

St. James' Episcopal Church May 12, 2024

10:30 am

Commemoration of Thurgood Marshall The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Please stand as you are able. In Christ there is no East or West

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The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

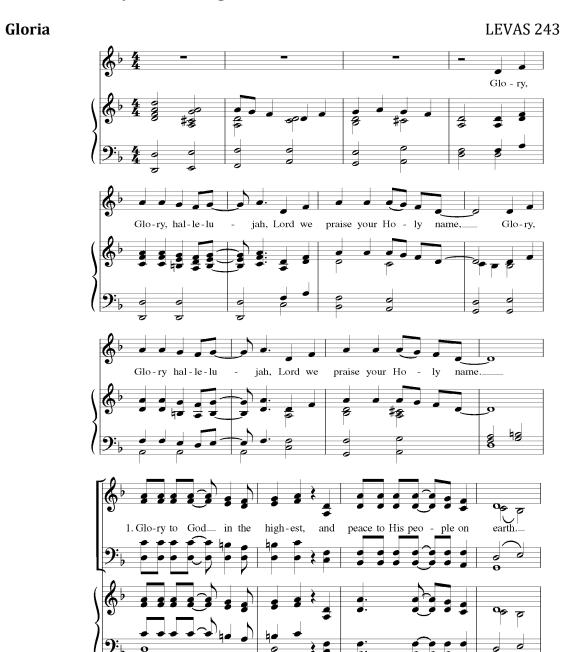
Collect for Purity

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.











The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal and ever-gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood Marshall with exceptional grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Reading Amos 5:10-15

Lector A reading from Amos.

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

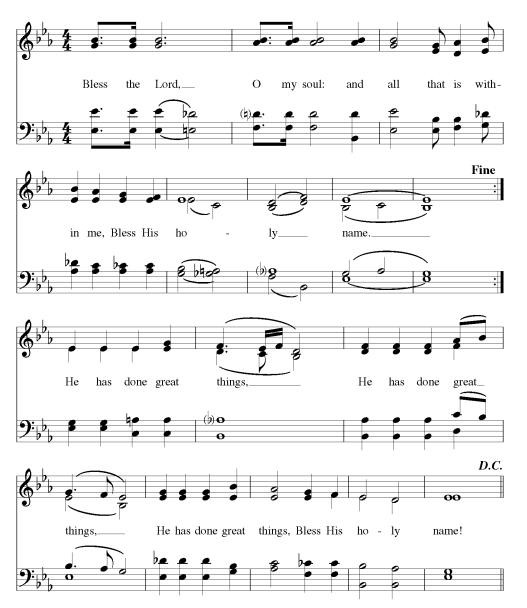
Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

Bless the Lord LEVAS 65



The Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed

The Hon. Lora Livingston

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

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving. We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us.

We pray for our Mother the Church, a never-ending source of life and grace.

We pray for wisdom, forbearance and courage in the life of our nation.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and ask you to comfort

and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends,

through whom we learn to love and to be loved.

God of love.

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Today, gracious God, we offer prayers for all mothers.

We pray for the mothers who cared for us when we were helpless;

who comforted us when we were hurt:

whose love and care we sometimes took for granted.

We pray for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for mothers by adoption and foster care;

for new mothers as they rise to new responsibility;

for mothers in all their challenges throughout the years of child-raising:

that new energy will surge up when weariness overwhelms;

that balance of work and family will be within reach;

that generosity of heart will be sustainable in times of financial distress $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$

and especially in situations of poverty;

that optimism and vision will be close at hand as mothers confront all their

children's limitations, and their own.

God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We rejoice with mothers as they rejoice in their children:

finding their lives more full as their children grow in the image of God; blessing and strengthening the relationships with their household; discovering the richness of Jesus' final commandment to love as he loves.

God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray especially for mothers who undergo great stress:

those who raise children alone and without support;

those who care for the children of others;

those separated from their children by war, disaster or incarceration in prison;

those who have lost a child;

those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled;

that they may find sufficient strength to know the nearness of God when times are

darkest. God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Finally, we lift up in prayer all the fruits of childhood completed: that mothers will

come to experience fullness of life after their children

have left home;

that their children will grow into adulthood, prosper in humanity and spirit;

that their children may be blessed as parents in their turn;

and that we all may be renewed in the gifts our mother gave, when the

time comes to grieve her death.

Bless all mothers, therefore, that their love may be deep and tender,

that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,

that they would live, not for themselves alone, but for God and neighbor.

God of love.

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

Hear the prayers of your people.

People Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please by mindful of each other's varied boundaries.

Announcements

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.

