

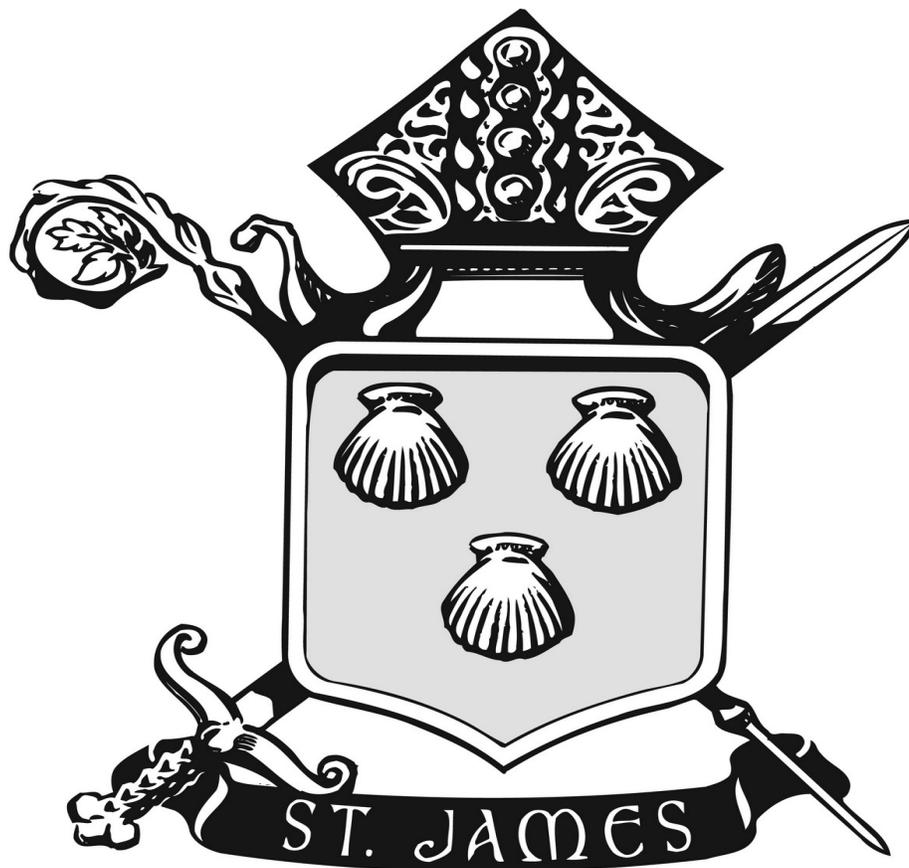
SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

1:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Ancient Canon



Watch for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark 13:35,36

St. James' Anglican Church

Office: 559.222.3721 + E-mail: stjasanglican@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VISION

We are seeking God's place for us in the world by abiding in Christ, following His teaching, discerning His will, and staying committed to godly fellowship and our Anglican heritage.

INFORMATION

Website - www.stjas.org

St James' Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjas.org>

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 am Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 174

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way,
Fresno, CA 93704

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday

8:00 am - Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist

1300 East Shaw Ave., Suite 174

Fresno, CA 93710

The Holy Eucharist:

Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.

Prelude: Humbly I Adore Thee, Robert Lau

Fantasia, Johann Pachelbel

Festive Trumpet Tune, David German

The Great Litany

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep all your people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servant N, the President/Sovereign/Prime Minister, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us. x3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.*)

Please be seated.

After each Reading, the Lector may say, The Word of the Lord.
People may respond, Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations

shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122 *Lætatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me, *
"We will go into the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, *
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the
Lord.
- 5 For there is the throne of judgment, *
even the throne of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; *
they shall prosper that love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and plenteousness within your palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, *
I will wish you prosperity.

9 Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying,
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 24:29-44

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says
People*

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

Sermon – Fr. Dale Matson

The Nicene Creed

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 Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and
with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first
saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all
who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

If a doxology has not been sung, the following may be used.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Need Prayer?

Prayer is available during Holy Communion time in the prayer area and after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in a red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The following or a Proper Preface is said

The Celebrant concludes

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (*Hurd*)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant and People

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. (*Celebrant and People*)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

*And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **Sing:***

Celebrant and People together pray

The Lord's Prayer (*Malotte*)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever.
Amen, Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

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 following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

The Ministration of Communion

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.]

or this

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the
world.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

or this

Celebrant and People

Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak
the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to
the People. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Communion: *Dona Noblis Pacem, arr Hal Hopson* **Choir**

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).

Dismissal:

All Praise to Thee

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The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

or this

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Come, Ye Thankful People Come, Mary McDonald

Welcome! Visitors

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the "Communication Page" on the back cover and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for coffee in the Solarium after the service.

An Anglican Catechism

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechis>

Question of the Week

Concerning the Sacraments

Why is it appropriate to baptize infants?

