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Dear friends,

“Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” Matthew 26:40

Holy Week...it’s a lot. The practical New Yorker might consider it convenient that Palm Sunday starts with a triumphant parade and quickly leads to the Passion. One powerful story, wrapped up into one Sunday. Then comes Easter on the following Sunday, a message of undiluted hope.

But Holy Week—and Christ’s challenge to us to bear witness—offers an important challenge. When Jesus asks us to stay awake an hour, we might take that literally and attend midweek services we might not otherwise, but Holy Week takes much more than that. No one can do it for us; we must be present in every sense.

Christ was awake and present all that week, starting from his arrival in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration of freedom from slavery. He knew he was bringing an even greater freedom, though the price would be his life. He did it for love, and he didn’t carry it lightly. He hurt as deeply as any one of us, physically, emotionally, spiritually. And yet he stayed awake and was present through it all. But still, to get there...it’s a lot. Fortitude to stay awake, walk the walk, and have the faith that it will be worth the work may come for you, as it does for me, through this Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, has sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection… (BCP, p. 168).

In Christ,
Dr. E. Davis Wortman II, Organist & Director of Music

Today at St. James’

Lenten Forum series concludes 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Eva Suarez concludes our Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing and using our spiritual gifts with the question “So, what’s next?”

April Parenting Forum 10:15 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Dr. Nancy Ulrich will join us to talk about the delicate balance of healthy boundaries and increasing autonomy when children reach their teens. Dr. Ulrich is a therapist and professor with over twenty years of experience working with parents and teens.

Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Join us for this weekly, clergy-led Bible study; no preparation necessary! Today The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will introduce Luke’s account of the Passion.

Every Sunday

Fellowship
• After the 9:10 a.m. service, coffee outside Coburn Hall
• After the 11:15 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

Nursery Care available downstairs
Nursery care is available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., during the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services, and the adult formation offerings.

Formation for all ages!
At St. James’, we believe that if you come here, you will grow. To learn more, visit the First-time Families podium in the Narthex.

• Toddler (ages 2-3) and Primary (ages 4-6) 9:05 - 11:00 a.m.
• Church School, Youth Group (grades 1-12) 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
• The Forum 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
• Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Healing Prayer
Is there something you would like prayer for — a joy or a concern, for yourself or someone else? Join our Healing Prayer ministers in the Chapel following worship at 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST
• Pick up a “Start Here” brochure and return the welcome card.
• “Meet me at the bell” (after 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.)
Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church for an informal conversation with a priest about what led you here and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

9:10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Family Eucharist
Our service begins with a procession from Central Park, near the 72nd St. entrance at Fifth Avenue. The Canterbury, Junior & Youth, Primary, and Cherub Choirs offer the music of Percy Whitlock and Anton Bruckner.

11:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Choral Eucharist
The Compostela Choir offers the music of Elliot Z. Levine, Richard Shephard, and Andrew Carter.

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Candlelight Communion

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP
Our Lenten journey ends in remembering the last days of Jesus’ life, and celebrating the depth of God’s love for us and the power of God to triumph over sin and death through the resurrection of Christ. The heart of our celebration is called the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Please learn more about these services at stjames.org/easter.

Holy Monday & Tuesday April 15-16
- Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
- Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Holy Wednesday April 17
- Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
- Service of Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 18
- Children’s Eucharist with Footwashing 4:45 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist with Footwashing 7:00 p.m.
- Night Watch & Vigil 8:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 19
- Liturgy for Good Friday 8:00 a.m.
- Three Hour Devotion 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Children’s Good Friday Services 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil April 20
- Liturgy for Holy Saturday in Columbarium 9:00 a.m.
- Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day April 21
- Easter Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
- Festive Easter Eucharist 9:10 a.m.
- Festive Easter Eucharist 11:15 a.m.
- Candlelight Communion 6:00 p.m.
**Reconciliation and Renewal**

As we focus in Lent on returning to right relationship with God, you might consider participating in the Rite of Reconciliation. Also called “Confession,” it is an opportunity in our tradition to experience the promise of forgiveness at the heart of Christian faith. Consider making an appointment with any of the clergy.

