Epistle* are due in the parish office **no later than Monday, May 10th**.

The template is ready and waiting for news about your area of ministry. Don't wait 'til the last minute . . . send things as you think of them and avoid the stress of last minute submissions.

On Sunday, March 21st

John Anderson, President of Coming Home Inc, (the affordable housing and daycare mission of St. James and Trinity Haverhill) will offer a homily entitled "Two Journeys." He will share with us the on-going progress of CHI during the last 6 months and what the future holds. The coffee hour after church will be a short time for questions regarding CHI before the sabbatical team makes a presentation . . . with updates to share!!

Giving Back Sunday

The Sunday School classes were discussing that they would like to have another "Giving Back Sunday". This time it would be for Earth Day -- helping St. James and Mark to complete a cleanup of the church grounds. The date will be Sunday, April 25th with a rain date set for May 2nd. Start time will be 9:30. Please come to church for Sunday School in clean-up clothes. We will work through Sunday School -- join our families for communion -- and then work a little more until Coffee Hour. A pizza party will be provided for all clean-up participants. After lunch, those who can stay will continue to work. If you wish to help, please bring rakes, brooms, sturdy gloves, and anything else you think may be helpful. Please contact Michelle at 978-374-4572 or michellepaszko@comcast.net with any questions or other ideas you may want to share.

CLERGY HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or members of your family are admitted to a hospital, please call the St. James's office at 978-373-1270 or call Marya.

Five Weeks of Lenten Discipline at St. James while Caring for God's Good Earth

A few of us want to share with you how St. James is using Lent as a way to discipline ourselves to care more carefully for the earth. We also want to inspire you to do the same. To that end each Sunday in Lent we will introduce a new way that we are helping the earth at St. James. We look forward to hearing how you are helping the earth in your own small and big ways. Below are the themes we will introduce to you during announcements the five Sundays in Lent:

Lent I & II—February 21 & 28 Focus: Recycling

Lent III--March 7 Focus: more efficient energy use

Lent IV--March 14 Focus: saving gas

Lent V--March 21 Focus: energy audit

EVENSONGS IN MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 5:00PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

CHRIST CHURCH, ANDOVER

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR HAITI RELIEF



**“Spirituality of Parenting”
Coming in April!**

A *Spirituality of Parenting* series is being planned and will begin in April. This series of conversations for parents of all ages and stages, will create a place for sharing the challenges and gifts of faithful parenting. Topics to be explored include prayer, faith practices for our homes, faith development, and how to walk more deeply into faith as we share faith with our children.

April 25th – Naming the Challenges -- What does it mean to be a Christian parent? What’s hard about parenting?

May 2nd – Spirituality & Prayer. Where is there space for prayer in the busy life of a parent? What are some easy ways and good opportunities to make prayer part of our family and home lives?

There is room to be part of the planning. What topics and issues around faith-filled parenting would you be interested in discussing with others in future session?

On May 9th we will share a worship service spotlighting the spirituality of parenthood. Please plan to attend the upcoming sessions. Childcare provided upon request. For more information, to express your interest or register for childcare, contact Christi Humphrey at cchumphrey@comcast.net or 508-633-7466.



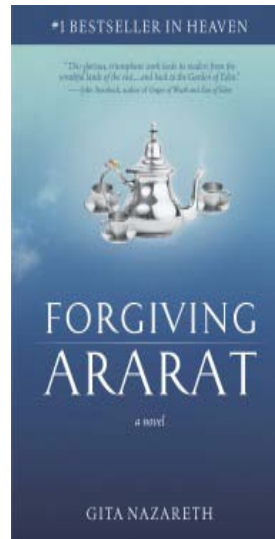
**Navigating the Bible
concludes on Sunday,
March 14th**

This workshop concludes on Sunday March 14th. It is held upstairs in the Parish Hall following coffee hour (feel free to bring your coffee hour snack!)

This short program is not a Bible study, but a journey together to understand more about the Bible and richness of Scripture in our tradition and relationship with God.

**Interested in finding out more about
Christianity and the Episcopal
Church?**

New to St. James and still trying to figure out whether to sit, stand, or maybe cross yourself? The class will continue on March 14th and 21st, in the parish hall. For more information speak with Marya or contact her at mdecarlen@comcast.net.



Looking for a deeper spiritual experience?
Looking for a more meaningful Lent?
Join thousands of Christians from all denominations in reading and discussing the same spiritual book together!