Because it is a sign of God's promise that they are embraced in the covenant community of Christ's Church. Those who in faith and repentance present infants to be baptized vow to raise them in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, with the expectation that they will one day profess full Christian faith as their own. (*Acts 2:39*)

Help Needed!!!

The nursery needs two more helpers and Sunday School needs one more teacher. If you are interested please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042) or kasadevelez@gmail.com

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School lessons and activities are available for children ages preschool to 5th grade during the church service. Children meet in the back of the church during the Gradual (song before the Gospel reading) and will walk to the classroom together. They will return during the exchanging of the peace so they can join their families during Communion. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with children's ministry, please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042 or kasadevelez@gmail.com).

Nursery Service

Nursery service is also available for infants and toddlers up to age 4.

Adult Forum

When: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Mark & Wendy DeRaud's home at 1161 W. Celeste, Fresno

Our next adult forum's topic will be chosen on Dec. 8th.

Daughters of the Holy Cross Prayer Box

The Daughters of the Holy Cross have a prayer box for your prayer requests.

The Daughters will pray for you daily for one month or longer upon your request. Cover yourself in prayer by these servants of God. The prayer box is located right inside the door as you enter the church

Widows in Christ

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month

Fellowship and Prayer Support

For more information contact Dana Taylor 559-437-0971

If we walk in the light as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

1 John 7

Please Note!!

There will be no Coffee Hour on December 15th

Campus Bible Church is inviting St. James' Church to a Family Fun Night. Sunday December 15th 5-8 pm.

Bring the whole family for an evening of fellowship, food, fun and Caroling. Help spread some Christmas cheer around our Maple and Palm campus neighborhoods!

The evening will start with dinner and a fun Nativity Gingerbread making competition. After we will head in groups into the neighborhood around Campus to encourage our neighbors with Christmas Caroling.

Lessons and Carols – This Evening

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 7:00 PM

An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols by our choir, chimers, and congregation at Campus Bible Church, 222 E Fountain Way, Fresno 93704.

Plan to come and welcome the Advent season!

St. Columba Church

5073 N Palm Ave, Fresno, CA

Anglican Church Women

Christmas Boutique

Sat. Dec. 7, 2019 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Luncheon at 11:00 am Cost: Boutique free, Lunch \$10:00

Proceeds: Good News Club, Salvation Army, Hope Now for Youth

If interested please call the church office 559-222-3721

Memorial Service for Fr. Don Seeks will be at 11:00 am

Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the First Presbyterian church located at 215 N.

Locust St., Visalia, CA 93291.

Requests for Assistance from St. Stephen's Fund

To request assistance from the Companions of St. Stephen's Fund, please call the church office at (559) 222-3721 during business hours or call Jeanine Werner at (559) 875-2465.

Calendars for 2020 featuring artwork by Pastor James Whitfield are still available. They are on the table as you enter the church. Cost is \$20.

Birthdays

Kevin Kanu

Julie Thurber

Stephen Ogbuehi

Joyce Hughes

Rita Nitschke

Ron Stalcup

Melody Walcott

December 1-7

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ST. JAMES' CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, Bishop

The Very Rev. Carlos L. Raines, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Dale Matson, Priest

The Rev. Anna Hearn, Deacon

ST. JAMES' STAFF

Dr. Margaret Licon, Organist and Choir Director

Carol Raines, Interim Music Facilitator

Mary K. Leonard/Susan Sanders, Office Assistants

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Ministry Assignment

Rector's Warden

People's Warden/Pastoral Care

Missions

Evangelism/Hospitality

Transition/Ushers/Greeters

Children/Youth Ministry

Prayer Ministries

Church Treasurer

St. James' Mission Statement

We will fulfill our Mission by focusing on:

1. Teaching the whole counsel of God through liturgical worship and devotion to prayer and praise.
2. Offering gifts and talents expressed in relationships.
3. Small Groups.
4. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.
5. Making disciples for outreach to the valley and to the world.
6. Caring ministries and Communion for those unable to attend.
7. Reaching out to youth.

Nursery- (0-4) is available throughout the worship service, although parents are encouraged to pick up their children after the peace for communion.

Prayer

- Prayer is available during Holy Communion in the prayer area and also after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in the red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.
- Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer chain - Kathy Willson: 981-0513 or Valerie Norman-Shaul 299-9149.

This Week at a Glance

Monday – Tuesday No Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist

Wednesday – Morning Prayer

Thursday -Friday

8:00 am – Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday:

6:00 pm – Choir Practice – Church Office Chapel

Wednesday:

7:00 pm – St. James' Men's Group – DeRaud's home
1161 W. Celeste Ave, Fresno 93711

Thursday:

6:00 am – Prayer and Praise – Church Office Chapel
2:00 pm – Women's Bible Study – Church Office
6:00 pm – Women's Bible Study – Church Office

Sunday Services:

8:00 am – Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., #174, Fresno
1:30 pm – Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way, Fresno