

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 First Sunday of Advent
29 November 2026

Morning Prayer at 9:30 AM

Morning Prayer begins on page 77 of the Book of Common Prayer
(The order of service for the Eucharist is found on the next page)

Blue Hymnal **Red Prayer Book**

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, **and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**
Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it unto me according to your word.**
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**
(Genuflect) The Word was made flesh. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

POUR your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his ✠ cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Invitatory		BCP, p. 80
Venite		BCP, p. 82
Psalm 139-140		BCP, p. 794
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 1:1-9	
First Canticle	*Benedictus Dominus Deus*	BCP, p. 92
New Testament Reading	2 Peter 3:1-10	
Second Canticle	*Te Deum Laudamus*	BCP, p. 95
The Prayers		
The Collect for Sunday		BCP, p. 98
The Intercessions		
The Grace		BCP, p. 102

Rite II--Mass at 10AM.

The Service begins on page 355 of the red Prayer Book in the pews.

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude *Voluntary in C major* Norman Gilbert

S-67 The Great Litany BCP, p. 148

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.



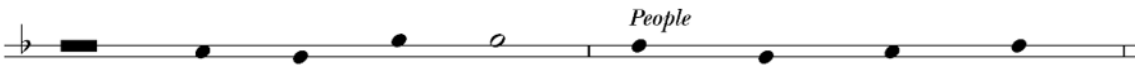






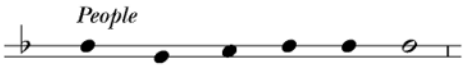


Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy







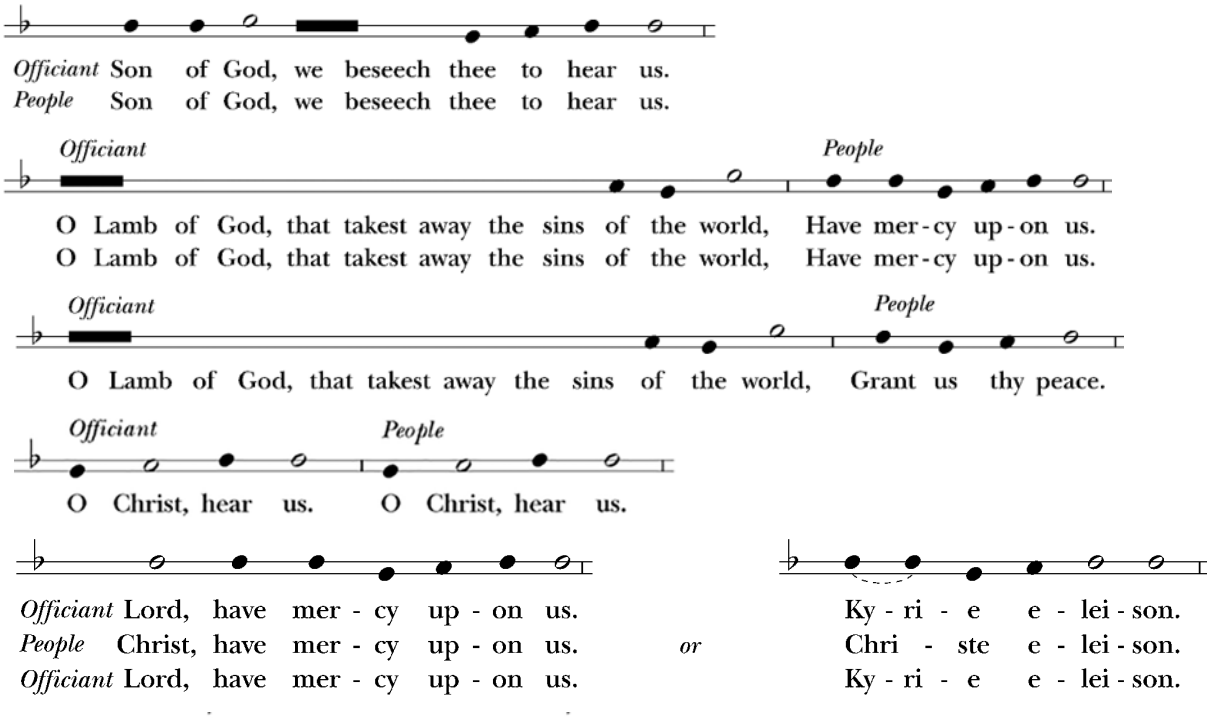


(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



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When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

First Lesson

A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9a

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.

