

# **The Episcopal Church of St. James the Apostle Paso Robles, California**

## **Our Mission**

**St. James is a community centered on the love of Jesus,  
focusing on inclusion, spiritual growth, and service.**



**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Bishop's Visitation with Confirmation  
May 10, 2026**

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

## Prelude

## Entrance Rite

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren)* (Hymn 390)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People *One God and Father of all.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Bishop Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

<sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

<sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia (O’Carroll/Walker) (My Heart Sings Our 20)**

*All stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

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**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE HOMILY**

# Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

**PRESENTATION**

*Bishop* The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

**EXAMINATION**

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

People We will.

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Bishop*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Bishop*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Bishop*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Bishop*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Bishop*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*EM* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*EM* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Confirmation

*A period of silence may be kept.*

*Then the Bishop says*

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### LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE PEACE

*The Peace is now exchanged*

*Presider*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*              And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Presider says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *I know not where the road will lead (Laramie) (H 647)*



1 I know not where the road will lead I fol - low day by day,  
2 And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay,  
3 The count-less hosts lead on be-fore, I must not fear nor stray;

or where it ends: I on - ly know I walk the King's high - way.  
their faith and hope still guid - ing me, I walk the King's high - way.  
with them, the pil - grims of the faith, I walk the King's high - way.

I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say;  
The way is truth, the way is love, for light and strength I pray,  
Through light and dark the road leads on till dawns the end - less day,

but rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's high - way.  
and through the years of life, to God I walk the King's high - way.  
when I shall know why in this life I walk the King's high - way.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*The Presider proceeds*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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*

**Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] (Wonder, Love and Praise 785)**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó.

*People and Presider*

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
 santificado sea tu Nombre,  
 venga tu reino,  
 hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra  
 como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
 Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
 como también nosotros perdonamos  
 a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.  
 Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
 y tuya es la gloria,  
 ahora y por siempre. Amén

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM S 154 *Christ our Passover (Hurd)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Presider says*

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place (Wonder, Love and Praise 752)*



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ till you  
(3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ now you're



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ you'll en -



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. \_\_\_\_\_



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1. 2. There are 3. If you place.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

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.

**BLESSING**

*The Bishop blesses the people, saying*

**CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian)* (Hymn 344)

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the  
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,  
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,  
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

### *Ministers of the Liturgy*

Presider	The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby
Deacon	The Rev. Jim Arnold
Eucharistic Minister	Mark Plants
Bishop's Chaplain	Laura Learned
Lector	Lee Adinolfi
Spanish Gospeler	Mark Plants
Ushers	Grigger & Alice Jones
Acolytes	Kenya, Karla & Kate Hernandez
Musician	Josh Tarica
Tech	Newlin Hastings
Vestry on Duty	Laura Learned
Altar Guild	Team B
Coffee Hour	St. James Congregation
Counters	Liz & Newlin Hastings

### *Birthdays*

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up when *she* falls; and in *her* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*

### *Anniversaries*

O God, you have called us into faithful friendship with you and each other: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

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