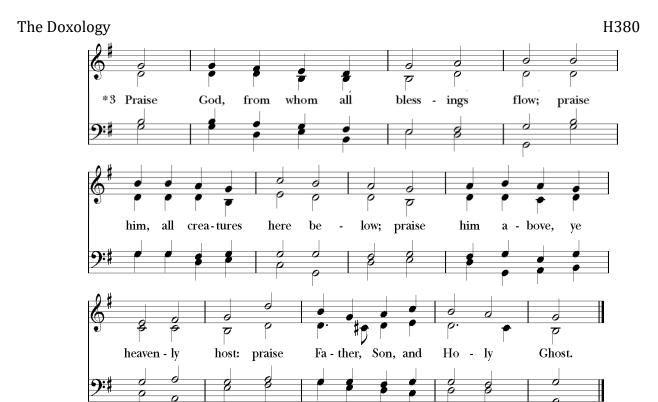
Offertory



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.

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

Trad. Spiritual, arr. M. Hogan Odyessey Francis, Soprano Dorothy Randall, Piano



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give 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; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens

of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 LEVAS 253







Please remain standing as you are able.

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,

Memorial Acclamation

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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. **AMEN.**

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

People 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.**

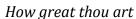
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

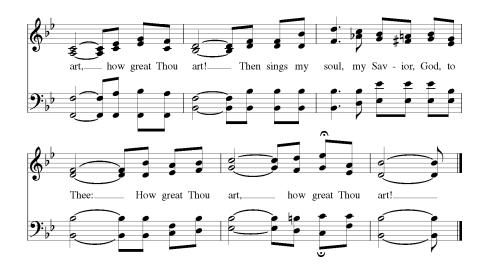
People You are welcome at this table.

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

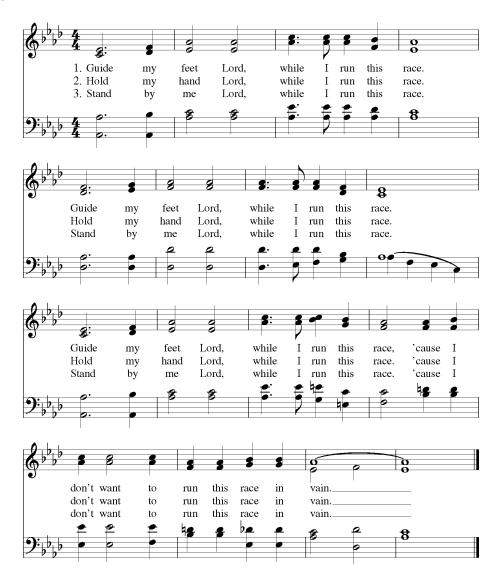


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Guide my feet WLP 819



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

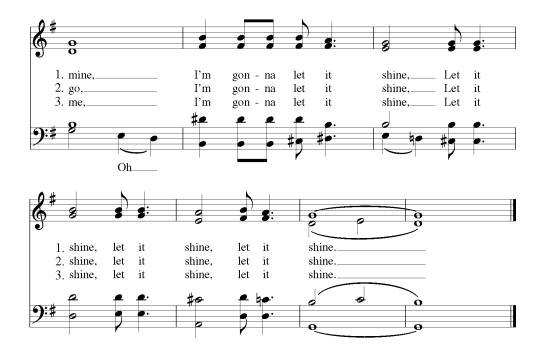
God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

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 prayer prayer practices. Prayer requests from the website will be autoforwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.

We pray for (3 weeks list): Gina Hall, Albert Black, Sharon Bennett, and Roy Pearce.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Jeremy Alexander, Clarence, Lorenza, Donna Plowman, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anqet, 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. 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 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

The Philadelphia Eleven: The First Ordained Female Priests in The Episcopal Church

A documentary movie about this momentous event will have its only planned local screening this Tuesday, May 14, 7:15 pm at the Regal Gateway Theatre. A panel discussion with Bp. Kai Ryan and Dean Cynthia Kittredge will follow the screening. Buy tickets at https://experience.regmovies.com/select-tickets?site=0949&id=234875

May 18: Celebration of the Life of Ann Hardy

Please join us for the Celebration of Life of Ann Hardy, beloved wife of John White on May 18 at 11 am at St. James'. Reception following.

May 18, 4:30-6 pm: Freedom Schools Pre-Summer Gathering

Harambee! It's Kiswahili for "let's pull together," and it's what we're all about at Freedom School. Let's pull together for a pre-summer gathering of Freedom Schools families, staff, and volunteers. All are welcome-- from seasoned, multi-year participants to curious-to-learn-more newbies. Snacks provided! See you in Founders Hall!

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 will.clark.jr@gmail.com for more information or to join the team.

May 26: Trinity Sunday/Milestone Sunday

We want to celebrate your milestones. Did you graduate? Did you retireFill out the form at https://stjamesaustin.breezechms.com/form/milestone-sunday-20226560. You may also email your milestone with a picture to the office@stjameaustin.org.

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. Contact Emily at emily@welcometable.org for more information.

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