

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



August 31, 2025  
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 or black *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.

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## The Word of God

Prelude:

Miles Gillette-Bockhorn

Processional: *Come, thou almighty King* MOSCOW

Hymnal 365

Priest : Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

Glory to God *Gloria* **Please Sing from insert in hymnal**

J. Merrill Wade

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 2: 4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets

prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 81: 1,10-16**

**Anglican Chant**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our / **strength**  
and raise a loud shout to the God of / **Jacob.**
- <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and / **said,**  
“Open your mouth wide, and I will / **fill it.”**
- <sup>11</sup> And yet my people did not hear my / **voice,**  
and Israel would not o- / **bey me.**
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their / **hearts,**  
to follow their own de- / **vices.**
- <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would / **listen to me!**  
that Israel would walk in my / **ways!**
- <sup>14</sup> I should soon subdue their / **enemies**  
and turn my hand against their / **foes.**
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe be- **fore him,**  
and their punishment would last for -/ **ever.**
- <sup>16</sup> But Israel would I feed with the finest / **wheat**  
and satisfy him with honey from the / **rock.**

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 13: 1-8,15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being <sup>3</sup>  
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tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Come, thou fount of every blessing* (familiar words, new tune: WARRENTON. Title from *The Sacred Harp*: Streams of Mercy)  
(please sing!)

## Streams of Mercy

Robert Robinson (1758)

WARRENTON

The Sacred Harp (William Walker? 1844)



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry - bless-ing, Tunemy heart to - sing Thy grace.
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith-er by - Thy\_ help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a\_\_ debt - or Dai - ly I'm\_ con- strained to be!



*Streams of mer - cy, nev - er\_\_ ceas-ing, Call for songs of\_\_ loud-est praise.*  
And I hope by Thy\_ good plea-sure, Safe-ly to\_\_ ar - rive at home. I am  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like\_ a\_\_ fet - ter,\_ Bind my wan - dring heart to Thee.



bound for the king-dom will you go to glo ry with me? Hal - le - lu - jah\_ praise the Lord.

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

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

**The Gospel: Luke 14: 1,7-14**

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev Ken Kesselus

The Nicene Creed *(all stand and say in unison)*

Prayer Book 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. 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.**

Intercessor: The Prayers of the People (Form II) Prayer Book 385  
*After each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Andrew, Hector, Kai, Jeff, and Brian, our support priest Ken, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*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.

Pray for our church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the well-being of all people; and for those celebrating birthdays; Tomi Laigle, Elaine Tracy, David Krupala. [PRAYER LIST]

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.

6 *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*

We remember in our prayers today: [PRAYER LIST]

*You are invited to add your own petitions and intercessions either silently or aloud.*

Confession

Prayer Book 360

**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.**

Priest gives absolution

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Blessings

### The Holy Communion

Offertory: Come unto Me

Choir

W: Matthew 11:28-30; M: Mark Blankenship (1975)

Mark Blankenship (b. 1943 ) has served in church music for over 50 years. Born in Chicago, he grew up and began ministry in Texas. Serving small churches at first, he was called to larger ministries and served as head of the Southern Baptist music department in Nashville for 30 years. His compositions include anthems and hymns designed for church use. "Come unto Me," Christ's invitation to all who labor and are heavy laden comes to life in this a cappella anthem. Lush harmonies, smooth phrases and gently resolving suspensions breathe comfort to listeners and worshipers.

Come unto me, all ye that labor, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;

For I am meek and lowly in heart:

And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

**All Sing: Doxology Old 100th: 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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving-Prayer A

Prayer Book 361

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.**

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:

*Sanctus* **Please Sing from insert in hymnal**

J. Merrill Wade

*Please kneel or stand*

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

8 *Celebrant and People*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father... continued BCP 363

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 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

Prayer Book 364

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Invitation to the Lord's table

Communion

*All who hunger gather gladly* HOLY MANNA

WLP (Green Hymnal) 761

*Not here for high and holy things* MORNING SONG

Hymnal 9

Postcommunion Prayer (*please stand or kneel*)

Prayer Book 365

*Priest: Let us pray.*

**All: 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.**

Final Blessing

*Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* BIRMINGHAM

Hymnal 437

Dismissal:

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## HELP FUEL YOUNG MINDS

Every child deserves to start their day with a full stomach and a clear mind. Sadly, many students in our community come to school hungry, making it harder for them to focus, learn, and thrive.

We're collecting donations of breakfast items for local school children – something simple and easy to serve. Your support can help ensure that no child begins their school day on an empty stomach.

*Please consider making a donation.*

**Pancake Mix & Syrup**

**Pop Tarts**

**Granola Bars**

**Cereal**

*Donations from St. James for the month of September.*

+++Announcements+++

**MID-WEEK STUDY, ANYONE?**

What about a midweek gathering for Bible study and/or discussion of timely topics, church teachings, etc.?

If you are interested, please email, text, or call to let me know (or tell Cathy) - and indicate if you could NOT attend such a gathering in the morning or in the afternoon before 4 pm

**PHOTOGRAPHER?**

Some of the photos of members in our electronic membership directory are quite outdated. If you have a smartphone and are interested in photographing a few members before or after church services, please let me know - 512-940-7897 or [Ken.Kesselus@gmail.com](mailto:Ken.Kesselus@gmail.com) or tell Cathy .

**Men's Club Meeting**

Monday, Sept 8th held at David Laigle's home 6 pm. Address: 1015 High Hill Creek Rd. La Grange. Hosts: David Laigle, Paul Crain, and Ed Dykes.

**Holy Smokers Cook & ECW Bake Sale Sept. 13th** has been cancelled.

**Second Chance**

St. James' work week Sept. 23-27. Please call Lil Landry for information about volunteering. Serve & have fun too!



Don't miss this extraordinary Supper Club! Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> - In the Parish Hall 5:30 pm -

Appetizers/gathering/mingling

6:00 - Fried Chicken, mashed 'taters & gravy (from Koopmann Catering) - with all the appetizers, yummy sides, salads, desserts, etc. you bring. (Don't stress! There are great "to bring" items at the store.)

Featured artists at our "live broadcast" from KSJL

(Keep Saint James Laughing) include: \* Ruby McGuill - renowned gospel pianist/singer \* Ian Schroeder - inspiring saxophone player

All brought to you by Maize Bro's Mill - "Amazing meal for you!" and CAMEO - the Council for the Advancement of Mayonnaise Enterprises and Objectives. There will be time that evening for 4 or 5 hymns. Check the bulletin board and the front entrance for the sheet to vote for your favorites.

Worship Team this Sunday

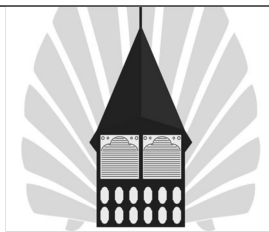
LEM Luke Herbrich

Lector Cheri Balla Intercessor Ursula Stephens

Ushers Mary & Larry Kahanek Vestry Joe Jameson

Altar Guild: All teams

Flowers have been given to the Glory of God



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Organist Miles Gillette-Bockhorn.

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