



St. James' Episcopal Church

October 6, 2024

5 pm

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Gathering of the Community

Presider In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life.

People **Amen.**

Presider Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

People **God is with us, here we find new life.**

Glorious is the Name of Jesus

LEVAS 63

Glo - rious is the Name of Je - sus, Prais - es to His

Name. Oh, glo - rious and right - eous and

Ho - ly is His Name. Oh, glo - ri - ous is His

Name. I feel His pres - ence

in this place, His Spir - it has con - trol, - Can't you

feel His warm em - brace - and all the joy - with - in your

soul, - Oh, - glo - ri - ous is - His -

Name, Oh, - glo - ri - ous is - His - Name. -

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.

1.
Praise, praise, hon - or and glo - ry, Praise, praise,
hon - or and glo - ry, Hon - or and glo - ry to Christ, our King.

2.

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God, our judge and savior, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Lector A reading from the Book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Lector
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 26

Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots,

and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity;
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

**My foot stands on level ground;
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.**

The Second Reading

Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

There's not a friend

LEVAS 90

1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus,
 2. No friend like Him is so high and ho - ly,
 3. There's not an hour that He is not near us,
 4. Did ev - er saint find this Friend for - sake Him?
 5. Was e'er a gift like the Sav - ior giv - en?

1. No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our
 2. No, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so
 3. No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His
 4. No, not one! no, not one! Or sin - ner find that He
 5. No, not one! no, not one! Will He re - fuse us a

1. soul's dis - eas - es, No, not one! no, not one!
 2. meek and low - ly, No, not one! no, not one!
 3. Love can cheer us, No, not one! no, not one!
 4. would not take him? No, not one! no, not one!
 5. home in heav - en? No, not one! no, not one!

Je - sus knows all a - bout our strug - gles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one! no, not one!

The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

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

People **Praise and Glory to God.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Addison McMillan, Curate

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 Gracious God, you invite us to your table with generosity. May our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls respond in gratitude.

Lord, hear our prayer.

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Holy God, kindle the hearts of the stewards of your Church, that it may be a place of refuge and restoration, of compassion for the distressed and challenge to oppressors. May all who worship you be a light shining in the darkness.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Mighty God, humble everyone in positions of power, that they might lead as servants, mindful of those who hunger and hurt, seeking always to be wise stewards of resources and faithful ministers of justice.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Tender God, bring balm to the places where we despair. Help us to hear harmonies and see beauty where discord and disfiguration abound. Make us messengers of your good news, that we may flourish as you intend all of Creation to flourish.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Loving God, speak to us in the sweet tones of an evening breeze, a gentle stream, a child's laughter. Help us to know that the end of all your designs and desires is love.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Into your abundant heart, O God, we offer the cares and thanksgivings of our hearts.

For what shall we give thanks today? *(Pause to rejoice in thanksgiving with the community.)*

For whom shall we pray? *(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*

We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Whom shall we remember and not forget? *(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Presider Loving and gracious God, you have planted us in this time and place. Awaken us to the ways we can serve those around us, and help us be honest about our own needs. We give thanks for the many gifts you have placed in our care, and ask for wisdom and generosity in sharing what you have so abundantly bestowed. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

In the silence, we are invited to examine the brokenness in our own lives and in the world and to pray that, with God's merciful help, we might set our feet upon paths of repentance.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave. His death has broken death and opened for us the new and living way. Christ is now our peace, our freedom and our joy.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

Sanctus

LEVAS 253

ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might,

1. Heav - en and earth are full
 2.,3. Bless - ed is he who comes

1. of your glo - ry.
 2.,3. in the name of the Lord.

1.,2.
 Ho - san - na! Ho - san -

na in the high

est. san na! Ho

san na in the high est.

As you are able, please remain standing or kneel.

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 the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation

LEVAS 258

Christ has died. Christ is

ris - en. — Christ will come a - gain.

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

LEVAS 261

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Presider As Christ has taught us to pray, we are bold to sing,

D D A D

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven,

5 D C D G

Hal - low - ed be Your Name. Your king - dom come, Your

8 D C D

will be done one earth as in hea - ven

12 D A D D G D

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the bo - dy of Christ.

3 *People*

We who are ma - ny are one - bo - dy for we all share the one 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.