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

Gradual Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel* Sung by the Choir to a setting by Jonathan Battishill

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle
A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

73 **Sequence Hymn** *The King shall come when morning dawns* ST. STEPHEN

Holy Gospel

Before the Gospel.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13:24-37 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see `the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

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.

The Peace

Announcements

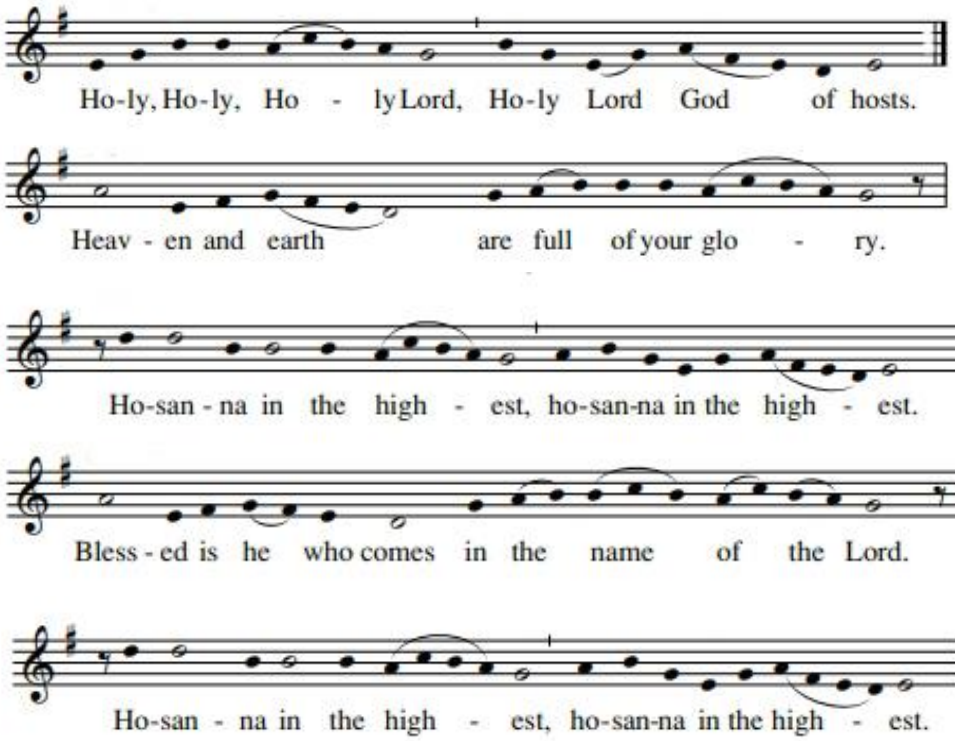
The Holy Communion

640 **Offertory Hymn** *Watchman, tell us of the night* ABERYSTWYTH

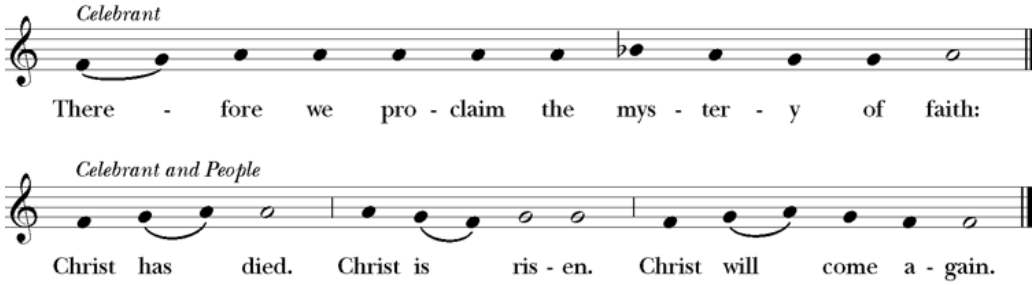
S-120 **Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP, p. 361

