

SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

April 5, 2020

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms and
Holy Eucharist



Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord has afflicted.

Lamentations 1:12

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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

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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

Concerning the Service

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as king one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Palms or other branches to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people as they arrive, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is said or sung.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ

our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near – already on the way down the Mount of Olives – the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The opening anthem may be repeated.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional: All Glory, Laud, and Honor Page #33

Celebrant

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures forever

In the absence of a bishop or priest, the preceding service may be led by a deacon or lay reader.

Trisagion:

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us. X 3

At the Eucharist

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for the day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment, he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his

soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22:1-11 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

Glory be 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.

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

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 made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.

Hymn: Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

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*At the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Mark 15:22,) all stand.
The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner*

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

Narrator: Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the Scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John saying:

Jesus: "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

Peter: "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

Jesus: "Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there. "

Narrator: So they went and found everything as he had told them and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour had come, he took his place at the table and the apostles with him and said to them:

Jesus: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: Then he took the cup and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same thing with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "The Kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator: And Simon said to him,

Peter: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death! "

Narrator: But Jesus said,

Jesus: "I tell you Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Narrator: And then Jesus said,

Jesus: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

Apostles: "No, not a thing.

Narrator: And Jesus again said to them,

Jesus: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me. 'And he was

counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

Narrator: The Apostles responded saying,

Apostles: "Lord, here are two swords."

Narrator: And Jesus replied:

Jesus: "It is enough"

Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stones throw away, and knelt down and prayed.

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done."

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them asleep because of grief and he said to them,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come to this time of trial"

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Speaker 1: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator: And one of them struck the slave of the High Priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched the ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the Chief Priest, the officers of the temple police and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. A servant girl, seeing him among them, said

Servant Girl: "This man was also with him."

Narrator: But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter: "Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him,

Speaker 2: "You also are one of them,"

Narrator: But Peter insisted,

Peter: "Man, I am not!"

Narrator: Then about an hour later, still another kept insisting,

Speaker 3: "Surely, this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Narrator: Again Peter insisted,

Peter: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Crowd: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" **(Congregation)**

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Council Members: "If you are the Messiah, tell us"

Narrator: And Jesus replied,

Jesus: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator: All of them asked him,

Council Members: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Narrator: Jesus responded

Jesus: "You say that I am"

Narrator: Then they said,

Council Members: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

Narrator: Then the assembly arose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him saying,

Council Member 1: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus: "You say so!"

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man"

Narrator: But they insisted and said,

Council Member 2: "He stirs us people by teaching throughout all Judea from Galilee where he began, even to this place.

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked,

Pilate: "Is this man a Galilean?"

Narrator: And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at the time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was glad, for he had been wanting for a long time to see him, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned Jesus at some length, but Jesus gave no answer. The chief priest and scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him, and sent him

back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before that day they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders and the people and said to them,

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: But the chief priest, leaders and people shouted,

People: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Congregation

Narrator: Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place and for a murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed the people again but they kept shouting,

People: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it

behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Congregation Please Stand

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountain, 'Fall on us' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'" For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing"

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching but the leaders scoffed at him saying,

Speaker 1: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying

Speaker 2: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself "

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him that read, "This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Criminal 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Narrator: Then he said to Jesus,

Criminal 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator: And Jesus replied,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying in a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place he praised God and said,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching things. Now there was a good and righteous man name Joseph, who though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He took it down and wrapped it in a linen

cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath day they rested according to the commandments.

