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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 10 a.m. we have a service in English in the Cathedral, and at 12 pm we have a service in Spanish in the Cathedral; however service times may change for major feast days and special services. In between the 10 a.m. and 12 p.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 – Sunday School 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 and third Sundays of the month. Check In begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Cathedral Narthex. Our Sunday School teachers will provide information for new students and parents.

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 in 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.

Land Acknowledgement

The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin acknowledges the Diocese is on the ancestral land of the many and varied First Peoples of California. We pay respect to their enduring relationship to their traditions and territories.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Voluntary

Opening Hymn and Procession - see leaflet

Stand as able..

Opening Acclamation – BCP pg. 355

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is risen+

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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 The Book of Common Prayer on pages 211-261 and in the leaflet.

The Liturgy of the Word

You may be seated for the readings

First Reading – see leaflet

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm – see leaflet

Second reading – see leaflet

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

Stand as able

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 or Lay Leader:

Holy God, in whose son Jesus Christ we live and move and have our being, send your Holy Spirit among us as we seek to live out our faith in this season. Hear the fervent prayers of your people as we ask of you:

Gracious God, teach and guide your people.

For this nation and all in authority, that they may be guided by the love that Jesus modeled and commanded of us. Grant that the words and actions of our leaders reflect the love Jesus has asked of us.

Gracious God, teach and guide your people.

For the good of all people of the world: for health, for healing, for righteousness in all our actions, that those who govern may do so with love and fairness for all.

Gracious God, teach and guide your people.

We pray especially for those who suffer from illness, sorrow, depression, economic hardship, injustice, or any distress, especially those we now name, silently or aloud. (*Pause*). Hear the cries of your people, and make your loving presence known to all.

Gracious God, teach and guide your people.

We pray for those who have died: those known to us, and those unknown, especially those we now name, silently or aloud: _____ (*Pause*).

Gracious God, teach and guide your people.

Presider

Holy God, hear the fervent prayers of your people. Be with us as we seek to live out the Christian faith we profess, listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit and seeking to be the Love Jesus has taught us by his death and resurrection. ***Amen.***

The Confession – BCP pg. 360

Remain standing or kneel as able

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 A

Remain standing as able

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.**

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Presider and People:

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' followed by a double bar line. There are three-measure rests indicated by a '3' over a bracket in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider 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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **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.

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. 830

***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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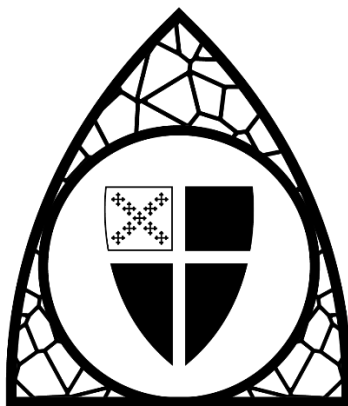


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