

St. James' Episcopal Church

April 21, 2024

5 pm

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider	Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.
People	Alleluia! Love is come again!

Shall we gather



Presider	Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.
People	Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of
	sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.
Presider	Let us praise God.

Gloria











The Collect of the Day

PresiderMay God be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Lector

A reading from the Book of Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

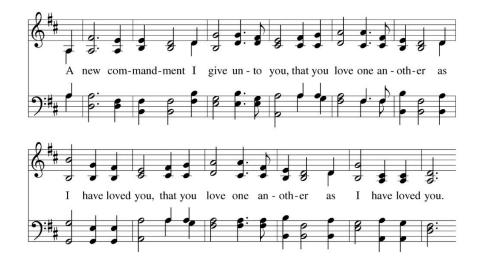
Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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A new commandment



The Gospel

John 10:11-18

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeoplePraise and Glory to God.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith

People

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

> You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor People	We pray to Jesus who is present with us, now and always. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.
Intercessor	Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life,
People	in your mercy, hear us.
Intercessor	Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life. (Pause to hear the thanksgivings of the community.) We confess those things done and left undone that draw us from you and wound your beloved community. (Silence)

	Jesus, Lord of life,
People	in your mercy, hear us.
Intercessor	Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead all to new pastures. We pray for those in sickness and struggle. For whom shall we pray? <i>(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)</i> Jesus, Lord of life,
People	in your mercy, hear us.
Intercessor	Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived trusting in your love and mercy. We pray for those who have died. <i>(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)</i> Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life,
People	in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.
The Peace	
Presider	Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.
People	Who breaks down the walls that divide.
Presider	The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries, while passing the peace.

Announcements and Blessings

Offertory

We offer our gifts to God: our lives, our abilities, our resources.



Instead of passing the plates during the offertory, we invite you to make an offering through Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby or by using the QR code

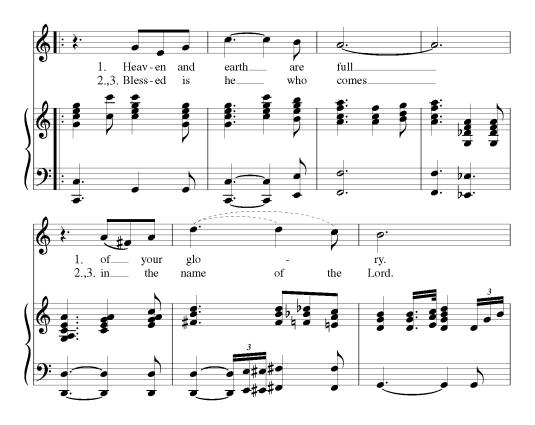
Please stand as you are able. Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving		
Presider	The Lord is here.	
People	God's Spirit is with us.	
Presider	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them to the Lord.	
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People	It is right to offer thanks and praise.	

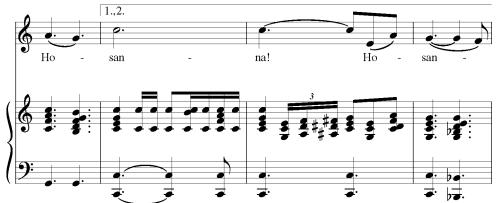
Presider In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness.

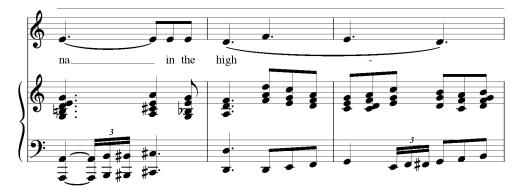
You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

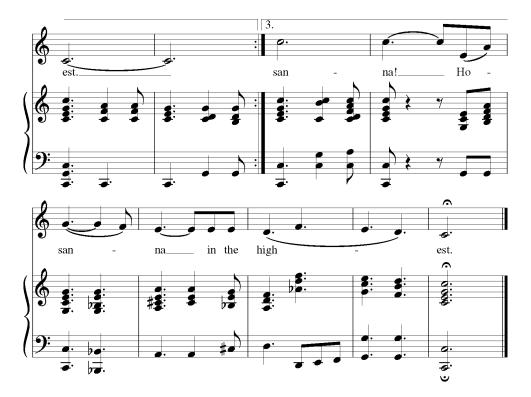
Sanctus











As you are able, please remain standing.

