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.

24th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 27
8 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 38-40		BCP, p. 636
Old Testament Reading	Ecclus. 51:13-22	
First Canticle	*Benedictus Dominus Deus*	BCP, p. 92
New Testament Reading	1 Cor. 14:1-12	
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 Chorale Prelude on *WACHET AUF,* BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach

574 Entrance Hymn *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* ST. PETERSBURG



The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity BCP, p.355

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

S-202 Glory to God *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

*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 of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Gradual *Psalm 70 Beatus vir qui non abiit* Sung by the Choir to a setting by George A. Macfarren

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

The Epistle

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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

1. "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
Their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
The Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
That you the wedding feast may share."

2. Zion hears the watchman singing;
Her heart with joyful hope is springing,
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
To come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
Let saints and angels sing before you,
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
Through them we stream to join the immortals
As we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,
No ear heard such delight:
Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
For ever let our praises ring.

Holy Gospel

Before the Gospel.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, `Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, `Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, `No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, `Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, `Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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 Prayers of the People Form II BCP, p. 385

The Confession and Absolution BCP, p.360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Lead me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

S-120 Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

S-114 Sanctus *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

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 Agnus Dei *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

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

The Invitation

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

324 Communion Hymn *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* PICARDY

Second Communion Hymn *Jerusalem, my happy home* LAND OF REST



393 Third Communion Hymn (if needed) *Praise our great and gracious Lord* MAOZ ZUR

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

436 Dismissal Hymn *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* TRURO



The Dismissal

Postlude *Postlude on 'Truro'* Wibur Held

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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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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.

Pledge Cards for 2027 should be turned in by November 22. You can find physical cards in the Narthex, or you can enter your pledge online. You can also call the office to set up your pledge.

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