Sanctus *Missa Emmanuel*

(All sing in unison)

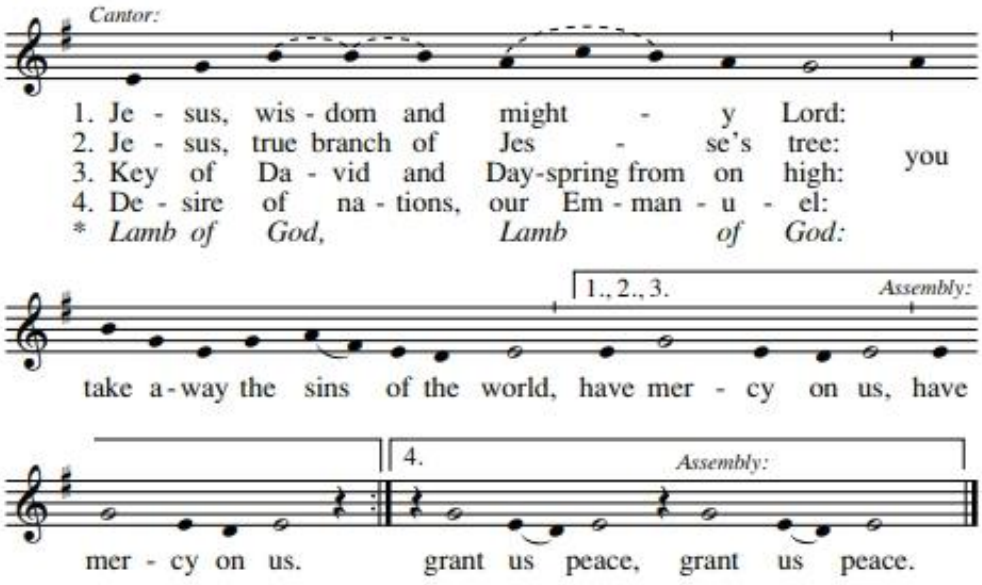


Memorial Acclamation



S-119 Our Father BCP, p. 364

Agnus Dei *Missa Emmanuel*



The Invitation

All who have been baptized in the Name of the Holy Trinity are invited to receive the Sacrament.

61 **Communion Hymn** *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us* WACHET AUF

