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The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

You are welcome at St. James Episcopal Cathedral!

At St. James Episcopal Cathedral, we embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ, seeking to follow His example of love, compassion, and justice. We strive to be a community that welcomes and celebrates diversity, honoring the dignity and worth of every human being. Here, you will find a place where questions are encouraged, doubts are welcomed, and the journey of faith is nurtured.

On Sundays we have a service in English at 8 a.m. in the Chapel, at 9:30 a.m. we have a service in English in the Cathedral and at 11:30 a.m. we have a service in Spanish in the Cathedral. In between the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. service each week, you are invited to join us for Coffee Hour in the Fireside Room. The restrooms are at the back of the Cathedral. An usher will be happy to direct you. If you are interested in hearing more from the Cathedral, please fill out the Welcome Card located in the chairback in front of you. You can place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher or member of the clergy. You can also follow us on social media using the QR code on the Welcome Card!

Children at St James Cathedral - Currently on Summer Break

There is a soft space play area at the back of the Cathedral. It is intended for those moments when little ones – or anyone – might need a break from the service. There are children's Church Activity Bags and coloring pages available in the narthex (just inside the main doors) to use during the church service. During the school year, we offer Sunday School on the first three Sundays of the month at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Wing (east of the Cathedral). Feel free to ask an usher for directions. Children then join their families for communion.

Guide to the worship service

This booklet contains the main text of the service – what the people and clergy say and do. This comes from *The Book of Common Prayer*, the prayer book of The Episcopal Church. *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) page numbers are listed throughout this booklet if you would like to refer to the text in the red prayer books located in front of you in the back of each chair.

The readings and music specific for each week are found on the leaflet available at the main doors. Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in the back of each chair. You are welcome to participate as fully as seems right to you. We also welcome questions!

The text that the congregation says aloud is bold. *Italics indicate instructions.*

Standing, sitting, and kneeling

Generally – follow along with the clergy and altar servers. Stand as able for hymns, the Gospel proclamation, the Nicene Creed, the prayers, and the final blessing. You may sit for the readings and the sermon. You may stand or kneel for the confession and during the eucharistic prayer.

Acts of personal devotion – these are optional gestures that some people might make

You may make the sign of cross at +

You may bow your head as the cross and the Gospel book pass near you in procession.

You may bow at the name of Jesus throughout the liturgy.

You may genuflect (briefly kneel) or bow when exiting your row for communion.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin is built is the traditional territory of the Paiute, Kawaiisu, Tubatulabal, Yokuts, Chumash, Miwok, Chukchansi, Western Mono, and Me-Wuk people. Please take a moment to honor these ancestral grounds that we are collectively gathered upon and support the resilience and strength that all Indigenous people have shown worldwide.

Voluntary

Opening Hymn and Procession - see leaflet

Stand as able. You may bow your head as the cross and the Gospel book pass near you in procession.

Opening Acclamation – BCP pg. 355

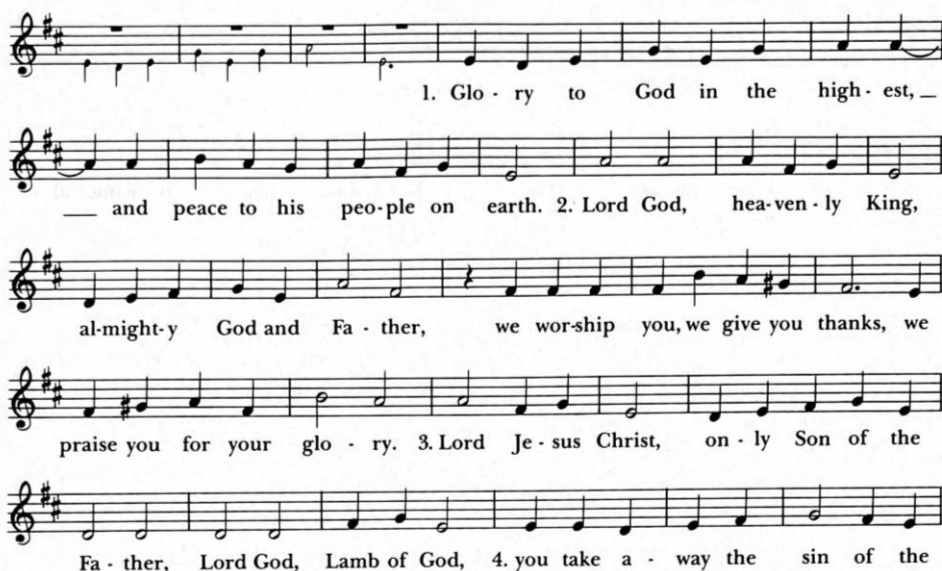
Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.. +

