**Sunday Adult Bible study 9:15am:** Lectionary readings for the Easter Season. Peter says, "we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given" (Acts 5: 27-32). The Acts of the Apostles (and the Holy Spirit) is evidence that Jesus has resurrected and is active and building his Church. We will be reading a section from Acts in our Lectionary reading for the Easter Season. For "The Rest of the Story" join us at Sunday Bible study between the services.

May 8: Barnabas and Saul/Paul's missionary journey's: Acts 13 - 14
May 15th Council in Jerusalem - Acts 15
May 22nd: Paul's arrest in Jerusalem – Acts 21
May 29th: Paul sails to Rome – 2-28

Rite II
LEM Jimmy Helms  Lector Judy Balch
Ushers Joe Bailey/Mary Kahanek
Intercessor Ann Rogers  Vestry Judy Balch
**Altar Guild Team—all teams**
Many thanks to Mary Kirby today for directing our music.
**Breakfast is provided by:** Cathy Sterman
**Flowers have been given** by Connie Young in memory of Alfred Davis and Mary Young



# St. James Episcopal Church
## La Grange, Texas
## "Enter as strangers, leave as friends."

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Year C** **May 8, 2022**

**10:30a.m.**
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**A Word to our Guests:** Thank you very much for worshipping with us at St. James'! We are delighted you are here!
Please know all are welcome to participate in communion regardless of denomination. All hymns can be found in the Blue Hymnal.
Please fill out a visitor card so we can hear your story, and tell you all about this wonderful church family.

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## The Word of God

Prelude: Mary Ann Hatfield

Processional: *Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY Hymn 208
(antiphon only at the beginning and at the end)

Opening Acclamation: Prayer Book 355

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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* Schubert Prayer Book 356

**All Sing: Glory, 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. We praise you for your glory. Lord, 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, 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. Amen.**

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

**Collect of the Day**
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**First Lesson: Acts 9: 36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**+++Announcements+++**

***In honor of their mothers, Glenn and Barbara Calliotte invite the women of the church to take a flower as they leave.***
***Thank you for the sweet fragrance you bring to our community.***

Search Committee Update
As the Lord continues to guide us in our search for a new Rector, it is important for you to know where we are. At present, we have no candidates to interview. The in-person interviews we were planning to have did not occur. We will wait for the Diocese to send us more names of candidates who are interested in St. James. Remember that you may also nominate candidates. However, we are optimistic that the Rector the Lord wants for us will come to us in the near future. We must all continue to pray that our search is successful! You will be kept informed as we continue this search.
In Jesus Name,
Ursula Stephens

**Men's Club:** tomorrow Monday, May 9th, 6pm at Fritsch Auf Country Club. Hosts are: Frenzel, Bailey, Gilley, Koenig, Patton.

**Holy Smokers & ECW Bake Sale:** Saturday, May 14th 10:30am-1pm. This will benefit Arts for Rural Texas. Come enjoy delectable BBQ and baked goods.

**Daughters of the King DOK:** next meeting May 12th, Thursday in the Parish Hall at 11:30am. Call Mary Dawson with any questions. More information forthcoming. Newcomers are always welcome!

**Open house for new rectory:** Sunday, May 15th from 1pm-3pm with the house blessing at 1:30pm. Directions will be sent out when the date is close.

**St. James' Preschool Graduation/Moving up Ceremony:** Monday, May 16th at 10am in the sanctuary. Afterward. please join us in the Parish Hall for a lite lunch.

**Supper Club:** mark you calendar for Friday, May 20th. Hosts: Helms, Glasscocks, Landrys. Further information forthcoming.

**St. James' Ascension Day Service:** Thurs, May 26th. Rite II service, 5:30pm.

10 Ways to Help a Family Living with Alzheimer's

Educate yourself about Alzheimer's disease. Learn about its effects and how to respond.

Stay in touch. A card, call or visit can show you care.

Be patient. Adjusting to an Alzheimer's diagnosis is an ongoing process and each person reacts differently.

Offer a shoulder to lean on. The disease can impact the entire family. Simply offering your support and friendship can provide comfort.

Include the person with dementia in conversation. It's important to engage the person even as his or her communication skills decline.

Help the family tackle its to-do list. Prepare a meal, run an errand or provide a ride.

Invite family members to join you in leisure activities. Invite them to take a walk or participate in other enjoyable activities.

Offer a reprieve. Spend time with the person living with dementia so family members can enjoy time alone or with friends.

Be flexible. The family may need time to assess its needs. If they don't accept your offer for support or
assistance right away, try asking again later.

Get involved with the Alzheimer's cause. Show your support for the family by joining the fight against the disease.

People living with early-stage Alzheimer's would like you to know:

I'm still the same person I was before my diagnosis.

My independence is important to me; ask me what I'm still comfortable doing and what I may need help with.

It's essential that I stay engaged. Invite me to do activities we both enjoy.

Don't make assumptions because of my diagnosis. Alzheimer's affects each person differently.

Ask me how I'm doing. I'm living with a disease, just like cancer or heart disease.

I can still engage in meaningful conversation.

Talk directly to me if you want to know how I am.

Don't pull away. It's OK if you don't know what to do or say. I value your friendship and support.

Family members would like you to know:

We need time to adjust to the diagnosis.

We want to remain connected with others.

We need time for ourselves.

We appreciate small gestures.