**ONE BOOK ONE LENT+
2010**

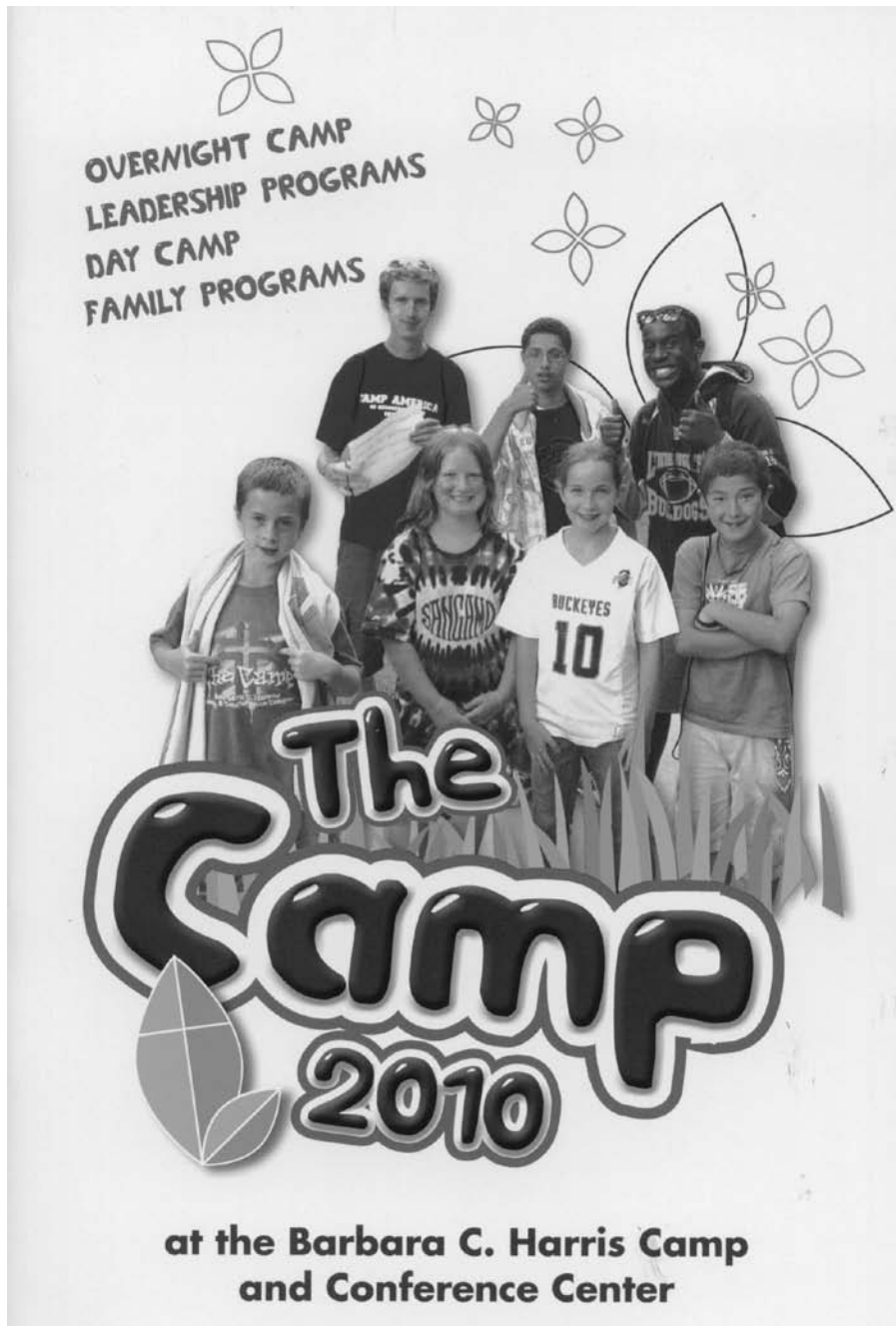
**Uniting Christians Around One
Great Book**

A young lawyer dies unexpectedly and, arriving in heaven, learns she has been chosen to join the elite lawyers who prosecute and defend souls at the Final Judgment.

***Forgiving Ararat* by Gita Nazareth** is a miraculous and mesmerizing novel about life, death, healing, justice, forgiveness, and what it means to be both human and Divine.

If you are interested in joining with others from St. James in reading and discussing *Forgiving Ararat*, **join us TODAY**. The discussion will be held this afternoon at 2:30 pm at the home of Julia Steer. The second discussion will occur on Sunday, April 11th. For more information contact Julia Steer, Pat Sorenson or Christi Humphrey at cchumphrey@comcast.net or 508-633-7466.

If you are interested in joining with others from St. James in reading and discussing *Forgiving Ararat*, **sign-up TODAY** on the clipboard in the Parish Hall. Two gatherings for discussion will be held. Sunday, March 14th at 2:30 pm at the home of Julia Steer and Sunday, April 11th. For more information contact Julia Steer, Pat Sorenson or Christi Humphrey at cchumphrey@comcast.net or 508-633-7466.



**Brochures, Registration Forms, and
Financial Assistance Applications
are available in the parish hall.**

OR

Register On-line at www.bchcenter.org

Easter Flowers, 2010

Easter is a time to remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for God's blessings. At Easter, we decorate the church with beautiful flowers given *in memory of* loved ones, or *in thanksgiving for* a person or event.

You are invited to be a donor for our Easter Flowers. Please complete this form, and return it either in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office by Monday, March 29th. You may also call it in (please leave the details on the answering machine) 978-373-1270, or email the information on this form to saintjameschurch@comcast.net

Checks may be made payable to St. James' Church and marked "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Your donation may accompany this form, or you may send it along at your convenience.

Your generous response will help St. James to maintain this lovely holiday tradition. However, we wish this to be an opportunity for everyone and there is no specified donation amount.

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Donor Name and Phone (email)

Flowers are given in memory of:

Flowers are given in thanksgiving for:

The Epistle, St. James Episcopal Church, Groveland, MA