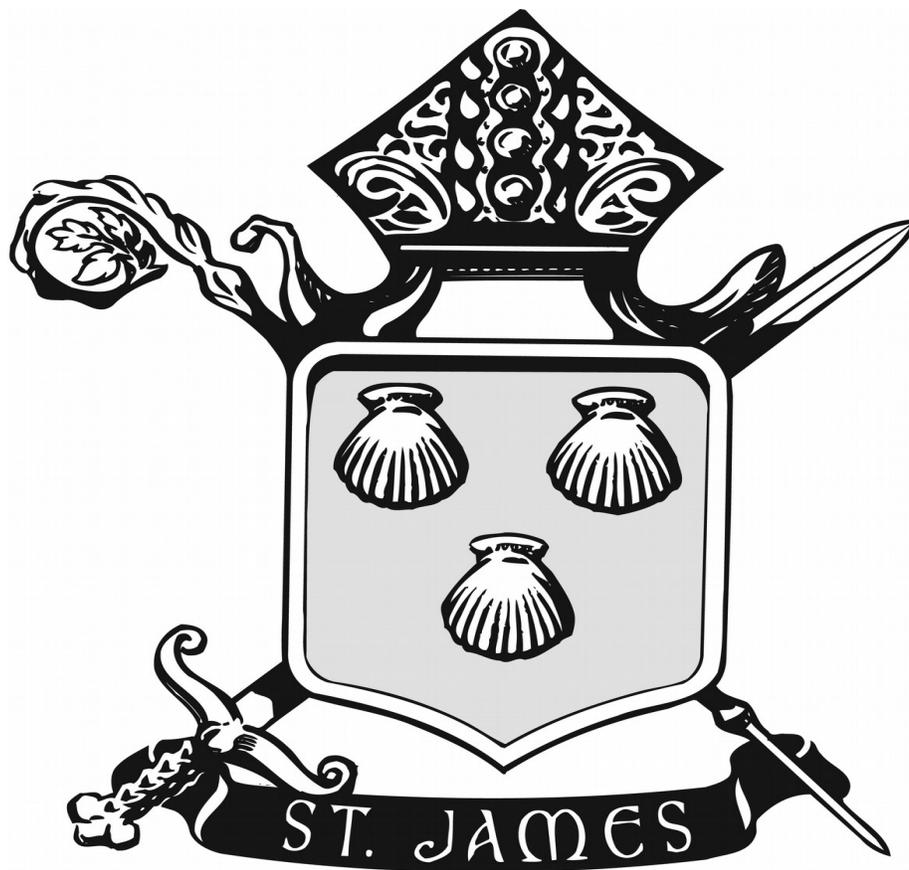


**SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Fresno, California

December 2, 2018

*The 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**

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

## **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](http://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: Plainsong Prelude on 'Of the Father's Love Begotten',  
Charles Callahan**

**Toccatà on Creator of the Stars of Night,**

*Pietro A Yon*

**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 Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate 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 thy Word and commandment,  
*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 thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and

slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Saint Joachim, Saint James, the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Matthias and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

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

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

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.



light, cold, or frost. And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

**Psalm 50:1-6** *Deus deorum*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to  
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

*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**

**1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you-- for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been

comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gradual:                    Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying,*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-33**

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **Sermon – Fr. Dale Matson**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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**

*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 a blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy 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, Peter and Silvia, Brad and Sue, Frank and Ann, LaLani, Helen, and Stephen 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; Jerry, our Governor; and Lee our mayor of Fresno and Bob 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*

Those listed on our intercession list and any others you would pray for:

*Intercessory Prayer List:*

|        |                              |            |         |                   |         |
|--------|------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Uma    | Healing                      | Pr. Arlynn | Healing | Margaret          | Healing |
| Rita   | Healing                      | Judy       | Healing | Marguerite        | Healing |
| Susie  | Healing                      | Rafaela    | Healing | Keturah           | Custody |
| Gladys | Healing                      | Jordan     | Healing | Gary              | Healing |
| Suzy   | Continued healing & strength |            | Kristen | Healthy Pregnancy |         |

The Committee planning for the MCP Conference in Spring of 2019.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy.

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially ( ) in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.

*Aloud or Silent*

*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 Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*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 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.*

*Announcements & Celebrations – See page 25*

## **Offertory:            Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

### *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 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, and a good and joyful thing, 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** (*Proulx*)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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 Say  
Celebrant and People together pray*

**The Lord's Prayer:** *Mallotte*

**Choir**

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*

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:            Creator of the Stars at Night            Choir**  
**O Gracious Light    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 into the world 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**

*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: Festive Trumpet Tune, David German**

***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 relationship between Jesus' humanity and his divinity?**

Jesus is both fully and truly God, and fully and truly human.

The divine and human natures of Jesus' Person may be distinguished but can never be separated, changed or confused. All that Jesus does as a human being, he also does as God; and before he ever became human, he was eternally living and active within the unity of the Holy Trinity.

