The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to join us praying wherever you may be every Monday evening at 5:30. We pray for the St. James’ church family, our community and for the world, using the Book of Common Prayer, the New Zealand Prayer Book, Forward Movement Daily Readings, or other resources. We pray through the St. James’ prayer list, found through a link in the weekly email newsletter and at [www.stjamesaustin.org](http://www.stjamesaustin.org) under the Serve tab, Pastoral Care Ministries.

**An order for Evening**

**Monday, April 29, 2024 (Monday in Fifth week of Easter)**

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make hast to help us.

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.

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

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.

### Psalm 64

##### ***Exaudi, Deus***

1Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; \*

protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, \*

from the mob of evildoers.

3They sharpen their tongue like a sword, \*

and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; \*

they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5They hold fast to their evil course; \*

they plan how they may hide their snares.

6They say, “Who will see us?
who will find out our crimes? \*

we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7The human mind and heart are a mystery; \*

but God will loose an arrow at them,
and suddenly they will be wounded.

8He will make them trip over their tongues, \*

and all who see them will shake their heads.

9Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; \*

they will recognize his works.

10The righteous will rejoice in the Lord and put their trust in him, \*

and all who are true of heart will glory.

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

Lessons

1 Thess. 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matt. 6:1-6,16-18

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.

**Suffrage A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*During Challenging Times*

God, you are with us. When we do not know how to pray, your Spirit teaches the depths of our hearts. Strengthen us through your grace in the days ahead to become the church you hope we will be; give comfort to the vulnerable and to those who have been wounded by your church and its people; heal what is broken; and may your peace which passes understanding hold us in life and hope. Amen

*For Peace Among the Nations*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

*As we remember*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### *The Collect of the Day*

### Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**Easter 5, Year B**

*Presider: As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, abiding in the Spirit of love, we bring our prayers to God: Eternal Loving One, accept the wishes of our hearts as we pray faithfully: For God is love; and perfect love casts out all fear.*

Litanist: Gracious One, you have called us to abide in your life and to bear witness to Christ the Lamb: Grant that the Church may reveal your love through Jesus, that we might live in him and bear good fruit.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Light of the Word, dominion belongs to you, for you rule over the nations: Raise up for your Church bold witnesses like Philip who will testify to the rich and powerful about God's good news which is perfected in love, so that peace may abound in our time.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Attentive Vinegrower, you tend the branches and fruit of your vineyard extending to the ends of the earth: Let your loving attention reach out to all people who live in suffering and threatening conditions, that they may be restored to life and fruitfulness.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God: Inspire all in our community to seek to expand the fruits of compassion and care so that the poor shall eat and be satisfied and all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

You have first loved us and called us to love our neighbor as ourselves:

Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially \_\_\_.

* Those on our prayer list and others we name ­­\_\_.
* Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; our Diocesan bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; our clergy (Eileen, Robby, Jim and George) and all those who work at and for St. James’, including lay people, volunteers and Vestry members (Simone Talma Flowers, Clint Dawson, John May, Margaret Shaw, Harrison Eppright, Theresa Garcia, Jill LaCour, Chris Prindle, Jeff Cox, Stephanie Dodoo, Jennifer Graf, Rudy Green).
* We pray for our City Council members - Natasha Harper Madison, Vanessa Fuentes, Jose Velasquez, Jose “Chito” Vela, Ryan Alter, Mackenzie Kelly, Leslie Pool, Paige Ellis, Zohaib “Zo” Qadri, Allison Alter and our Mayor Kirk Watson, for our City Manager, T.C. Broadnax, the Interim Chief of Police, Robin Henderson, the Fire Chief, Joel Baker, the Travis County Judge, Andy Brown and for other city and county officials.
* We pray for the governor and other members of the executive branch of state government.
* We pray for senators and representatives in the state legislature and in congress.
* We pray for our Supreme Court Justices (Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Ketanji Brown Jackson and Chief Justice John Roberts), and for all federal, state, and local judges throughout the country.
* We pray for our president Joe and our vice president Kamala; give them strength, wisdom, and courage as they lead our country.
* We pray that you would touch the hearts of those who can make decisions and pass laws to protect the people of our state and country against gun violence.
* We pray protection for the children of this country and around the world, especially for those in harm’s way.
* We pray for” hot spots” around the world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and the Gaza strip, the pacific area around China and Taiwan, and every place where oppression and violence has disrupted or threatened peace.
* We pray for people in communities in our cities, state, and nation where the violent loss of lives has caused grief, pain, frustration, and fear.
* We pray for those suffering from natural disasters in this country and around the world.
* We pray for the newly ordained Rev Dr Stephen Tomlinson and the Rev Sarah Mast as they live out their calling in the church.
* We pray for Scott Madison in his journey to priesthood.

Accept our grateful thanks for your abundance in our lives, especially for \_\_\_.

* Our family and friends, for healing and restoration to health and wholeness
* Those advocating and working for reasonable gun control laws
* Health care workers in medical practices, clinics, and hospitals
* Our schools: those who teach and those who learn, those who keep everything running and the people safe
* We give thanks for the faculty and staff at Norman Sims Elementary School, and especially Brian, Vera, Ms. Brain, Ms. Kulhavey, Ms. Honeycutt, and Principal Patrick Salinas.
* The seminarians from SSW: Peter, Liam, and Deacon Teri

Gather into your banquet all who have died, may their hearts live forever! We remember especially\_\_\_.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

*Presider: You have planted us in the nurturing ground of your steadfast love, O God, and grafted us into the life of your resurrected Son, Jesus: Keep us evermore abiding within your Spirit of love, that we may bear the fruit of reconciliation for all that is and is to come, through Jesus Christ our Savior.* **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. *Amen*

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout the ages. Amen

**Blessing**

**Easter 5, Year B**

God is love, and perfect love casts out fear. Fear not, and love one another, because love is from God.

Abide in Christ as Christ abides in us, and bear much fruit as his beloved disciples.

By this you know that we abide in God and God abides in us, because God has given us the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of our loving God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with us and abide in us, now and for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*