

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



LUKE 24:36-48



Third Sunday of Easter  
Rite Two  
LEM Laurie Krupala Acolyte Luke Herbrich  
Lector Ursula Stephens/Greg Northrup  
Ushers Mary & Larry Kahanek  
Intercessor Julie Ardery Vestry Elaine Tracy

**St. James' Episcopal Church and Preschool**

*In the Diocese of Texas*

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Ernest Balla, Ed Dykes, Chuck Gibson, Elaine Tracy,  
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St. James' Accountant Evelyn Grant  
Parish Administrator Cathy Serman

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April 14, 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. You can also let the usher know that you would like the priest to bring you communion in your pew. 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 by Senior Warden, Chuck Gibson

Processional: *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* TRURO Hymnal 182

Priest : Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

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* Robert Powell Hymnal S-280

**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

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 for ever.

**Amen.**

## +++Announcements+++

### Preschool Picassos is this coming Saturday!

Mark the Date: Our Annual Preschool Picassos Event will be held April 20, 2024, from 5pm to 9pm at the Fritsch Auf! Country Club. For donation information please contact Laurie Krupala at St. James' Preschool. Cathy has tickets for purchase in the church office, \$40.00 per ticket/person.

Also of note: earlier that day, La Grange High School will be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser in our parking lot. Come get your car snazzed up for the Preschool Picassos event!

### AMEN

St. James' work day is Monday April 22. Call Sue Spaulding for information.

### April Supper Club

Friday, April 26th starting 5:30pm. Location is Brad Christians home. 230 Rutersville Hills Ln, La Grange, TX 78945 Directions will be available in church office. Brad's house is small so plan to be on the deck or in his shop. Parking is limited. Please park on the road and parking spots will be marked with paint. Fried chicken and sides from Peters BBQ are main entrée. Guests asked to bring salads, desserts, BYOB of choice. Tea, water and ice provided. Sponsors: Reistle/Christians, Berg, Helms, Jameson, and Plunkett. Sign up online or in parish hall.

### Anchor Your Week in Prayer

Wednesday 5:30pm. Midweek prayer service can help you maintain your ongoing life in the Spirit of Christ. Wednesday evening Eucharist with healing prayer will continue through the end of May, and restart in September.

**MS 150** The MS 150 is scheduled for Sat/Sun April 27/28. They are in need of volunteers for the La Grange Fairgrounds Info Booth Team. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, please send Tom Tracy an email and he will respond with the volunteer site link information. Thanks  
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May 3-5

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Archery Ropes Course Fishing Swimming Paddleboarding Canoeing Giant Swing	Nature Hikes Biking Labryinth Live Music Eucharist Reptile Show Pickleball	Outdoor Movie Petting Zoo Craft Room Inflatables Skeet Shooting Yoga Zip Line
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**Total Cost for Hotel Lodging** \$210 per room  
**Total Cost for Activities/Meals** \$152 per person  
 Family discounts available  
 Check in at 5 pm Friday  
 Check out at 1 pm Sunday

**Packages Include**  
 Six buffet meals and most programming.  
 Kids age 2 and under are free.

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**The Journey to Now**



**First Lesson: Acts 3: 12=19**

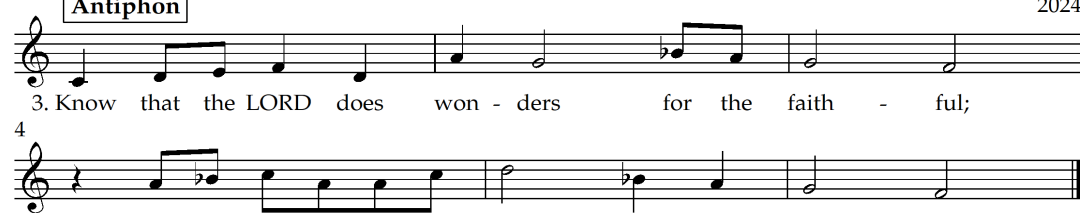
Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

David, King of Israel Psalm 4 Don Kirby 2024

**Antiphon**



3. Know that the LORD does won - ders for the faith - ful;  
 4 when I call up - on the LORD, He will hear me.

**Antiphon** (1st Organ, then Cantor, 3rd time, and repeats: everyone)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" **Antiphon**

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.  
 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. **Antiphon**

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"  
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. **Antiphon**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Antiphon**

**Second Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing* SALZBURG Hymnal 174

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

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

**The Gospel:** Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their  
4 presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I

Invitation to the Lord's table:

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

Communion

Communion Music:

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

*The Lamb's high banquet called to share* AD CENAM AGNI PROVIDI Hymnal 202

*Children of the heav'nly Father* TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird  
nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish; From  
all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto t  
them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, Your Protector never slumbers; At the  
will of your Defender Every foe- must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the l  
loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Postcommunion Prayer (*please stand or kneel*) 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.**

*He is risen, he is risen* UNSER HERRSCHER Hymnal 180

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.**

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.**

The Priest continues... 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: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

*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**

was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Merrill Wade

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)

Prayer Book 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; especially our sister churches, San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston; San Pedro/St. Peter's, Pasadena; St. Alban's, Houston; St. James', Houston.

*That we all may be one.*

We give you thanks for all guests and newcomers worshipping here today, and we pray that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; Glenn Calliotte, Charmon & Laddie Hanacek, Ana & Bill Love. [PRAYER LIST]

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, 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.*

We remember before you, 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 you thanks for all the blessings of this life whereby you are drawing us to yourself.*

We give you thanks for such abundant rain and showers;

*That we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor.*

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

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

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.*

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

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

*The Priest may add a concluding Collect.*

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.*

Birthday and Anniversary

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory *Look there! The Christ, our brother* PETRUS

Hymnal 196

Choir *(You are invited to sing along)*

**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:

*Priest and People*

*Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy (POWELL)*

Hymn 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.**

Then the 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