(John 1:1-2; 5:18; 10:30; 14:8-9; Luke 2:7: Definition of Chalcedon)

## **Resources for families with children**

We love having children worship with us at St James and are so glad you are here! Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their families for worship. We have children's bulletins in the back of the church for those who are interested. Nursery service is also available for infants and toddlers up to age 4, if you choose. If you are looking for some additional ideas on helping your child worship look for the brochure in the back titled Bringing Children to Worship. Whatever option you choose, we hope you experience the love of Christ as you worship with us today!

## **Volunteers needed**

It takes a family to raise faithful disciples of Christ, and we need 2-3 more volunteers to help support our littlest members. Volunteers are needed in the nursery and Sunday School programs. If you can help, or are interested in finding out more details, please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042 or kasadevelez@gmail.com).

## **Adult Forum**

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

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

**Randy Hague is presenting**

**"Listening to God"**

## **Donations to Companions of St. Stephen Fund**

When making donations for Companions of St. Stephen fund, please

designate St. Stephen fund on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

**Disciple's Fellowship – Sundays at 12:15 pm**  
at Campus Bible Church in Room 4.  
We will be discussing the book on Discipleship.

### **Important Dates for Advent/Christmas**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday Evening 7:00 pm – **Lessons & Carols**  
at Campus Bible Church, 222 E Fountain  
Way, Fresno.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Monday, **Christmas Eve**, 8:00 pm for  
Christmas Carol singing and 8:30 pm for  
Christmas Eve Service at Campus Bible  
Church, 222 E Fountain Way, Fresno.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday, **Christmas Day** Service at 10:00 am  
at the Church Office located at 1300 E. Shaw  
Ave., Suite 174, Fresno CA

## **Nominations are open for Vestrymembers . . .**

The election of vestrymembers will be at the St. James' annual meeting in January 2018. An eligible nominee is (a) a baptized person in good standing with St. James Anglican Church; (b) whose name is enrolled in the register of the church; (c) who is a communicant who regularly participates in worship services at the church; (d) who is a faithful financial contributor of record; who has either been confirmed or received into the Anglican Church; (e) who is at least 18 years of age; and (f) who has satisfied the foregoing requirements for at least ninety days prior to the date of an election. Prayerfully consider who would be willing to share their expertise and leadership skills with St. James. You may also nominate yourself.

## **Disaster Relief for Fire Victims**

For information on how you can donate to help those affected by the California wildfires, go to the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin website, [www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net](http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net), where you will find a link to donate funds or mail a check to: The Anglican Relief and Development Fund, P O Box 645354, Pittsburg, PA 15264-5354. ("California Wildfires" in the memo line.)

### **Birthdays**

**Gloria Steele**  
**Stephen Ogbuehi**  
**Joyce Hughes**  
**Rita Nitschke**  
**Ron Stalcup**  
**Melody Walcott**

### **Dec. 2-8**

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**3**  
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**4**  
**7**

### **Anniversaries**

## 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

Carol Raines, Interim Music Director  
Dr. Margaret Licon, Organist  
Mary K. Leonard/Susan Sanders, Office Assistants

### VESTRY MEMBERS

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Gary Facciani    | 224-6022 |
| Chris Whitehead  | 908-2012 |
| Catherine Young  | 779-8025 |
| Jordan Blanchard | 400-1725 |
| Barbara Brotsis  | 275-7587 |
| Dave Russell     | 297-0480 |

### Ministry Assignment

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|-------------------------------|
| Rector's Warden               |
| People's Warden/Pastoral Care |
| Prayer                        |
| Missions                      |
| Evangelism/Hospitality        |
| Transition/Ushers/Greeters    |

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| Paula Velez      | 255-2310 | Children/Youth Ministry |
| 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.

Saint James' Youth – St. James Youth 7pm-8:30pm at the home of Gary and Marian Facciani at 5289 N. Fisher Ave., Fresno, 93710. No meetings during June, July, & August. Periodic activities to be announced. If you need any information call Gary or Marian at 224-6022.

### **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 - Friday:**

8:00 am - Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist

## Church Office

### **Tuesday:**

6:00 pm – Choir Practice - Church Office

### **Wednesday:**

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

Sons of the Father (*Healing the Father Wound in Men Today*)

7:00 pm – Boundaries (In All Relationships)

Meet at the home of Randy and Sue Hague  
1239 E. San Jose, Fresno 93710

### **Thursday:**

6:00 am – Prayer and Praise – Church Office

Women's Bible Study – Church Office

### **Sunday Services:**

8:00 am – Church Office, 1300 E. Shaw Ave., #174, Fresno

12:15 pm – Adult Forum at Mark & Wendy DeRaud's Home  
1161 W. Celeste, Fresno 93711

1:30 pm – Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way, Fresno