

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13

Year B

August 4, 2024

10:30a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Thank you for joining us in worship at St James! A special welcome to our visitors. Please sign the guest book and/or fill out the visitor card and put in the collection plate so that we might greet you more personally.

You are invited to participate in the service to the extent that you are comfortable. All persons are welcome to join us in communion including children. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to partake in communion, the priest will give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine. If you prefer a blessing by the priest, cross your chest with your arms. If you would like the bread but not the wine, indicate in the same way. For those with physical challenges, please know that you can stand (instead of kneel) at the Altar Rail, or have the priest bring communion to you in your pew. Restrooms and infant changing station are in the main building. Ask an usher for directions.

Please join us for hospitality in the Parish Hall following the service.

Your presence is a blessing!

The Word of God

Prelude:

Mary Ann Hatfield

Welcome/ Announcements

Introit: *(please remain seated) Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Choir

W/M: Robert Cull, arr. David Allen (1976)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Processional: *(please stand) Singing songs of expectation* TON-Y-BOTEL Hymnal 527

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray.

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 in Excelsis* Hurd

Hymnal S-277

All Sing: 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.

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 78:23-29

So he commanded the clouds a- / **bove**
and opened the doors of / **heaven.**
He rained down manna upon them to / **eat**
and gave them grain from / **heaven.**

So mortals ate the bread of / **angels;**
he provided for them food e- / **nough.**
He caused the east wind to blow in the / **heavens**
and led out the south wind by his / **might.**

He rained down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the / **sea.**
He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their / **dwellings.**
So they ate and were well / **filled,**
for he gave them what they / **craved.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting DECATUR PLACE

Hymnal 51

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
4 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because

you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The 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 III)

We pray for your holy catholic* church; especially our sister churches in this Diocese: All Saints', Cameron; Christ Church, Mexia; Christ Church, Temple.

That we all may be one.

We give you thanks for all guests and newcomers worshipping here today, and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; Ed Evans, Austin Bay, Nancy Kaufman, Mark Mukulin. [PRAYER LIST].

We pray that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Presiding Bishop elect Sean, and our Bishops, Andrew, Kai, Jeff, Hector; our Interim Rector Sharon, our supply priests Merrill and Ken.

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;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; Pinky, Jerry, Justin, Pete & Martha, Carolyn, Lonita, Bryan. [PRAYER LIST].

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

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Priest may add concluding prayer.

Priest : 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
6 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.**

Priest continues with 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.**

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 and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

One in the Spirit

'Cello Solo by Rex Spencer

W/M: Peter Scholtes, based on John 13:35 (1966) arr. Rex Spencer

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (2X)

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Rex is a good friend of Suzanne and Eric Batchelder. Born in Corpus Christi, he has a BA in Cello performance from Baylor University where he studied with Lev Aronson. He was principal cellist with the Dallas Symphony for 35 years. Post grad study with Shirley Trebel, principal cellist of the Houston Symphony. Attended a master class with Yo Yo Ma. Rex continues to play with symphonies around Texas and teaches a string clinic at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston. He also has a masters degree in Architecture from the U of Houston and has designed several buildings, including some in Milan, Italy and in Switzerland. We are blessed to have him with us today. Thank you, Rex.

Please rise immediately following the anthem to sing our response in praise:

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

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 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:

Priest and People

Hymn S-124

**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.

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 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:

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: **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

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to the Lord's table:

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Communion Music:

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness SCHMÜKE DICH

Hymnal 339

Make me a channel of your peace

Choir

W: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi; M: Sebastian Temple arr. Neary (1997)

Temple (1928-1997) was born in South Africa. He lived in London after his youth. He converted to Christianity, adopting the Franciscan lifestyle and lived as a secular Franciscan. He wrote profusely for worship, his best-known work is this setting of St. Francis' prayer. (1967) arr. Neary (1997)

Recent research indicates that the prayer of St. Francis may not be older than a 1912 French publication, the earliest it can be traced. It first appeared in America in 1927 when its first known translation in English appeared in a Quaker publication. Sebastian Temple's version was written in the guitar-folk-ballad style popular in the '60's. It's beauty and appeal are perhaps best attested by its use in Princess Diana's funeral. Martin Neary (b. 1940) was an organist and choirmaster. He served in Westminster Cathedral from 1972-1988 and in Westminster Abbey from 1988-1998. This is the arrangement that was specially made for the Royal funeral.

1. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;

Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;

And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Refrain: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy. *Refrain*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life. *Refrain*

Postcommunion Prayer (*please stand or kneel as you are able*) Prayer Book 365

Priest: Let us pray.

**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.**

Lord, you give the great commission ABBOT'S LEIGH (green hymnal) WLP 780

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*"Catholic" refers to the whole body of Christ, not a denomination such as Roman Catholic or Anglo Catholic.

Flowers have been given to the Glory of God.

+++Announcements++

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS (and wannabes)

Musical Roundup - Noon to 2:30, today! No obligation to join the choir-just fun!

COMING IN AUGUST: Adult Forum

Sundays 9:15-10:10am August 4-25th

In the Conference Room

Still Ahead:

August 11: The Rev Sharon Turner on "*Jesus and the Unclean Spirits.*"

August 18: The Rev Merrill Wade on "*Being Episcopalian: A Personal Story.*"

August 25: Dianna Berg, Spiritual Director, on spiritual exercises for dealing with the noise and stress of a divided country. "*Turn it off!*"

Holy Smokers Cook

August cook is canceled.

Blessing of the Backpacks

If you are returning to school, young or old, bring your backpack on Sunday, August 11th, for a blessing from Rev Turner.

Men's Club Meeting

Monday, August 12th at Sealand Restaurant at 6pm. Hosts are Tom Tracy, Bill Bishop, Joe Bailey, and Eric Batchelder.

Second Chance Emporium

St. James' work week is Aug 13-17. Contact Lil Landry to volunteer.

A.M.E.N.

St. James' work day Monday, August 26th. Contact Sue Spaulding for information about volunteering. Food of the month is cereal: oatmeal, cream of wheat, boxed cereal.

BLESSINGS  **GREAT & SMALL**

A new Sunday School Class for of all ages. Come learn more about Jesus: Teacher and friend. Led by The Rev Dr Sharon Turner and Dianna Berg. The class will start September 8th from 9:15am to 10:00am in the multi-purpose room.

Rite Two
LEM Laurie Krupala Acolyte Luke Herbrich
Lectors John Zeuner/ Austin Bay
Intercessor Julie Ardery
Ushers Mary & Larry Kahanek
Vestry Ernest Balla
Altar Guild Team – all teams



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Jane Malik, Doc Ayres, Sue McLean
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