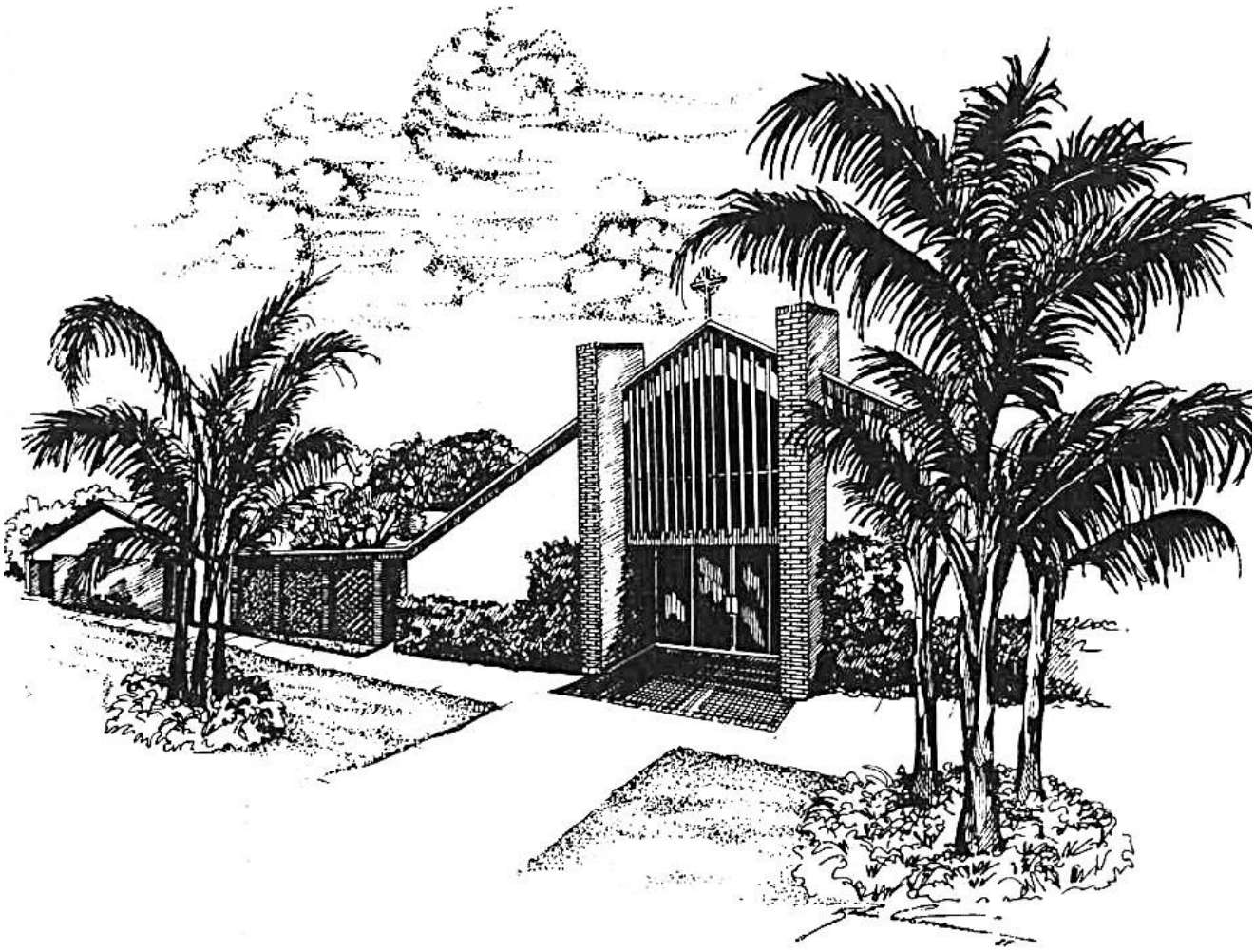
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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O God, our help in ages past (verses 1-3, 6)* **Hymnal 680**