Presider

All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: 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; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

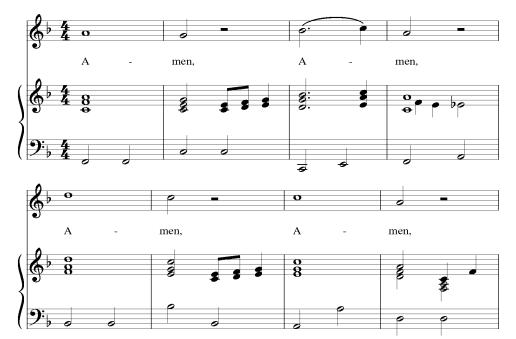
Memorial Acclamation



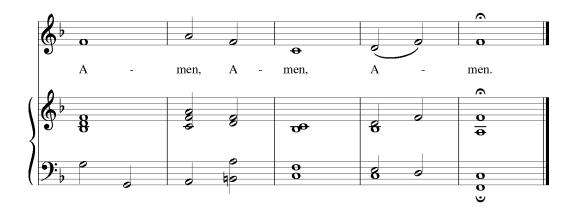


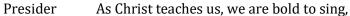
Presider Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us with Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and the riches of your wisdom, O God: how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

People From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory forever.

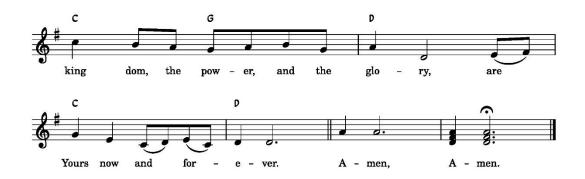


The Great Amen

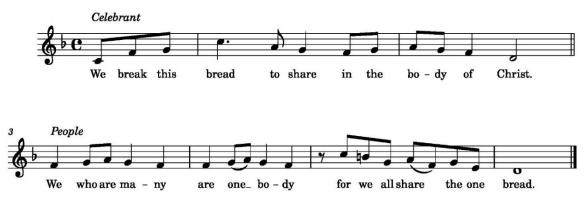








The Breaking of the Bread



Presider Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Presider Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

People You are welcome at this table.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available.



Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

People	Praise to God who is revealed as love.
Presider	Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People	Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.
Presider	Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People	Praise to God who makes us one people.
Presider	Blessed be God who calls us together.

Presider	Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People	Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.
Presider	Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People	Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and
	you filled them.

The Blessing

Celebrant God the Creator, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

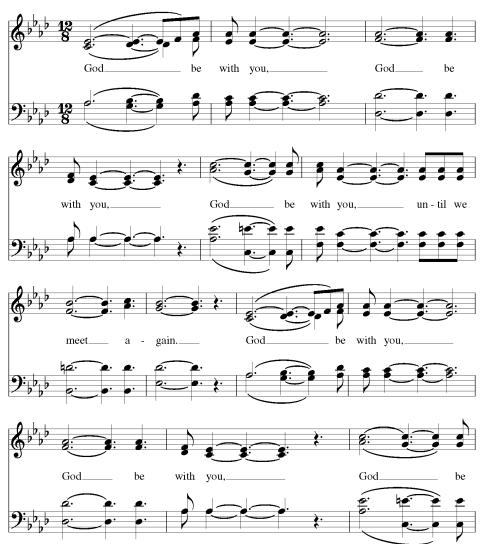
God the Redeemer, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Giver of Life, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life. be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

God be with you

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The Dismissal

CelebrantGo now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!PeopleAmen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer List

The Prayer List is prayed on a regular basis by our Monday night Intercessory Prayer Group. We invite you to incorporate praying the list into your own prayer practices. To add a name to the prayer list, email <u>prayerbox@stjamesaustin.org</u>. Prayer requests from the website will be auto-forwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.

We give thanks for the birth of Oliver Atlas Hernandez, son of Terra Estep and Dorian Hernandez, and Neal Wilson Patel, son of Megan Schneider and Chirag Patel.