**Baptism and Confirmation this Easter**

Adults who are interested in being baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m., or who might like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church during the Bishop’s visit on May 12, should contact The Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

**Family Friday**

*April 12, 6-8pm*

The Travelling Lanterns will perform *The Life of Leonardo da Vinci: The Renaissance Man*. Students experience Leonardo’s life and work through music, models, and reproductions of his art. We begin making sandwiches for NY Common Pantry, enjoy a pizza dinner, and then it’s on with the show. $5/person, $20 max./family.

**Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunts**

**Sun. April 21, 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Egg Hunts for children 0-6 and a Scavenger Hunt for those 1st Grade+ right after the 9:10 a.m. service on Easter Day. Please bring two dozen wrapped nut-free candy-filled plastic eggs and leave them in the Reception area on your way into the service. (And bring a basket or bag to collect eggs!) Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

**Festive Easter Luncheon**

**Sun. April 28, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Be our guest for a festive Easter luncheon, celebrating the season and our age 50+ parishioners. Contact Grace Beacham.

**Antiques & Treasures Sale**

**Tues, April 30 & Wed, May 1**

Tuesday: Pre-sale for parishioners and their guests only, 6:00–8:00 p.m.; $25 admission. Please RSVP to gbeacham@stjames.org or call 212-774-4231 to be added to the guest list. Refreshments will be served. Includes Pop-Up Boutique. Wednesday: open to the public and free of charge, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**2019 Parent’s Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 p.m.**

St. James’ Church is pleased to host Jenna Bush Hager at our 2019 Parent’s Luncheon. Jenna will share some of her insights into the most important aspects of parenting. Visit stjames.org/community/children-and-families/parentsluncheon to register for this event.

**Men’s Breakfast**

**Friday, May 10, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**

Ray Suarez will be our speaker, a celebrated and award-winning journalist and author who is also active as a lay leader in the Episcopal Church. He also happens to be the father of Eva! The program will focus on issues especially pertinent to men of faith.

**Lent 2019: Offering our best gifts**

Nearly 390 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 95% of our financial goal for the year. *Thank you!* We want every parishioner to be “all in” as we offer our best gift for God’s work in this city. Visit stjames.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or stjames.org/give to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift.

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**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**

- for the growing faith of the eighteen parishioners enrolled in the 2019 Catechumenate at St. James’, and for all who are preparing for baptism, confirmation, or reception this Easter.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2019; and for all who share in the financial support of the parish.

**Your prayers are requested**

- for the observance of a holy Lent at St. James’, that in self-examination and repentance, we may receive the Gospel message of pardon and absolution, and celebrate with joy the Easter feast.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sandra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Behida, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Jason, Vicky, Ryan, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakhter, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Phillip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Eleanor, Phyllis, Jennifer, Ivan, Gene, Uncle Bill and family, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, and Paula.
- for the Diocesan Christian Formation Commission, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Church of Ireland, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
- for our work as stewards of God’s creation, that we may use the earth’s resources rightly in the service of others, and be mindful of our connection to all living things.
- for the United States of America, for wisdom and grace for our leaders in the exercise of their duties, that the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.
- for justice and peace in this city and nation; for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; and for the victims of racism, injustice, and intolerance.
- for all who are persecuted for their faith, including Christians in the Middle East; for all refugees and all who welcome and serve those in need.
- for members and friends of the parish serving in the Armed Forces, in the Diplomatic Corps, and with the U.N.: Tracy, Christian, Mads, Michael, Mark.

**We commend to God’s never-failing care**

- victims of war and violence throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; all migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.
- all whom we love but see no more, including Paul Wassenaar.
The Vestry
Sam Hutcheson, Sr. Warden · Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden

David Andryc
Sue Bennett
Hugh Boston
Gerrinde Brixius
Tristan Bultman
Stephen de Francesco

Susanna Guffey
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Marcy Sendax
Lisa Smith
Anne Strassner
George Wade

Mary Malhotra,