The Word of God

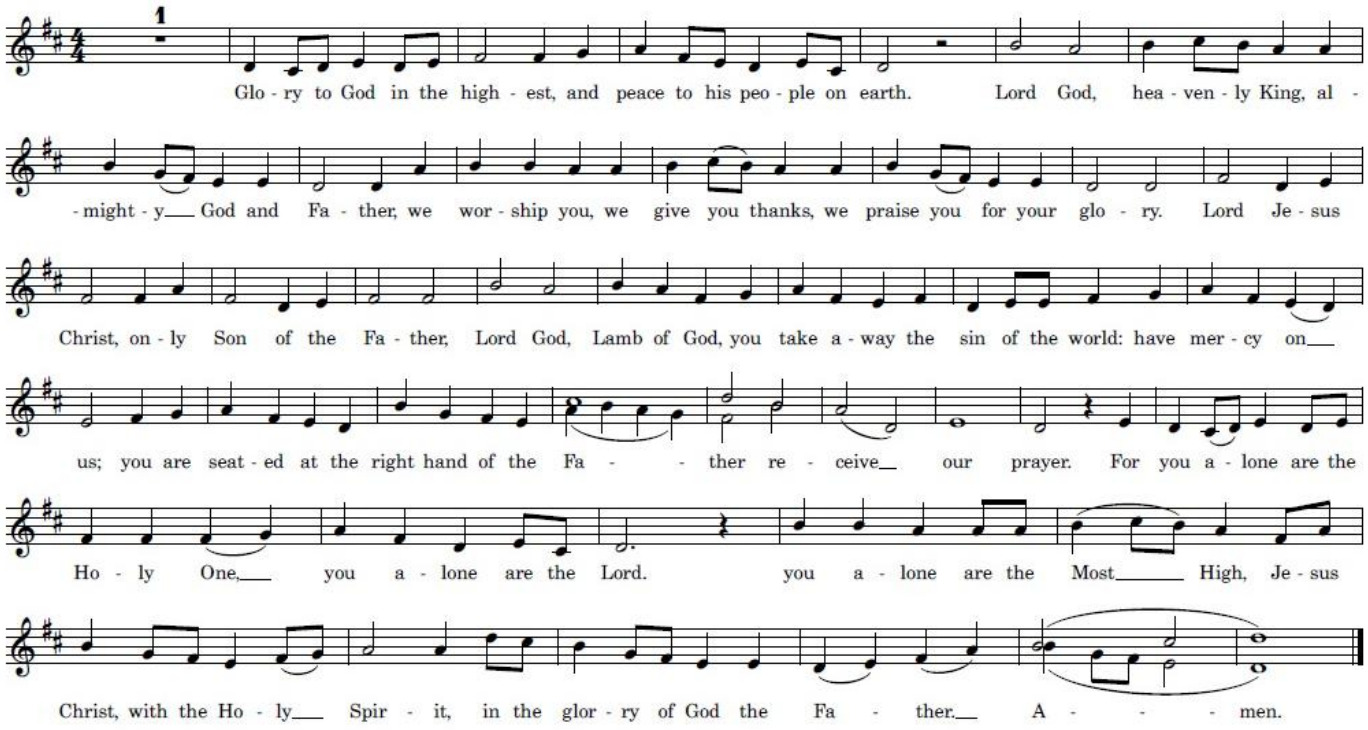
OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 *(sung)*



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT **JUDGES 4: 1-7**

A Reading from the book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (*read responsively)* **PSALM 123**

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE **1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN *O Christ, the Word Incarnate (verses 1-2)* **Hymnal 632**

THE HOLY GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:14-30**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,

‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *O Christ, the Word Incarnate (verse 3)* **Hymnal 632**

CHILDREN’S DIALOG

THE SERMON ***Rev. David Potter***

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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;

(continued…)

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

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Archbishop Sarah Mullally of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our priest Reverend David; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Chile. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy, and people of Holy Redeemer & Palanca Pantry, and Blessed T. Holly Episcopal Mission, Lake Worth Beach.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Protect all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, in Sudan, Nigeria, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Venezuela, Colombia, and to all affected by gun violence;

People: That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: For all who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety, especially for those on our parish prayer list… and for those who offer skilled, tender care for them;

People: That they may have strength for today and for tomorrow.

Intercessor: For those struggling financially and find their future uncertain;

People: That they may discover resources and support for the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Intercessor: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially… and those celebrating an

anniversary this week, including… and for all those we name silently or aloud;
People: That they may see the blessings of the past and the blessings you provide in the present.
Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes
Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER
Priest: Merciful God resisting the iron fist which reaps where it did not sow: give us courage to accept your faith in us and compassion to stand with all who are cast aside; through Jesus Christ, who became nothing that we might have everything. **Amen.**

THE PEACE BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 109**

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS
Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,
People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

