



**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS WARMLY.**

**At St James;**

- WE PROMISE to receive you in Christ's name. We will honor the gifts you bring. We will invite you into our common life, or wish you well if you choose another path.
- WE PROMISE we won't discourage your questions or insult your intelligence.
- WE PROMISE to make the life of faith joyful.
- WE PROMISE to nourish the hunger and hope for God that is in us all.

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20  
24 September 2023**

**Quiet Eucharist at 8:00am**

*The Service begins on page 323 of the red Prayer Book in the pews.  
Eucharistic Prayer I, p. 333, will be used.*

**Eucharist with Music at 10:00am**

*Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in the pews.*

**Blue Hymnal**

**Red Prayer Book**

**Prelude** *Improvisation on 'Praise the Lord, the Almighty'—L. Bobo*

**390 Entrance Hymn**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*The Celebrant greets the people, saying*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**S-202 Glory to God**

Glory be to God on high | and on earth peace, goodwill towards men, We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect**

**G**rant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

**First Lesson** *A Reading from Jonah (3:10-4:11)*

**W**hen God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, "I pray thee, Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is

why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And the Lord God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nin'evah, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

*People*            The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**S-231 Gradual** Psalm 145:1-8

(Said at 8:00AM; Sung with Refrain at 10:00AM)

**REFRAIN: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you \*  
 and praise your Name for ever and ever. **R**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
 there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
 and shall declare your power. **R**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
 and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
 and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
 they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
 slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

**Epistle** *A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:21-27)*

**F**or to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

*People*            The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**686 Sequence Hymn**

*People*            The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you. (And with thy spirit. 8AM)**

*People*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1-16)  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Glory be to thee, O Lord. 8AM)**

## Holy Gospel

**F**or the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

The Gospel of the Lord!

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ. (Praise be to thee, O Christ. 8AM)**

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 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.**

### Prayers of the People *Form IV*

BCP, p. 388

### Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

### The Peace

#### Offertory

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord—W. Harris*

#### The Celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

### Blue Hymnal

### Red Prayer Book

#### S-120 Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

#### S-114 Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

#### S-119 Our Father

BCP, p. 364

#### S-158 Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. <sup>ii</sup>

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**Communion Hymn**

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

528 **Communion Hymn** (sung to the tune ABBOT’S LEIGH found at hymn 511)

**Thanksgiving after Communion**

Let us pray. 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.**

**Blessing**

551 **Recessional Hymn**

**Dismissal**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

*Allegro Giojoso—Marcello/Spring*



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***The mission of St. James Church is to effectively share the Gospel of Jesus Christ & grow His Body among all generations in Texarkana and surrounding counties, and in partnership with the Anglican Communion, through: Quality Liturgy, Inspirational Teaching, Affective Preaching, and Ministry Development.***

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David Waddle--Treasurer  
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Gene Turner, Small Group Ministries  
Larry Oxford/Summer Floyd, Communication/Evangelism  
Clint Kyles, Outreach Liaison  
Danna Huskey, Fellowship Liaison  
Lydia Lawrence, Incorporation

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of Almighty God In thanksgiving and celebration of **their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, September 24<sup>th</sup>, by NICK and DEBY PRIME** and In thanksgiving and celebration of the **first wedding anniversary, September 24<sup>th</sup>, of CLAIRE and JOSH FIELD** by the Torrains family and **In loving memory of BENITA LOVEALL and remembering her birthday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, by Jan Loveall Lewis.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Lydia, Ron, Lou, Susan, Don, Lindsey, Betty, Jenny, Jerry, Martha, Ralph, Bill, Kim, Tonia, Charlotte, Larry, Elnora, Jamie, Joe, Mirren, Greg, Caedon, Bill, Mary, Steve, Bryce, Lindy, Helen, Lisa, Janice, Kaye, Charlotte, Charles, Michael, Sage, Kelly, Steven, Alexander, Kimberly, Sheliya, Michelle, Bill, Anna, Barbara, Ron, Ralph, Carol, Mary Louise, Shine, Lynn, Brenda, John, Elizabeth, Candis, Tommy, Melissa, Greg, Lisa, Barbara, Steve, Sarah, Dana, Jennifer, Gail, Ruth, Annette, the chronically ill and those in nursing homes.

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY:** Summer Floyd (24), Jennifer Jordan, Lee Davis (30).

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** Nick & Deby Prime (24), Greg & Junella Torrance (30).

**SERVING TODAY:** J. D. Phillips, Rusty Cranford, Cory Floyd, Frank Delk, Elle Floyd, Colin Floyd, Jackson Cranford, Riley Greer, Megan Schroeder, Hub Huntley, Brandon Willis, Bill Miller, Mike Asher. **NEXT WEEK:** Gene Turner, Chuck Firmin, Julie Huntley, Norah Jordan, Isabelle Collins, Anna Scott Bruner, Mayben Kyles, Grace Delk, Michelle Shores, Dave Williamson, Greg Davis, Larry Oxford, George Matteson.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is each Sunday at 9:00 am in the library. The study is The Power of the Parables.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING:** Mass 5:30, Meal 6:00, Study 6:30. The Adult Study will focus on "The Apocrypha". Nursery is provided from 6:00 to 7:30.

**STUDENT BIBLE STUDY** is during the adult formation hour on Wednesdays. Email Fr. Daniel for further details: [dmccarley@saintjamestxk.org](mailto:dmccarley@saintjamestxk.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS OFFERED AT 9AM EACH SUNDAY.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

**Theology Uncorked will meet the following dates: 10/15, and 11/12. We will meet in the Library at 6:30. Please bring a beverage to share.**

**EVENSONG each Sunday at 5:30PM.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Each Tuesday at 12:10 in the Great Hall or Library. Bring your lunch and join us. We are reading Job.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome Fr. Ben Hankinson from Nashotah House Seminary where he serves as Director of Admission and Field Education. Please introduce yourself to him and make him feel welcome at St. James.

**ANGLICAN ROSARY** – Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**—A children's choir is being formed and will meet on Wednesdays at 6PM. Dinner will be provided. All children 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited. Nursery care for younger children is available. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to see Fr. Daniel or Amy Halt for more information.