

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



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

Year B

October 27, 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

Welcome/ Announcements

Introit: *(please remain seated and listen as you center yourself for worship)*

In this very room

Choir

W/M: Ron and Carol Harris (1979)

Processional: *(please stand) O for a thousand tongues to sing* AZMON

Hymnal 493

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* Rutter

Hymnal S-236

Glory to you,

Lord God of our fathers;

You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name:

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you

in the splendor of your temple;

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you,

seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you,

beholding the depths,

in the high vault of heaven.

Glory to you,

Father, Son, and Holy Sprit:

² **we will highly exalt you.**

Glory to you!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 31:7-9

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (*Please sing*)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of / **Zion**,
then were we like those who / **dream**.
Then was our mouth filled with / **laughter**,
and our tongue with shouts of / **joy**.

Then they said among the / **nations**,
"The LORD has done great / **things for them.**"
The LORD has done great / **things for us**,
and we are glad in - / **deed**.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the / **Negev**.
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of / **joy**.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the / **seed**,
will come again with joy, shouldering their / **sheaves**.

Heal me, hands of Jesus SHARPE

WLP 773

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev Sharon Turner

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.**

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

Intercessor: The Prayers of the People (Form III)

We pray for your holy catholic church; especially our sister churches in this Diocese: Christ Church, Matagorda; Good Shepherd, Stafford; Holy Comforter, Angleton.

That we all may be one.

We give you thanks for all guests and newcomers worshipping here today, and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; Bill Rugeley, George Frondorf, Ursula Stephens, Kathi Austin, Rebecca Hegar, Jane & Jim Malik, Gabby & Blance Everett. [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 Sean, and our Bishops, Andrew, Kai, Jeff, Hector; our Interim Rector Sharon, our assisting priest 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. We pray for victims of the hurricanes and all natural disasters; and for those in countries at war.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; Pinky, Richard, Pete & Martha, Carolyn, Lonita, Bryan, Beverly, Jeff, Marjorie, Tom. [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 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

⁶ 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.

People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Amazing Grace! My Chains Are Gone* Choir

W: John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio; M: NEW BRITAIN, Early American hymn tune, first published in shaped notes in *Columbian Harmony* (1829) addtl chorus: Tomlin & Giglio, Arr. Russell Mauldin (2006) Countless believers have been inspired over the centuries by the *Amazing Grace*. Chris Tomlin and Louis Giglio wrote their own chorus to remind us of the unspeakable freedom that Christ's followers can experience now and through all eternity.

Please rise immediately following the anthem to lift our voices 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:

Sanctus (Proulx)

Hymn S-125

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are 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.

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:

S-154

8 Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to the Lord's table:

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

Communion

Communion Music:

Humbly I adore thee ADORO DEVOTE Hymnal 314

Father, we thank thee who hast planted RENDEZ A DIEU Hymnal 302

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.

Closing Hymn:

A mighty fortress is our God EIN FESTE BURG Hymnal 688

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Want to help the victims of flooding from Hurricanes Helene and Milton?
Episcopal Relief and Development gives money and help directly to churches in affected areas. Write a check to St. James' and write E.R.D. in memo line and the church will send the gift to them.

Flowers have been given by Jane & Jim Malik in celebration of their anniversary.

Rite Two
LEM Tom Tracy Acolyte Luke Herbrich
Lector Doc Ayres
Intercessor George Frondorf
Ushers Lil & Ray Landry
Vestry Brad Christians
Altar Guild Team – all teams

+++Announcements++

'Walk in Love' Stewardship Campaign BEGINS. Watch for arrival in your mail of materials for considering your gifts to the work of God through St. James' Church for 2025.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9:15-10:10am in the Conference Room

today & Nov 3: Doc Ayres entitled 'Poetic Perspectives on Death.' Following the notion that the allusiveness of poetry is a gesture toward mystery, we will read and discuss a variety of poetic expressions on or concerning death, beginning with the 8th century "Dream of the Rood."

Blessings Great & Small

Learn stories of the faith. Dianna Berg & The Rev Dr Sharon Turner. Sundays 9:15am to 10:00am in the multi-purpose room.

Daylight Saving Ends Nov 3 at 2am -change clocks to fall back an hour.

Bishop High visits St. James' on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024.

at the 10:30am service with confirmations and receptions.

All Saints' Sunday is also on Nov 3rd. Please submit anyone who you would like listed in the bulletin as a memorial. You can email or call Cathy.

Holy Smokers and ECW Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov 9th from 10:30am—1pm or until sold out.

St. James' Men's Club Meeting

Monday, Nov 11th. 6pm at David Laigle's house. David Laigle and Paul Crain are the hosts.

Just ahead: PARISH MEETING and INGATHERING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 17th. Between the services brunch 9:15am-10:15am. Business includes election of new vestry members and delegates to Diocesan Council.

Men's Club Turkey Cook

will be held Friday, Nov 22nd. If you would like to buy/sponsor a turkey there is a sign up sheet posted in the Parish Hall. The price is \$40 per turkey. Please put payment in the white envelope with your name on it before putting in the manila 11 envelope.

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