**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my / **shepherd;**
I shall not / **want.**
He maketh me to lie down in green / **pastures:**
he leadeth me beside the still / **waters.**

He restoreth my / **soul:**
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his / **name's sake.**
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of / **death,**
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they / **comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine / **enemies:**
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth / **over.**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / **life:**
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / **ever.**

**Second Lesson: Revelation 7: 9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Seq. Hymn: *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* ST. AGNES **Hymn 343**
(stanza 1, all; st. 2, men,; st. 3,ladies; st. 4, all)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: John 10: 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon Rev. Rohani Weger

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.**

The Prayers of the People (Form IV) Prayer Book 388

*In the course of silence after each bidding, the People offer their prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and for our Bishops Andrew, Hector, Kai, Jeff, and Rohani, our interim Rector, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
*Silence*
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**



4 Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Postcommunion Prayer Prayer Book 366

**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 Blessing: Priest: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
**People: Amen.**

Priest: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.
**People: Amen.**

Priest: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.
**People: Amen.**
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
**People: Amen.**

Recessional: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIA **Hymn 522**

The Dismissal Prayer Book 366
Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
**People: Thanks be to God**. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude: Mary Ann Hatfield

*Agnus Dei* (SCHBERT) **Hymn S-164**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**
**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion

Communion Music: - *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA **Hymn 645**
(Please sing stanzas 1-3)

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION **Hymn 664**
(Please sing stanzas 2-3)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY
W: Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); M: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)
Bradbury, a protégé of Lowell Mason, composed many hymn tunes and is probably best known as the composer of the tune for *Jesus Loves Me*. He founded and started many singing schools which led to festivals and conventions. As a result of leading a 1,000 voice children's choir, music began to be taught in public schools in New York city. Pianists might have played on a Bradbury piano, manufactured by the company Bradbury and his brother began. During his career he edited more than 59 books of sacred and secular music, some containing significant amounts of his own compositions. With the 23rd Psalm as its premise Thrupp's hymn expresses ways faith in the loving Shepherd should be realized in life. Each final phrase of the hymn becomes the germ idea for the next stanza. All contain a scriptural promise and a prayer.

(Please sing:)
1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.



Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We remember before thee, O Lord, the men and women of our armed forces past and present, and all others who ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy; and we give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, and for everything, whether joy or sorrow whereby you are drawing us to yourself.
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
*Silence*
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, Richard Dixon, Mike Stroup, Anna Hegar & Todd Neal, Dianna & Sam Kuninger, Julie & Mark Bundick, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in **their** troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially(**... prayer list)**
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**
We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially **(..please read from prayer list**) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
*Silence*
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's day, we give thanks for our mothers and for all those who have been like Mothers to us. Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please join me in saying the following prayer for our rector search:
**People: O God, giver of every good gift, who knows our needs, even before we ask, look graciously upon your whole church and upon Saint James's. Guide us to use the diverse gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us that we may increase our commitment to one another and to the mission of Christ. Give us an open spirit and discerning hearts that we may trust Your will for us. Raise up for us a rector who will lead us to love, serve and grow in our congregation, in our community and in the wider church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Confession and Absolution 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.**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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Birthday & Anniversaries: Richard Dixon, Mike Stroup, Anna Hegar & Todd Neal, Diana & Sam Kuninger, Julie & Mark Bundick

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory: *The New 23rd* from the Billy Graham film *His Land*

W: The Living Bible; M: Ralph Carmichael, 1969

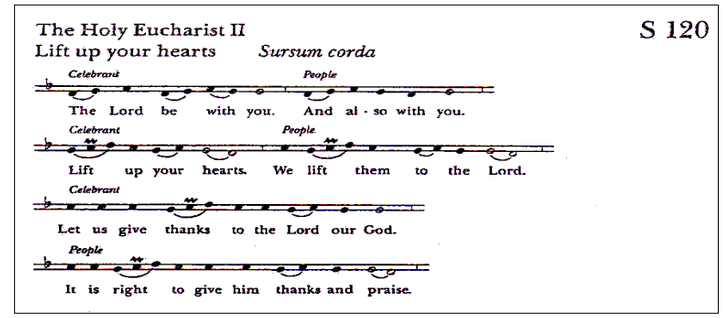
Carmichael's career took off in the 1950's when he was asked by Capitol Records to make arrangements for a mostly sacred Christmas album for top artist Nat King Cole. He work continued to be used in arrangements for Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Roger Williams and others. He was music director for *I Love Lucy* for the show's later years. As a pioneer in Christian music, he founded Light Records and Lexicon Music. He provided arrangements for two of George Beverly Shea's albums. Music for the movie *The Cross and the Switchblade* further illustrates his talent as composer and arranger. Carmichael relates of writing *The New 23rd* that on receiving a copy of the newly released Living Bible and reading this familiar passage, the fresh new perspective so inspired him he went immediately and set it to music. The music was first heard in the Billy Graham film *His Land*. One of the most popular pieces of the '70's it has inspired many Christian artists and musicians.

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything that I need.
He lets me rest in meadows green and leads me beside the quiet stream;
He keeps on giving life to me and helps me to do what honors him the most.
Even when walking thru the dark valley of death, valley of death,
I will never be afraid, for He is close beside me.
Guarding, guiding all the way, He spreads a feast before me
In the presence of my enemies He welcomes me as his special guest.
With blessing overflowing, his goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life,
And afterwards I will live with him, I will live with Him, forever in his home, forever in his home.



***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.**

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) Prayer Book 361




The Priest continues...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Schubert) **Hymn S-130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest continues...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,**
**Christ is risen,**
**Christ will come again.**

The Priest continues...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

The Priest continues...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All: 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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