Sermon: Fr. Dale Matson

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

After each bidding there is a time for the Clergy and People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud. The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

The Deacon or appointed person says

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop; and Eric, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, for blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy, for the Lord to lead us in unity to the place He has for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, and for our missionaries and especially for Christina, Aimee, Stephen, Peter and Sylvia, and Brad and Sue, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, for all in public service, and for Donald, our President; Gavin, our Governor; and Lee, our mayor of Fresno and Drew, our mayor of Clovis, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially those on our Intercessory Prayer List,] let us pray to the Lord. *Aloud or Silent*

Intercessory Prayer List:

Rita Nitschke	Cancer	Judy Johnson	Cancer
Pr Arlynne Turnquist	Strength	Uma Chand	Cancer Rebecca
Mackey	Complex Migraine	Gladys Avakian	Healing
Suzy Gazlay	Strength & Healing	Daughters of the Holy Cross	
Rance Quercia	Strength, faith & peace	Kathy Graveline	Cancer
Kathy Willson	Strength & Healing	Melanie	Spiritual attack
Lauren	Psychotic episodes	Ashlee Taylor	Diabetes /Healing

Noemi and family healing from infection strength for family.
Baby Kyomi Serious blood infection Dayna Mori Peace

Please pray for new leaders for our youth/young adults.
Pray for Nigeria - IGBOS

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially_____] in thanksgiving let us pray.
Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer

I ask your thanksgivings for _____.
Reader Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

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 Celebrant may then say the Exhortation.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
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 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 Comfortable Words

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

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.

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Offertory:

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.

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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.*

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 Pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

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

Alleluias are omitted in Lent

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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, whose character is always to have 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 (Hurd)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us 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, The bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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

Communion Music

Come, Risen Lord

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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:

Ah, Holy Jesus

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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.

Postlude: Meditation

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

What Is the Work of the Priests?

The work of the priests, serving Christ under their bishops, is to nurture congregations through the full ministry of the Word preached and Sacraments rightly administered, and to pronounce absolution and blessing in God's name.

(Titus 1:5, 1Peter 5:1)

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: Randy & Sue Hague 1239 E. San Jose, Fresno 93710.

Fr. Carlos will present a Book study on the *Soul of Shame*.

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

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.

Birthdays

Jennifer Babcock

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Matt Cowart

5

Isokan King

5

Nicolette Rabetsimba

7

Uma Chand

9

Margaret Polacek

10

Valerie Gunner

10

Anniversaries

Fr Dale & Sharon Matson

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Holy Week – Lenten Services

April 9th Maundy Thursday

(Pre-recorded can watch at any time)

April 10th Good Friday

(Pre-recorded can watch at any time)

April 11th Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

(The Easter Vigil will be on Live Stream)

April 12, 2020 Easter Day 1:30 pm

(The Easter Service will be on Live Stream)

Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 1:30 PM much like our past livestream services. Again, you can connect by visiting our website (stjas.org) and clicking on the sermons/livestream button at 1:30. However we will do something different for communion! For an hour after the service ends, we will set up a table in our parking lot and administer communion to all who drive by 1300 E. Shaw Ave. and into our north parking lot. Again, we will take utmost precautions to maintain sterilization as we give communion to any who would like. For those who have requested communion but are not able to drive in, we will still do our best to deliver communion to you!!

Have a blessed Holy Week!

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

VESTRY MEMBERS

Ministry Assignment

Kevin Gunner	323-4481	Rector's Warden
Rachel Cowart	801-8408	New Vestry Member
Pat Sanders	348-3183	New Vestry Member
Barbara Brotsis	275-7587	Evangelism/Hospitality
Dave Russell	297-0480	Transition/Ushers/Greeters
Paula Velez	255-2310	Children/Youth/Young Adults
Armando Ruiz	803-2249	Prayer Ministries
Margaret Polacek	269-0743	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.

Visitors Welcome!

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the "Communication Page" below and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for refreshments after the service. Please give us as much information as you care to share so that we can stay in contact with you:

COMMUNICATIONS PAGE

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Is this your 1st visit ___ 2nd visit ___ 3rd visit ___ ?

I came as a guest of _____

Please indicate: Single ___ Married ___ Anniversary _____

Names/Birthdays of Children Living at Home: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

I want to sign up for a Small Group: _____

Note to Office: _____
