

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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 21
27 September 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

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

Venite

Psalm 120-125

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 2:2-14

First Cantic

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-13

Second Cantic

Te Deum Laudamus

The Prayers

The Collect for Sunday

The Intercessions

The Grace

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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

Prelude

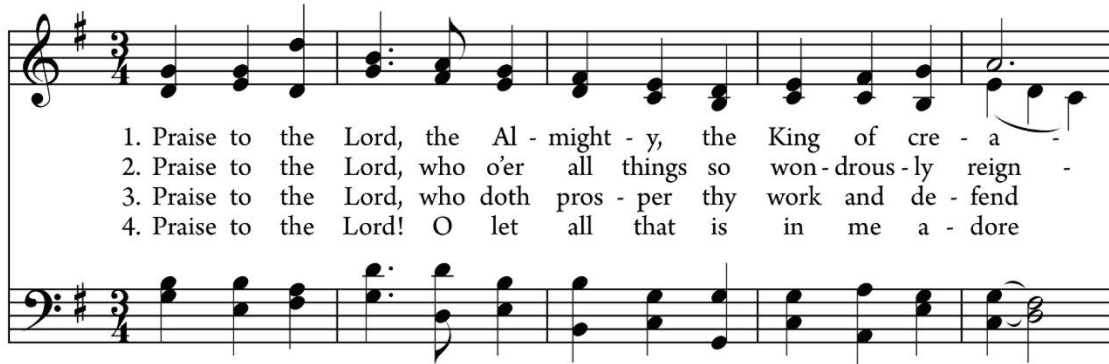
Improvisation on 'Praise the Lord, the Almighty'—L. Bobo

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Entrance Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

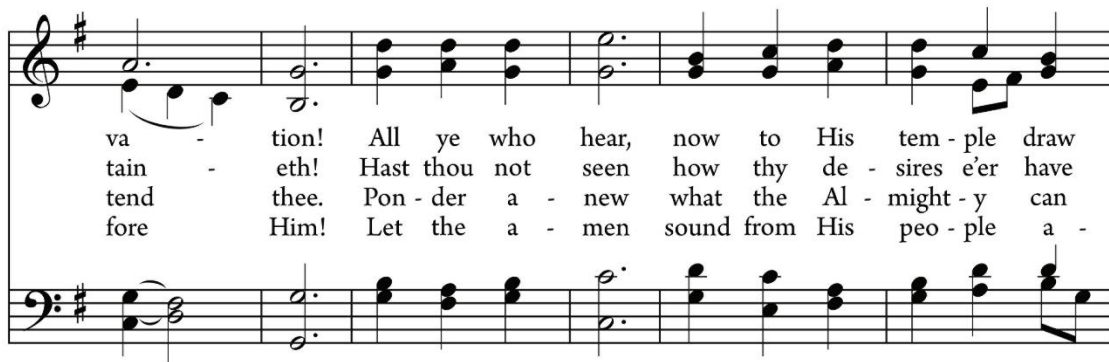
LOB DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore



tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal -
eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
thee; sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -



va - tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
fore Him! Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
do, if with His love He be - friend thee.
gain: glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Glory to God

The Sewanee Service—Malcolm Archer

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath er: re ceive our
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the
Fath er. A men, A men.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, 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

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents 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. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that 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 anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 25:3-9

Sung by the choir to a chant by William Crotch

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.
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.
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.

The Epistle

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death--
 even death on a cross.
 Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.
 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,
 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and
 to work for his good pleasure.

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

435 Sequence Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Holy Gospel

Before the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:28-32

And also with you.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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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 Prayers of the People Form IV

The Confession and Absolution

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

Ever, Only, All for Thee

David Halls

S-120 Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

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Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
hea ven and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.
Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the
Lord. Ho san na in the high est, ho san na in the high est.

**S-119 Our Father
Agnus Dei**

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Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world; have
mer cy up on us. Lamb of God, you
take a way the sins of the world; have mer cy up on
us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the
world; grant us your peace.

