



Third Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Rite II

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La Grange, Texas

“Enter as strangers. Leave as friends.”



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April 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Thank you for joining us in worship at St James! A special welcome to our visitors. We are glad you are here. Feel free to sign the guest book and/or fill out the visitor card and place in the collection plate so that we might greet you more personally. Please participate in the service to the extent that you are comfortable. All Baptized persons are welcome to join us in receiving the bread and wine of communion or come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not baptized but want to know more about this sacrament, please let the priest know after the service. Anyone physically challenged can let the usher know that you want the priest to bring communion to your pew.

Your presence is a blessing!

The Word of God

Voluntary

Mary Ann Hatfield

That Easter day with joy was bright PUER NOBIS

Blue Hymnal 193

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

Blue 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.

ADD A LITTLE SPICE TO YOUR LIFE

This month's AMEN ingathering is for spices. A red basket will be left on the church porch each Sunday to collect donations. You may also leave your donations in the Parish Hall at any time. Items will be collected at the end of the month and delivered to the AMEN food pantry. Amen—"One basket at a time." Suggestions for their pantry this month are:

- Garlic & Onion Salt
- Crushed Black & Red Pepper
- Dried Parsley, Oregano, Italian Seasoning
- Cinnamon, Vanilla
- Packaged mixes such as gravy, chili, stew
- Bottled sauce - Worcestershire, Chili, Picante

No Matter the size, each donation you make helps someone.

REAL LIFE MEN'S GROUP

Not just another meeting. A place where we drop the mask, get real, support each other—like the men God calls us to be. No egos, no fluff—just brothers in Christ seeking a closer walk with Jesus.

Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Real talk. Deep faith. Your seat is at the table.

For more info, contact John in the parish office.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. -Proverbs 27:17



ENEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Enewsletter** is published weekly on Thursdays at noon. Those wishing to insert anything into the **enews** or in the bulletin **Announcements**, send to john@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**. Not subscribed to our **enews**? *Email John at the above address.*

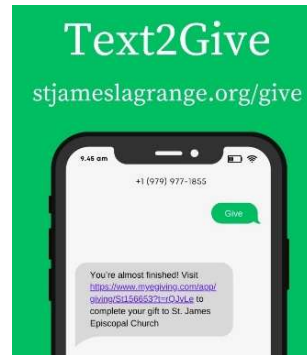
++ ANNOUNCEMENTS ++

WELCOME THE REV. CANON LISA BURNS

Please extend a warm welcome to The Rev. Canon Burns. She will also be our Celebrant on April 26. We are excited to have her return as Rev. Ken takes a well-deserved vacation. He will be out of town April 19-26 but will have email service while on vacation.

ONLINE GIVING

Forget your checkbook? No worries! You can donate to St. James' online by texting 'give' to 979.977.1855. you will get a link to our online giving page. The number is a nod to our founding in 1855, making us the seventh oldest church in the Diocese.



PRESCHOOL PICASSOS IS BACK ON!



SCAN ME

This year's **Preschool Picassos** has been postponed until Friday, May 15, and will double as our **May Supper Club**. As usual, this annual event will be held from from 5-9 pm at *Frisch Auf! Country Club*, and will offer a Kentucky Derby themed dinner, auction, and virtual horse racing. Tickets are \$40 each. Use this QR code to purchase your tickets. Now also accepting monetary donations for the live and silent auctions. You are invited to sponsor a race with a donation of \$500-\$1000, or own and name a horse for \$100 and up. Tickets and reserved table options

come with race sponsors as available. Don't forget to wear your best Derby hat! For more information, contact Laurie Krupala. laurie@stjameslagrange.org or phone the Preschool: 979 639-1346.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

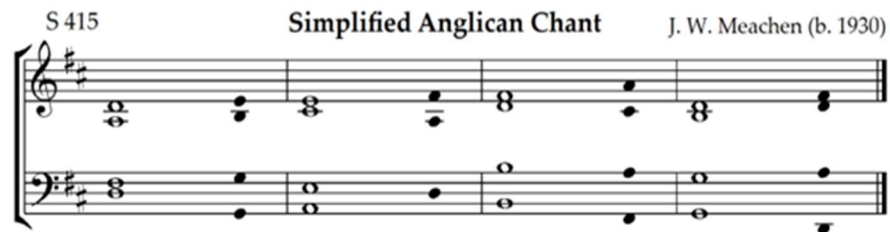
First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli- / **cation**,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / **called upon him.**

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took / **hold of me;**
I came to grief and / **sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the / **Lord:**
"O Lord, I pray you, save my / **life."**

10 How shall I repay the / **Lord**
for all the good things he has / **done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of sal- / **vation**
and call upon the Name of the / **Lord.**

12 I will fulfill my vows to the / **Lord**
in the presence of all his / **people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his / **servants.**

14 O Lord, I am your / **servant;**
I am your servant and the child of your / **handmaid;**
you have freed me from my / **bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the / **Lord.**

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his / **people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's / **house,**
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Halle- / **lujah!**

Priest 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.

Communion

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest SURSUM CORDA **Hymnal 306**

I come to the garden alone GARDEN (by Austin Miles) **LEVAS II 69**

After Communion, the Priest says 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.

The Priest blesses the people.

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness FINNIAN **Blue Hymnal 492**

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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*

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless ST. AGNES **Blue Hymnal 343**

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people stand or kneel.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

laudes” by Wipo of Burgundy, bridging Gregorian chant and early German sacred music. It has inspired composers through the centuries. Martin Luther drew from it to create "Christ lag in Todes Banden". This version was created by William Barnard (1918-1985) gifted organist, choir master and composer at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, from 1964-1985.

The Doxology

Blue Hymnal 380 v. 3

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.**

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

Blue 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 Sermon

The Rev. Canon Lisa Burns

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.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; especially for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah; our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Texas Bishops Andrew, Jeff, Hector, Katherine and Brian; The Rev. Canon Burns; 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: Fran Mason and Clara Bundick.

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 our vestry in their search for a rector.

Pray that God may enable them to find an effective priest to serve us.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed; [especially]

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

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory: *Christ Ist Erstanden* (alt. arr. and text at Hymnal 184-5)

Michael Weisse (ca. 1480-1534) M: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, c. 1100 (based on); J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533; German

Christ ist erstanden is possibly the oldest German liturgical song, first sung around 1100. Originally in Dorian mode, it is derived from the Easter sequence "Victimae paschali