We pray for (3 weeks list): Katie McKinney Jones and Dorothy Ruhl

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Jeremy Alexander, Georgetta Bryant, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anget, Marcia Ellison, Susan Gunn, BJ Taylor, Russel Taulli, Pedro E., Robin Fuller, Kisa Niewenhuis, Frank Weir and his family, Candice Brown, Jacob Schumacher and his family, Shirley Gordon, Bowen W., Vanessa Williams, Jim Burgess, Cindy, Jason and Jalen Castillo, Niesha Jones, Truitt Ray, Jerry, Marty, Emma McPherson, Pat, Kamilah Myrie, Tom and Dee Esquivel, Sammie A. Eppright, David Batty, Samuel Carothers, Anna Pecorino, Philip and family, John White, Brigitte Rhedin, Dan Shaw, Kirk Richter, Raymond Coleman, Cecilia Harris, Lily Thomas, Sandra Gilkey, Leslie Rose, Sean Calloway, Miles Calloway, Carrie Eppright-Givens, Clayton Givens, Roland Brown, Joy Roswell, Gaye Evans, Rose Watley, Carolyn Caffrey, Joseph Naranjo, Margaret Ann Bledsoe, Brandy, Andrea, Vanessa, Lorenza, Mrs. Lakevshia Brown, Pam Beachley, Mrs. Nesta Patrick, Stephanie Smith, Elizabeth Sherar Gammon and Steven Sherar, Rebecca Kary, Sherry Ward, Carrie Schumacher, William Collier, Adrian Spears, Mark Werner, Myrna, Evelyn Marie Taylor, Nellie White, Gail Jackson, James Gibson, Richard Ezell, Mary Glennie, Edith Conde and family, Jacob Blake, John Paul Guajardo, Richard White, Andre Watkins, Jana Murphy, Justin Howell and his family, Bruce Blackwell, Doug Lawrie, Tara Turner, Gertrude Fowler, Claudette Milne, Frankie Scott, Mark McCrary, Kési Anderson, Rev. James Palmore, Cleo B., Jason A., Reed B., Angelina, Mike C., Diane Hoffman, Brian M, Joyce, Ganelle, Noah, Thor, Troy, Allissa, Charlene Moore, Eugenia Hayes, Tim and Shalmah, Carol Daughtry, Rachel and Daniel, Rebekah, Diane Neill, Cecile, Mildred Grimble, Margie Lawson, Melvin Alfred, Natrice Harding, Anne Osbourne, Richelle Easley, Patricia Harding, Brandon Williams, Joey Ramirez, Marvin Sykes, Max and his mother, Paul Gill, Samuel Kraemer-Dahlin, Jacquelyn Ferrell Mccadden, Ursula Ferrell Jackson, Ronnie Yarmuck, Bertha Malone, Samah Al Adawi, Hazel Livingston, Arthur Shelton, Caren Bradshaw; and for all who are incarcerated and for their families, and all the refugees throughout the world. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for all who have died.

Announcements

Rev. Eileen is going on sabbatical, April 16 to July 15.

Every six years or so, clergy in the Diocese of Texas have an opportunity to take a sabbatical for refreshment and learning. This summer, Rev. Eileen will be celebrating 10 years since her ordination to the diaconate, and she will be taking her first ever sabbatical from April 16-July 15. While she is away, everything keeps going! There will be some great guest preachers during this time, supporting our own clergy. Vestry, staff, and other volunteers will be picking up responsibilities here and there. Our Associate Rector, The Rev. George Porter, will be the point person for pastoral care and the emergency pastoral care line, but he will share these responsibilities with those who have long-standing pastoral relationships. Your senior warden, Simone Talma Flowers, your junior warden, Jill LaCour, are here for you; and you will see Vestry people making announcements and available for you during Coffee Hour and time in the narthex. Your office staff, Aimee Estep and Diana Espinosa, will continue to keep you informed and keep us moving. We will be preparing for a strategic planning process that will lead into a Master Plan process during the fall, and, by the way, we will be the first congregation in the Diocese of Texas to do this work in a way that is intentional about lifting up the voices of our multicultural, multigenerational church community.

Rev. Eileen will be back in the office on July 15 having done some traveling, spent time with family, and worked on some writing.

Mueller Tuesdays April 23, 7-8 pm Cork Room at the Overture

Join the Rev. Jim Harrington in the Cork Room on the first floor of the Overture for a bible study. **May 2, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Join Restaurant Group! Our next meeting will be on May 2 at 6:30 pm at The Brewtorium near Lamar and Koenig. Let Teresa Chang know if you are coming so we know how many seats we need to save. See you there!

Vacation Bible School at St. David's

St. James' Children's Ministries will be working with St. David's for Vacation Bible School this year. May 28-31 (Tuesday-Friday), 9 am-12 pm, Age 3-5th grade (Scholarships are available, thru Rev. Robby or Rev. Jim) Register at <u>https://stdave.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/8c423282-</u> <u>4848-4e7d-bd7f-e2c111135618</u>

Volunteers needed!

Welcome Table needs volunteers for Neighbor 2 Neighbor in April and May. This is a time when a lot of our regular volunteers travel, so jump in where you can! Did you know that we have been distributing almost as many bags of food on Tuesdays as we did during the height of the pandemic? The need is great! Small teams of work colleagues are welcome. Sign up with this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-PujU4wjnn4P95K7-

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