The Invitation

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

- 313 **First Communion Hymn** *Let thy Blood in mercy poured* JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT
- 643 **Second Communion Hymn** *My God, how wonderful thou art* WINDSOR
- 337 **Third Communion Hymn (if needed)** *And now, O Father, mindful of the love* UNDE ET MEMORES

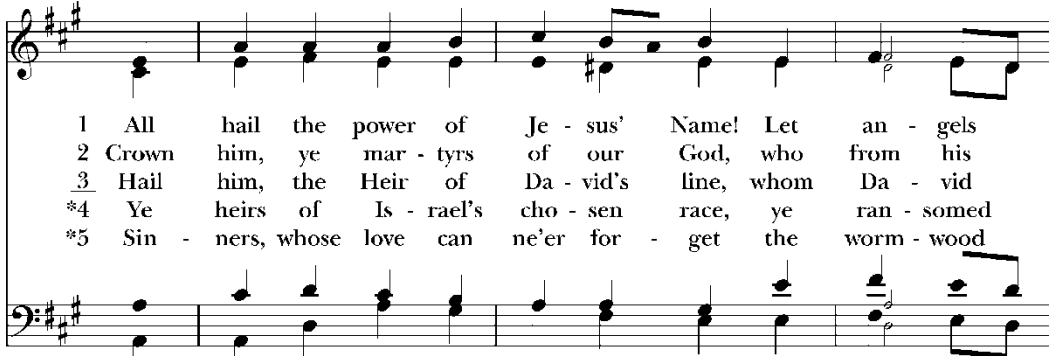
Thanksgiving after Communion

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

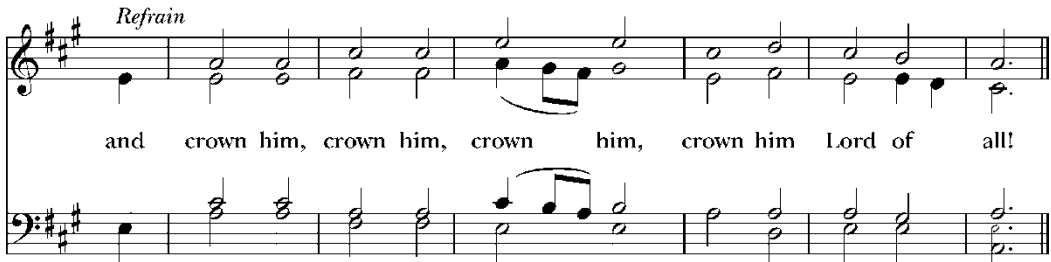
- 451 **Dismissal Hymn** *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* MILES LANE



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid
 *4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed
 *5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood



1 pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 2 al - tar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
 3 Lord did call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine,
 4 of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 5 and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,



Refrain
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all!

- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

Postlude

Fanfare

William Mathias



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.

Saint James' Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas and
a member of the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev'd. Robert Price, Bishop
The Rev. Fr. David J. Halt, Rector

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The Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of Benita Loveall and remembering her birthday on September 28 by her daughter Jan Loveall Lewis and in thanksgiving for the life of Marsha Elliott and celebrating her birthday on October 1 by James Elliott.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Helen, Amy, Cescily, Donna, Lux, Robert, Caroline, Paul, Megan, Johnny, Jason, Jan, Jennifer, Bennie, Charlene, Jennifer, Alex, Tommy, Chuck, Jen, Michelle, Barbara, John, Marla, Dakota, Krista

- **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:** Jennifer Jordan (30), Lee Davis (30), Sarah Storey (1), Marsha Elliott (1), Chesley Walker (3)
- **CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** Junella and Greg Torrance (30)
- **HOUSEHOLD OF THE WEEK:** Rosalie and Bill Griffin

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.

Father Halt is at St. Mark's in Mount Pleasant this week.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 8:30 a.m. Cooks needed! See Dave Williamson for details.

The Inquirer's Class will begin on 10/4 during the 9:00 Sunday School hour.

The Adult Confirmation class will begin on 10/25 during the 9:00 Sunday School hour.

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