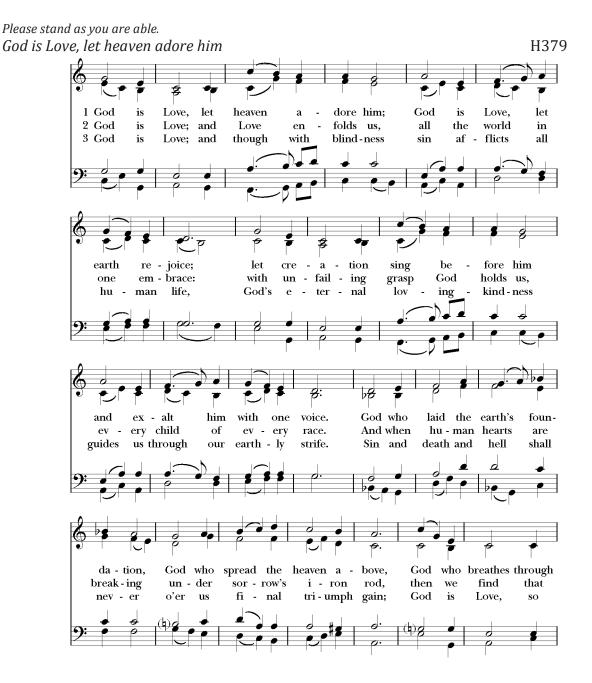


St. James' Episcopal Church April 28, 2024 10:30 am The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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





The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray together.

People 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.

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The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Lector

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found

	himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.
Lector People	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Psalm	Psalm 22:24-30
	My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
	The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
	"May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
	For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.
	To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.
	My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
	They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

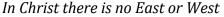
Lector

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.





The Gospel

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Teri Calinao, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

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; 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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	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,		
People	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 PeaceCelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries.

Announcements and Blessings

Birthday Prayer

People Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

People Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

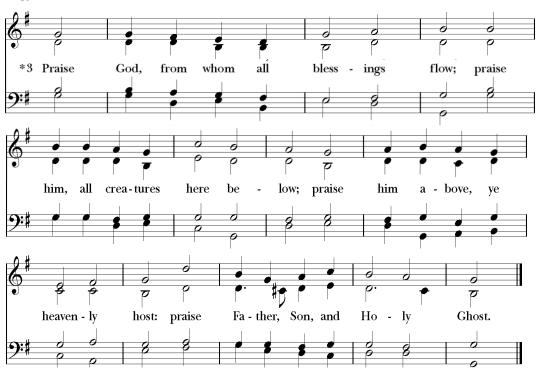


The plates will be passed during the offertory, but you may also make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex (lobby) or by using this QR code.

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The Doxology

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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:

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Celebrant

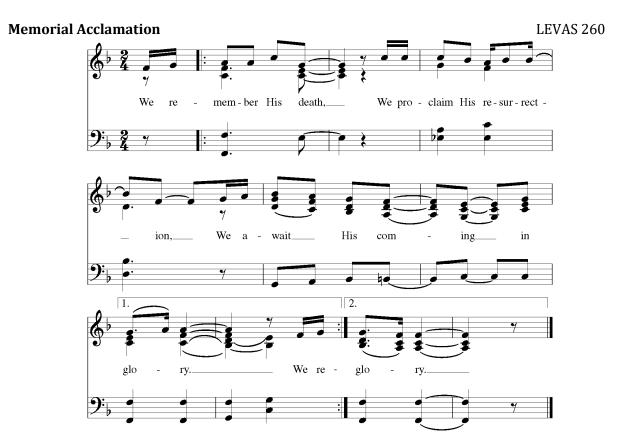
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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,



Celebrant 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 St. 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.