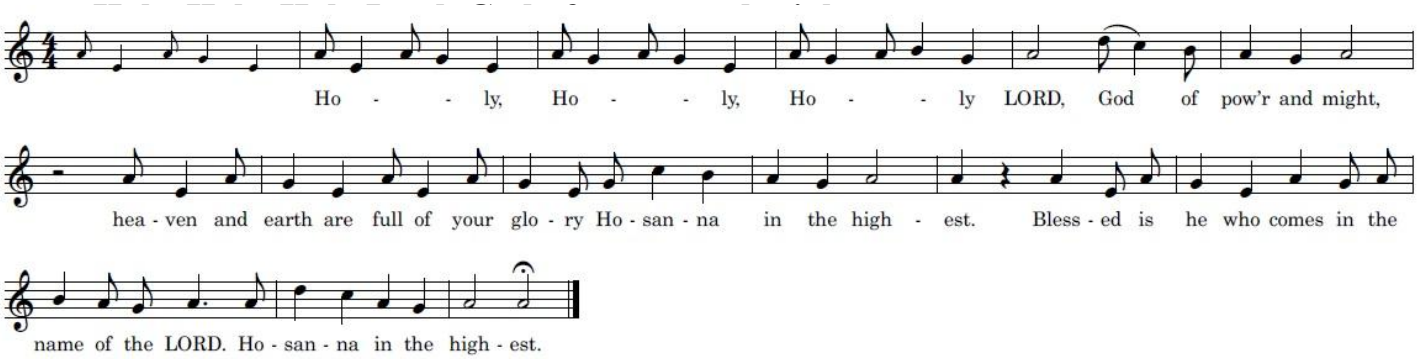
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: 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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

SANCTUS *(sung)* S 130



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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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)* BCP 364

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. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please kneel at the communion rail, and cross your arms across your chest, forming an X.

COMMUNION HYMN *You have come down to the Lakeshore* ***Choir***

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: 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.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Priest: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *All glory, laud, and honor (verses 1-3)* **Hymnal 154**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by Liz Miller & Maggie Petersen. We thank them for their kindness!

OPERATING CHRISTMAS CHILD

The annual Christmas Shoeboxes have arrived and are due next Sunday, **November 22nd**. Please contact Liz Miller at (954) 668-6507 if you have any questions on how to fill a shoebox for children in need, please no edible items. Please include a $10 donation for shipping and gospel materials.

ANNUAL PICNIC POSTPONED

The St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church Parish Picnic Day at TY Park has been postponed. The date will now be Sunday, December 13, 2026, at Pavilion #5. The Service will begin at 9:30am. Members are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and their favorite games. T.Y. Park is located at 3300 N. Park Road, Hollywood, FL 33021. The park has an entry fee of $3 per vehicle (maximum 8 occupants per vehicle). We still encourage everyone to wear your St. James T-shirts and bring family and friends! Please contact the Fellowship Committee or the Office to pick up your order.

Picnic Contributions - If you would like to contribute, we would appreciate the following items: gift cards ($10) for raffle prizes, pastry items, canned sodas, and bottled waters. A sign-up sheet is available in Feaster Hall on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us for Bible Study on the continuation of the Gospel according to Matthew, Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom. Find the Zoom link in your Constant Contact email or contact Amanda in the St. James Office.

BUNCO NIGHT

Bunco is back this Saturday, November 21st. Doors open at 4pm and game starts at 4:30pm with light refreshments. Adults to play are $5 and children ages 5-10 are $3.

FORWARD MOVEMENT DAY-BY-DAY DEVOTIONALS

The NOV-DEC-JAN edition is available now in the Sanctuary and the Church Office during the week. We provide Forward-Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings, and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please review the tips and reminders card located above the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board outside the Parish Office with upcoming dates. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please contact the Office if you have additional questions concerning supplies and procedures or need to collect the keys if needed.

HURRICANE SEASON

The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



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Please Pray for…

Our Anglican Community:

The Anglican Church of Chile

Our Diocesan Community:

Holy Redeemer & Palanca Pantry,
Blessed T. Holly Episcopal Mission, Lake Worth Beach

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Paul Crosta, Pat Miller, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, David King

Please note that prayer requests are in effect for 60 days and can be renewed in 60 day increments. You may contact the Church Office or Father David.



We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week.





MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, November 15th
Fellowship Hour
Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th
Bible Study on Matthew via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 21st
BUNCO Night in Feaster Hall – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22nd
Christ the King Sunday
Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Due



Thursday, November 26th
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed Thursday & Friday

Sunday, December 13th
Rescheduled Parish Picnic at T.Y. Park

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Amanda Groome, our Parish Administrator, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.

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