454 **Second Communion Hymn** *Jesus came, adored by angels* LOWRY

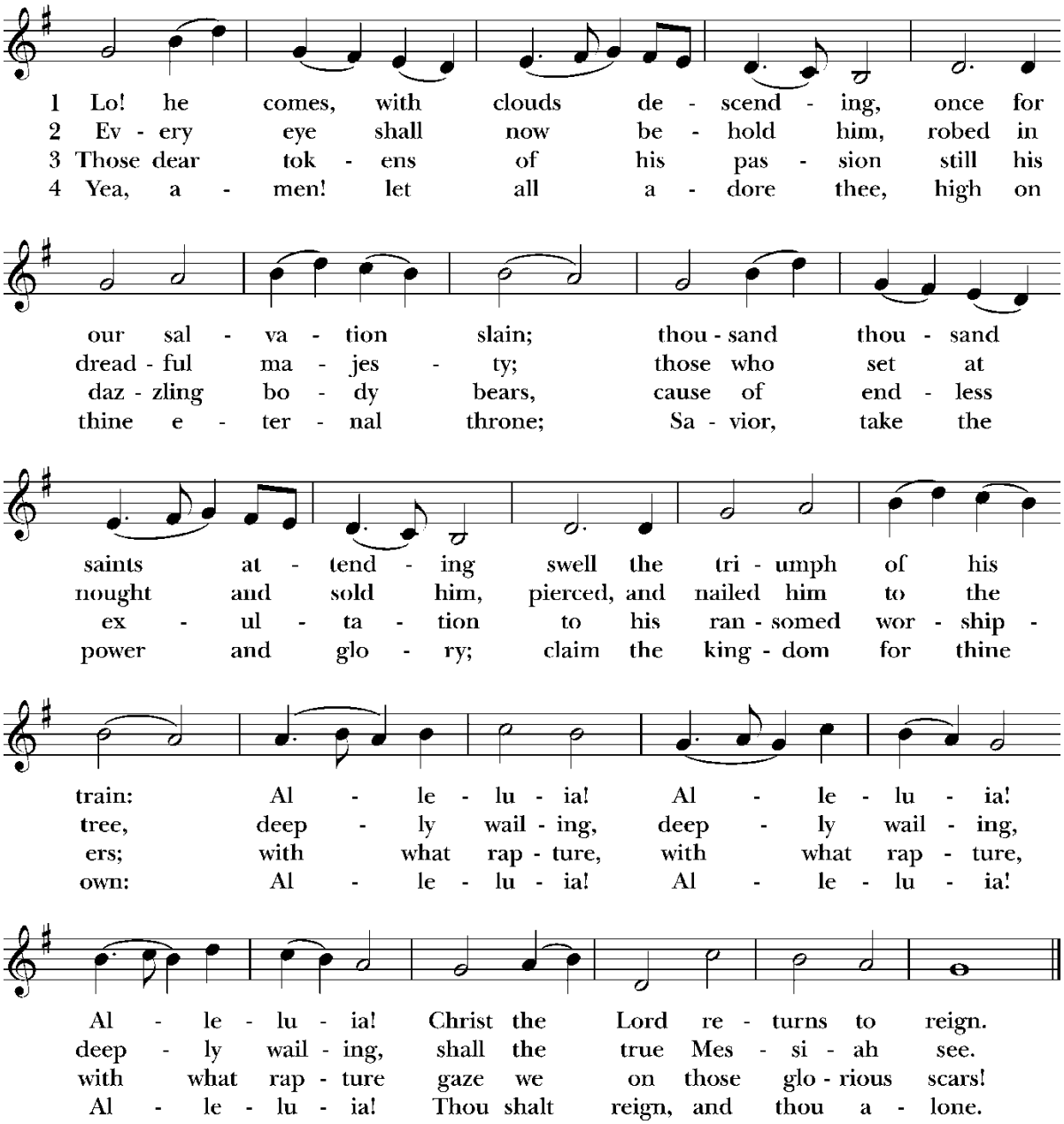
Thanksgiving after Communion

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.**

The Blessing

57 **Dismissal Hymn** *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* HELMSLEY



The Dismissal

Postlude *Rhapsody on 'Helmsley'* Lloyd Webber

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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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The Altar Flowers are donated in thanksgiving for Randy (Huskey) Key on her birthday on November 30 by Danna Huskey and Chris Moore.

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- **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:** Sharon Stevens (29), Melissa Delk (30), Madelyn Willis (3), Denny Goebel (4), Glenn Crowder (5), Collins Bruner (5)
- **CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:**
- **HOUSEHOLD OF THE WEEK:** Jackie and David James

Serving this week: Logan McDaniel, Eli Bui, Noah Bui, Mabyn Kyles, Chelsea Claybrook, Keith Maynard, Greg Torrance. **Serving next week**: Charlotte Fullerton, Jay Fullerton, Preston Clark, Drew Clark, Mabyn Kyles, Alan Pearce, Clint Kyles, David Waddle

Daily Mass is offered on Mondays and Fridays Mass at 12 p.m., on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

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