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The Great Amen

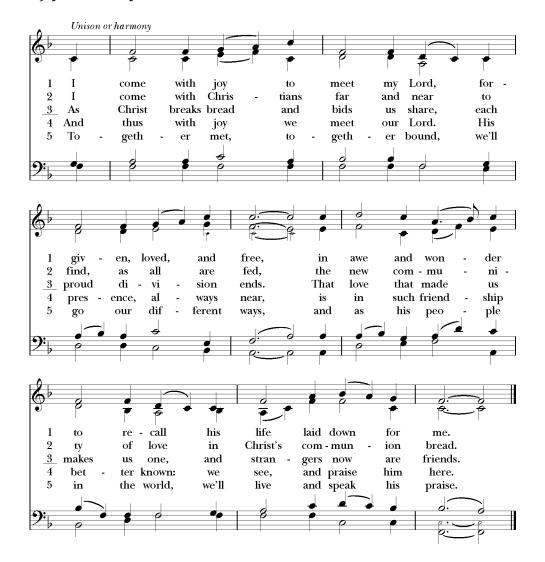


Celebrant **People** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant	Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant	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.
	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 upon request.





The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

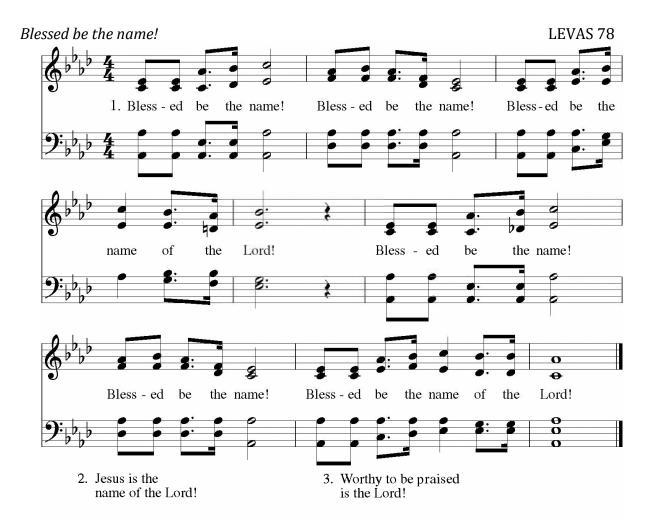
The Blessing

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

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

God the Holy Spirit, 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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**



The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People	Thanks be to God. 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 pray for (3 weeks list): The White family and Kelly Cooper.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Jeremy Alexander, 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, Gave Evans, Rose Watley, Carolyn Caffrey, Joseph Naranjo, Margaret Ann Bledsoe, Brandy, Andrea, Vanessa, Lorenza, Mrs. Lakeyshia Brown, Pam Beachley, 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 Haves, 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, including Dorothy Ruhl, and Ann Hardy, wife of John White. Notes of condolence may be sent to the White Family at 2600 Stratford Drive, Austin, Texas 78746.

Announcements

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!

May 11, 9-11:30 am: St. James' will be hosting a first aid training. Participants will receive a first aid certification certificate upon completion of the course. Things to note:

1. You must be present for the entire course.

2. St James is covering the cost. If you later realize you cannot attend, please

contact **office@stjamesaustin.org** asap so we can fill your spot.

3. Limited spots available

4. This training focuses on First Aid only, not CPR or AED.

May 12: Thurgood Marshall/Mother's Day

Join on May 12 as we honor the life and legacy of Thurgood Marshall and celebrate mothers everywhere. The Hon. Lora Livingston will preach.

May 19: Pentecost This is the Day of Pentecost! Email <u>office@stjamesaustin.org</u> if you want to join in the reading of Acts in many languages. Wear red. The Rev. Steven Tomlinson will preach. We will also be celebrating our seminarians. Bring a prepared dish from your heritage to share after the 10:30 service.

May 19, 2-4 pm: Trinity Center Our team prepares and serves a meal and prays with our neighbors at Trinity Center. Email Will Clark at <u>will.clark.jr@gmail.com</u> for more information or to join the team.

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, contact the Rev. Jim Harrington at <u>jim@stjamesaustin.org</u>.) Register at <u>https://stdave.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/8c423282-4848-4e7d-bd7f-</u> <u>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-Kx0iNpEI7uuSy57U4G4F8LL66I93zA/viewform or contact Emily at emily@welcometable.org.

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