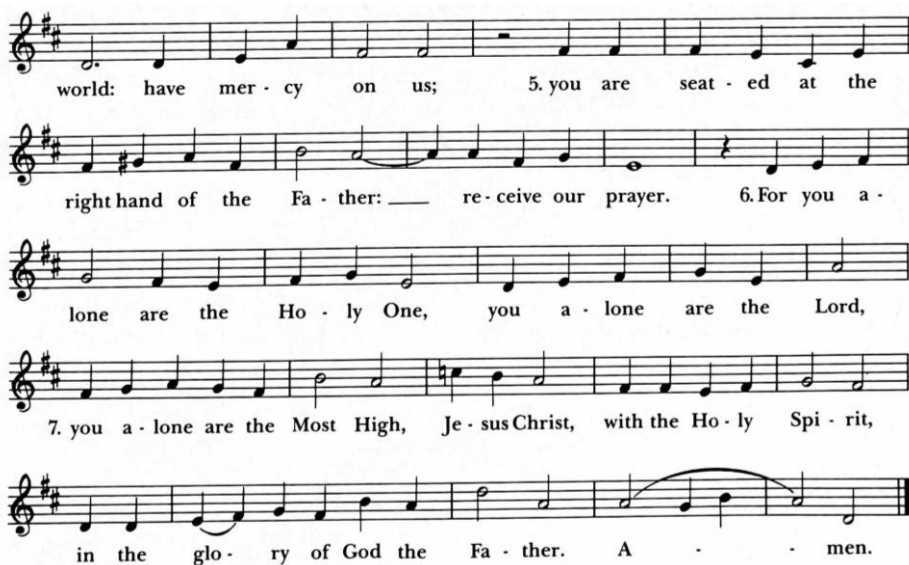
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity – BCP pg. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria – BCP pg. 356





The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Collects of the Day can be found in leaflet and The Book of Common Prayer on pages 211-261.

The Liturgy of the Word

You may be seated for the readings

First Reading – see leaflet

After each reading, the reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Antiphon



See leaflet for the appointed psalm.

Second reading – see leaflet

After each reading, the reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn – see leaflet

The Gospel

Stand as able, facing the Gospel.

Deacon or Presider:

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

*People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

See leaflet for Gospel lesson.

Deacon or Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon *You may be seated*

The Nicene Creed – BCP page 358

Presider and People:

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

*Deacon: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always. Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.*

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially ____]. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially ____]. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God who leads us into growth and discovery, give us curious and discerning minds, open us up to the possibilities of newness, and help us be still and listen to your voice as we search for our new bishop. We pray especially for our bishop candidates:

Anna, Rob, Greg and Shawn, as they prepare for this election. God, giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Presider: Almighty and Everliving God, you bring forth and sustain every living thing; help us grow in compassion and care for the multitude of your creatures, that we may see them not as objects for our use, but as brothers and sisters that sing your never-ending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and guide, who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

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The Confession – BCP pg. 360

Deacon or Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence – BCP pg. 376

Offertory Choral Anthem – see leaflet

Doxology (Hymnal #380, v. 3)

Stand as able

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C – BCP pg. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Presider and People (Hymnal - S-125):

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Presider and People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer – BCP pg. 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

Presider: God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. It is the custom to come forward and place the palm of one hand in the other to receive the bread. Please tell the clergy distributing communion if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. You are welcome to drink from the chalice or the server will intinct for you. You may make the sign of the cross before or after you receive communion. Upon returning to your seat, you may kneel or be seated.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING IN LIEU OF COMMUNION:

It is the custom to come forward and to fold your arms across your chest in an X-fashion, which indicates that you are not receiving the sacrament. The Priest will offer a prayer of blessing for you.

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

As the servers and musicians receive communion, you may continue our spiritual work of preparation and thanksgiving with a prayer:

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Communion Hymns - see leaflet

Post-Communion Prayer – BCP pg. 365

Stand as able

Presider: Let us pray.

***Presider and People:* 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.**

Birthday/Anniversary Blessing – BCP pg. 831

***Presider and People:* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Stand as able. The Presider pronounces a +blessing on the people.

Processional Hymn – See leaflet

Stand as able. You may bow your head as the cross and the Gospel book pass near you in procession.

The Dismissal – BCP pg. 366

Deacon or Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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