

**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 Eighteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost/Proper 21  
1 October 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**

**Prelude**

*Dear Christians One and All Rejoice BWV734—J.S. Bach*

**410    Entrance Hymn**

**Red Prayer Book**

**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**od, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Ezekiel (18:1-4, 25-32)**

**T**he word of the Lord came to me again: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father

as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins shall die. "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of any one, says the Lord God; so turn, and live."

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

**S-231 Gradual Psalm 25:3-9**

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

**Refrain: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way. **R**

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

**Epistle A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (2:1-13)**

**S**o if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you. (And with thy spirit. 8AM)**  
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:28-32)  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Glory be to thee, O Lord. 8AM)**

**Holy Gospel**

**W**hat do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

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 I**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Offertory** *Teach Me, O Lord*—Philip W. J. Stopford

The Celebration of the Eucharistic SacrificeBlue HymnalRed Prayer Book

**S-120 Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**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-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.

## 439 Communion Hymn

## 435 Communion Hymn

## 343 Communion Hymn (if needed)

## 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.

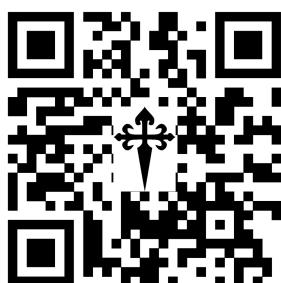
## Blessing

## 483 Dismissal Hymn

## Dismissal

People:      **Thanks be to God**

Postlude                  *Postlude on ‘Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven’—Michael Burkhardt*



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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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Vestry Areas of Focus--2023  
David Waddle--Treasurer  
Nick Williamson/J.D. Phillips, Stewardship  
Chuck Firmin, Education/Formations Liaison  
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 honor of **MARSHA ELLIOTT** and in celebration of **her birthday, today**, by James Elliott and In thanksgiving for **RAYELYNN KEY** and in celebration of **her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday**, October 6<sup>th</sup>, by her grandparents and In loving memory of **JERRY LOVEALL** and remembering **his birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>** by Jan Loveall Lewis and In thanksgiving and in celebration of **TODD & MICHELLE SHORES** on their **thirty-fourth wedding anniversary**, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and In thanksgiving for **PIPER CLAYBROOK** and in celebration of **her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday**, October 7<sup>th</sup>, by Jeff, Chelsea, and Lucas Claybrook.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ron, 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, Tommy, Billy, the chronically ill and those in nursing homes.

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY:** Marsha Elliott (1), Ches Walker (3), Piper Claybrook (7).

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom and Ann Coleman (6), Todd and Michelle Shores (7).

**SERVING TODAY:** Gene Turner, Chuck Firmin, Julie Huntley, Norah Jordan, Isabelle Collins, Matthew Cook, Mayben Kyles, Grace Delk, Michelle Shores, Dave Williamson, Greg Davis, Larry Oxford, George Matteson.  
**NEXT WEEK:** Scott Bruner, Clint Kyles, Alan Pearce, Frank Delk, Rosie Jordan, Madelyn Willis, Drew Clark, Preston Clark, Carter Adams, Greg Cook, Bo Malone, Rusty Cranford, James Elliott.

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

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

**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.

**MENS' BREAKFAST:** 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.

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING:**  
Mass 5:30, with dinner and programming for all ages.  
Nursery care is provided from 6PM.

**ADULT STUDY** on Wednesday is focused on “the Apocrypha”.

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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELLS** will begin on 10/4 during the Wednesday evening formation hour for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. A separate program will be offered for kids Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Dinner will be provided for all. Contact Fr. Daniel (see email above) or Amy Halt for more details.

**NURSURY** care will be provided from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will continue on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.