O Lord hear my pray'r

LEVAS 827

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Fine

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

People **Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People **Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People Praise to God who is revealed as love.
 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

Presider Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Thank you, Lord

LEVAS 232

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord." The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff.

Deacon Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
People Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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 prayerbox@stjamesaustin.org. Prayer requests from the website will be auto-forwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.

We pray for (3 weeks list): the Thompson family, the Henna family, Jim Burgess, Horace Bledsoe, and Mohamad Ali, Sr.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Kevin Reed, The Rev. Dr. Sondra Coleman, Historic St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Ashville, NC., Geneva Elliott, Larry Schanki, Amy, Sharon Bennett, Aziza, Jeremy and Shelby, Jimmy Alexander, Mahealani, Robin Clough Powell, Melinda King, John Baxton, Mary Ellen, Curt Jones, James Gibson, Carolyn Caffrey, Michele Bondy, Jeremy Alexander, Clarence, Lorenza, Donna Plowman, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anqet, 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, 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, including Carolyn Crisp Gipson, mother of Marci Henna and Vashti Thompson, wife of the Rev. Edward Thompson. Notes of condolences may be sent to the Henna family at 9011 Atwater Cove, Austin, Tx 78733 and to the Thompson family at 3608 Mocha Trail, Austin, Tx 78728.

Announcements

Be a Jazz Angel

Angels are sponsors who help make Jazz at St. James' possible every year! Your Jazz Angel sponsorship includes tickets to the concert on the night(s) of your choice as well as exclusive tickets for our Jazz Angels Banquet, 5-7 pm on Saturday, November 16.

Make your Jazz Angel reservation at <https://www.jazzatstjames.org/angels/> or at St. James' on Sunday. There will be table in the narthex. For more information, contact office@stjamesaustin.org.

New to St. James'? Interested in making a commitment to Christian community?

This semester we are offering two newcomers classes in English for adults and youth. Maybe you are new to our community, and you want to meet other newcomers as well as ministry leaders so that you can figure out how to connect more deeply. Maybe you are interested in baptism or confirmation, in reception from another denomination or reaffirmation of your vows when the bishop visits on December 22. Maybe you want to learn more about our Episcopal identity or the history of St. James'. All of these are good reasons to register for one of these classes.

Class Option A: Sundays, 12-1 pm, September 29-November 3. This in-person 6-session class includes both basics of the faith and specifics of St. James' life. There is a little light reading. Okay if you miss a class.

Class Option B: Saturdays, 12-3 pm, December 7 & 14. These two in-person Saturday sessions cover the same ground as Option A but require a slightly longer attention span. Good news: Lunch provided.

Interested? Contact Rev. Eileen at rector@stjamesaustin.org

Mueller Tuesdays at the Overture, October 8, 7 pm:

Join us for Mueller Tuesdays in the Cork Room at the Overture (4818 Berkman Dr). Join us for Bible Study. Mueller Tuesdays are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

St. James' 20s & 30s Wednesday, October 9, 7-8:30 pm

Join us for bible study and conversation in Founders Hall.

Vashti Thompson Memorial Service, October 17, 3 pm

Please consider joining us in celebrating Vashti Thompson's life on Friday, October 18. We will hold a memorial service at St. James'.

Parish Workday, October 18, 9 am to 12 pm

Join us for our fall/winter Parish Workday between 9 am and 12 pm and help make our grounds look good. We will have the tools; you bring the willing hands!

Dr. James Edwin Polk Memorial Service at Wesley United Methodist Church, October 19, 12 pm

Join the Austin Jazz community as they honor the life of Dr. James Edwin Polk. A memorial service will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1164 San Bernard St. In addition to being a phenomenal musician, Dr. Polk was one of our jazz headliners and longtime friend of St. James'.

Jazz at St. James', November 15-17

Join us for two unforgettable evenings of live jazz music on November 15 and 16 and a Jazz Mass on Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am, at St. James' Episcopal Church. Celebrate three decades of incredible performances in a beautiful and sacred setting. The sparkling brilliance of our headliner Tia Fuller will move you and lift your spirit. Don't miss this special milestone event - mark your calendars now! Get the schedule, sponsorship opportunities, and your tickets at <https://www.jazzatstjames.org/>.

Volunteers needed!

Welcome Table needs volunteers for Neighbor 2 Neighbor. 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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