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Altar Guild Tam—all teams
Flowers have been given in celebration of
Marilyn & Chuck Gibson's anniversary

*St. James' Episcopal Church
In the Diocese of Texas*

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St. James Episcopal Church
La Grange, Texas
“Enter as strangers, leave as friends.”



Proper 19

September 17, 2023

10:30 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Thank you for worshipping at Saint James'. We invite you to participate in the worship to the extent you feel comfortable. The page numbers printed in this bulletin refer to the books in the pew: the red *Book of Common Prayer*; and the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Please fill out a Guest Card so we may have a record of your visit with us. We welcome you to join us in the Parish Hall following services for refreshments. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence. All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table.

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Invitation to Worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over CHRISTE SANCTORUM Hymnal 1

Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest may say the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The service music (*Gloria* and *Sanctus*) are placed inside the hymnal. Please use these and replace in the hymnal for our next service.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus. 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians

+++Announcements+++

Now is the Time!

If you've never tried Bible Study before this is the TIME. No prior knowledge of the Bible necessary. A special invitation to high school students & young adults. 9:20-10:10 *Sunday mornings*. Subject is the Gospel of John. Led by the Reverend Doctor Sharon Turner. Thanks to growing popularity we are now moving into the larger space of the Multipurpose room (school wing). Bibles and other materials will be provided.

Vestry

vestry meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 19th at 5 p.m.

Fabulous Friday Fish Fry

Our next supper club will be held on September 29th, Friday at 6pm. This event will be held at Susie & Mel Glasscock. Co-hosts needed. Guests asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side, or dessert. Music provided. The Parish Hall has been reserved in case of poor weather. RSVP to Cathy at the church office. There is also a signup sheet out.

Second Chance Emporium

St. James' next work week is Oct. 10-14. Call Lil Landry if interested in volunteering. Have fun, make new friends, and help the community.

A.M.E.N.

next workday is Monday, Oct 30th. Sue Spaulding is the contact for any information about volunteering, etc.

Weekly Group Meeting

AA Group meets here in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening 7pm. Call Cathy for more information.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest gives the Blessing.

Judge eternal, throned in splendor KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS Hymnal 596

The Dismissal.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Simplified Anglican Chant

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of / **Egypt**,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange / **speech**,
Judah became God's / **sanctuary**
and Israel his do- / **minion**.

The sea beheld it and / **fled**;
Jordan turned and went / **back**.
The mountains skipped like / **rams**,
and the little hills like young / **sheep**.

What ailed you, O sea, that you / **fled**?
O Jordan, that you turned / **back**?
You mountains, that you skipped like / **rams**?
you little hills like young / **sheep**?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / **Lord**,
at the presence of the God of / **Jacob**,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / **water**
and flint-stone into a flowing / **spring**.

A Reading from Romans

14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" DETROIT

Hymnal 674

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 18:21-35
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Then the Priest continues
Holy and gracious Father; ...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,;...

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion

The Priest continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God

God Is Love, and Where True Love Is UBI CARITAS (Murray)

Hymnal 577

Come down, O Love divine DOWN AMPNEY

Hymnal 516

When Christ was lifted from the earth ST. BOTOLPH

Hymnal 603

The Priest gives the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Choir

W: Martin Janus (1661); M: WERDE MUNDER, harmonized and arranged, J. S.

Bach (1723)

1 Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

Doxology

refer to insert in hymnal

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Priest proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

refer to Sanctus insert in hymnal

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr Sharon Turner

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

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Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially

Pinky	Jackie	Pete & Martha	Lonnita
Carolyn	David	Brooks	Emma
Megan	Bill	Frank	Sheila

[PRAYER LIST] **People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church,
 and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish,
 that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and
 equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Hear our prayer.

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all
 who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain
 their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain
 and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and
 to thy honor.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your thanksgiving for those who are visiting with us, for those
 celebrating birthdays, Cheryl Cotton. [PRAYER LIST] for those celebrating
 anniversaries, Ann & Bill Rugeley, Sandy & Greg Northrup, Marilyn &
 Chuck Gibson. [PRAYER LIST].

Give to the departed eternal rest; [especially [PRAYER LIST]]

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Prayer Book 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.