

St. James Episcopal Church  
La Grange, Texas

“Enter as strangers. Leave as friends.”



**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

**April 5, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**Guests:** 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 and pick up a Guest Packet on the table at the entrance. Please join us in the Parish Hall following services for refreshments and fellowship. 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.

## The Word of God

Prelude

Don Kirby

*Hail thee, festival day!* Salve Festa Dies Hymnal 175  
(Everyone sings all refrains; women – sing odd numbered stanzas, men, even numbered stanzas ,)

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Priest* 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.**

*Gloria* Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

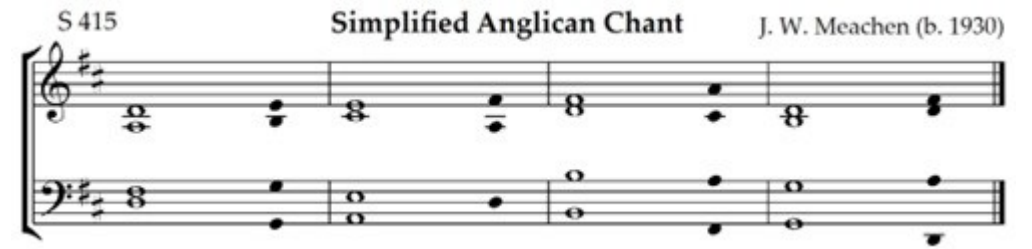
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / **good**;  
his mercy endures for / **ever.**

2 Let Israel now pro- / **claim**,  
"His mercy endures for / **ever.**"

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my sal- / **vation.**

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the / **righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is ex- / **alted!**  
the right hand of the Lord has / **triumphed!**"

17 I shall not die, but / **live**,  
and declare the works of the / **Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me / **sorely**,  
but he did not hand me over to / **death.**

19 Open for me the gates of / **righteousness**;  
I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the / **Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the / **Lord**;  
he who is righteous may / **enter.**"

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my sal- / **vation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief / **cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our / **eyes.**

24 On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be / **glad in it.**

### **Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Love's redeeming work is done* Savannah Hymnal 188

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,

and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

Ken Kesselus

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

**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**

*After each bidding, the People offer their own silent prayers.*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; especially for the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, Bishops Andrew, Jeff, Hector, Katherine and Brian, and our priest Ken, and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; especially those celebrating birthdays: Betsy Schneider.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially PRAYER LIST].

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; [PRAYER LIST].

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been Honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

And we pray for ourselves at St. James that your spirit will enable our vestry to call a godly priest to serve as our next rector.

*Silence*

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect, then invites the congregation:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest and People*

**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 neighbors 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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**

*All stand. The Priest says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Priests and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements and Blessings**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*This Joyful Eastertide (complete text at Hymnal 192)* Choir  
W: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934); M: VRUECHTEN, a Dutch tune published in 1624 in *Stichtelycke Rymen*, later in Joachim Oudaen's 1685 psalter, *David's Psalmen*. This arrangement is by the renowned team of Robert Shaw and Alice Parker.

Woodward, a gifted linguist and scholar, was a priest in the church of England. Noted for his translations of texts from Greek, Latin, and German, he assisted in the publication of a number of hymnals. His ridged rules of translation: that it must adhere to the original rhythm, rhyme and content resulted in pieces that were challenging to sing, causing them to be more studied than performed. This is one of the joyful exceptions! An original Easter carol, it was published in 1894 in *Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide*, a publication put together by Woodward and Charles Wood. When hearts are moved by the wonder and glory of Christ's resurrection, they burst forth into song, as the music and lyrics of this piece portray so joyfully.

*The Doxology*

Hymnal 380 v. 3

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#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S-129

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Priest continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience

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to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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,

*People and Priest*

**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 temptation,**

**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**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

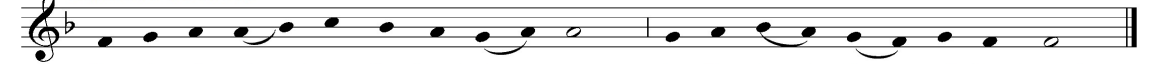
*Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation*

**Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus**

*Antiphon*

*Cantor: then All*

Mode 6 melody, adapt. Mason Martens b. 1933)



The dis - ci - ples\_ knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing\_\_ of the bread.

**Cantor:**

1. The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ. **Antiphon**

12 2. One body are we, alleluia,  
For though many we share one bread. **Antiphon**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Priests receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*  
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

### Communion

*Christ ist erstanden* arr. Barnard Choir  
*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT Hymnal 205  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord* ALLELUIA No. 1 Hymnal 178

*After Communion, the Priest says*  
Let us pray.

*Priest and People*  
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest blesses the people.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today* EASTER HYMN Hymnal 207

*Priest* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude Don Kirby <sup>13</sup>

+ + ANNOUNCEMENTS + +

### APRIL SUPPER CLUB

Join us for a "Spring Fling" Supper Club on Friday, April 17 at 5:30 pm at Ann Campbell's home (285 W. Pecan, La Grange). A backyard meal of southern fried chicken, gravy and fried okra will be served. Guests are asked to bring appetizers, sides or desserts to complement the entree. Guests may also bring their beverage of choice. Water and ice are furnished. Helping to host this happy evening are Marlene and Pat Aungier, Lil and Ray Landry, Karla and Jimmy Klyng, Fran and Guy Mason, Dan and Johanna Boyles, and Bill and Kathie Bailey. RSVP by Monday, April 13, on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall or online by clicking the link in the enews.



### HOLY SMOKERS/ECW BAKE SALE

The next event will be Saturday, April 11, from 10:30 am- 1:00 pm in the church parking lot, benefitting Meals on Wheels and The Bugle Boy, respectively. Enjoy great cooking and help the community at the same time.

### SECOND CHANCE WEEK

Sign up to help out at Second Chance, La Grange's thrift shop. Contact Lil Landry to volunteer. [rlland@cvctx.com](mailto:rlland@cvctx.com)

### A.M.E.N.

St. James' next workday at La Grange's food pantry is Monday, April 20. Please contact Fran Mason to volunteer. [fran.mason@yahoo.com](mailto:fran.mason@yahoo.com)

### PRESCHOOL PICASSOS

We are off to the races to earn money for our Preschool! Preschool Picassos will be on Saturday, May 2, from 5-9 pm at Frisch Auf! Country Club, and will offer a Kentucky Derby themed dinner, auction, and virtual horse racing. Tickets will be \$40 and are going on sale March 31. We are accepting donations from now until April 20. Don't forget to wear your best Derby hat!

## ENEWS

Our enewsletter is published weekly on Thursdays at noon. Those wishing to insert anything into the enews, please email [sue@stjameslagrange.org](mailto:sue@stjameslagrange.org) by **noon on Wednesdays**. If your announcement is about an event, please let us know whether you would like to have **online RSVPs** for it. If you would like to subscribe to our



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### Easter Sunday

LEM Tom Tracy                      Lector Laurie Krupala  
Intercessor Susannah Mikulin    Ushers Larry and Mary Kahanek  
Vestry Joe Bailey

### EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Larry & Mary Kahanek	Children & Grandchildren
Jim & Jane Malik	For Family & friends
Paul & Carolyn Cheatham	Many Blessings & Family
Susie & Mel Glasscock	To the Glory of God
Guy & Fran Mason	Thanksgiving for Family
Jason & Laurie Krupala	For Family, Church Family, & friends
Sue Spalding	For Church Family
Ursula & John Stephens	Thanksgiving for Family
Cheryl & Chip Cotton	Thanksgiving for Family

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