

St. James' Episcopal Church November 10, 2024 5 pm

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Come, Thou fount

LEVAS 111





Presider Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

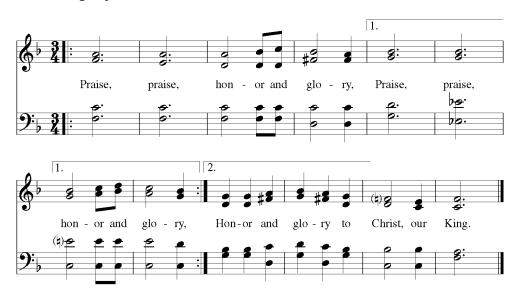
People Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for

the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Presider Let us praise God.

Praise, praise, honor and glory

LEVAS 246



The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Presider Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your

word and we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-38

Lector

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

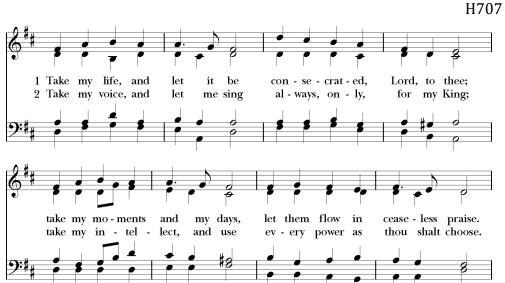
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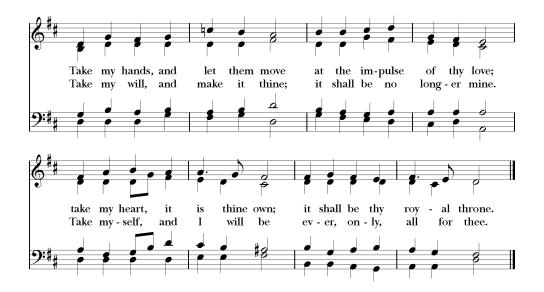
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People

Thanks be to God.

Take my life





The Gospel Mark 12:38-48

Presider **People**

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

Praise and glory to God.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

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 Fulfill your dream of liberty for all people, Almighty One, as we come to you in hope,

praying: Let your justice roll down like water, and righteousness like a mighty

stream.

Intercessor You have called your Church out of bondage into the blessed liberty of the Gospel of

Jesus Christ, O Holy One: Grant us courage to confront injustice with your disarming grace and to follow your commandment to love our enemies, do good, and lend,

expecting nothing in return.

Let your justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Intercessor We know that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere: Inspire the

leaders of the world to heed the call of the suffering and to resist the oppression and exploitation of all taskmasters, O Mighty God, that we may all work together to make

equality and justice a reality for all God's children.

Let your justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Intercessor Look upon your children who live with poverty, racism, violence, or abuse and

comfort them with champions of mercy, O Compassionate One, that all humanity may be inspired to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Let your

justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Intercessor Fill this community with your love, O Gracious One, that we may walk in the light of

creative altruism and not in the darkness of destructive selfishness, sitting together

with our neighbors at the table of brotherhood.

Let your justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Intercessor We pray for all who need the comfort of your divine protection and healing

presence, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud.

(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)

We give you thanks for the goodness and blessing of life. (Pause to rejoice in

thanksgiving with the community.)

We remember those who have died in the struggle for justice, and all others whom we commend to your eternal arms. (Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer

your own.)

Let your justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Presider We give you thanks, our God, and we commit ourselves to contend against evil and

to make no peace with oppression. We ask that we may reverently use our freedom to build justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

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.

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

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

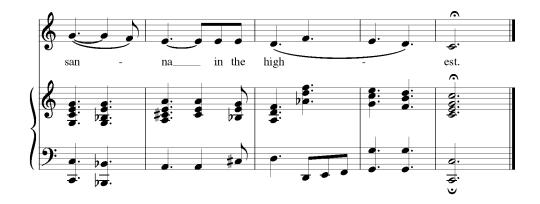
thanks and sing:

Sanctus LEVAS 253









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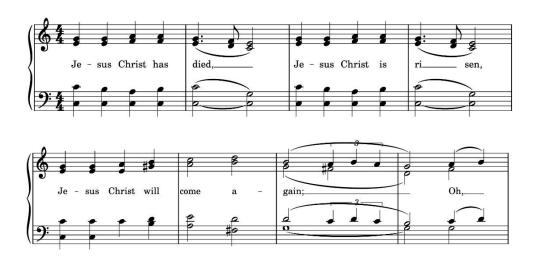
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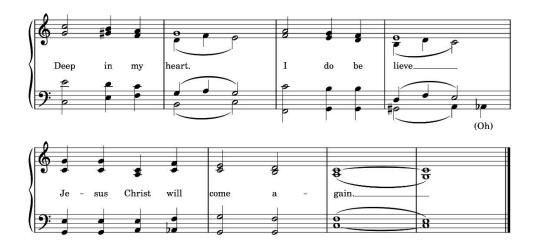
All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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



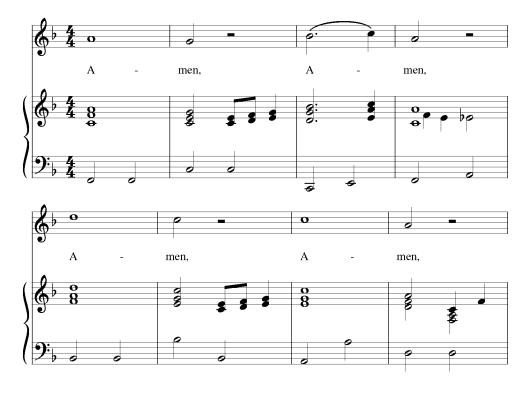


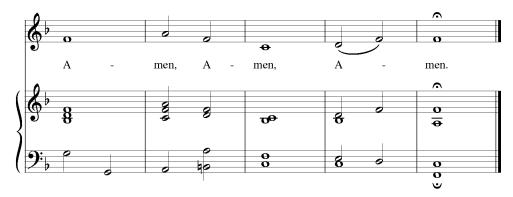
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Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with heavenly food, renew 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





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





The Breaking of the Bread





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

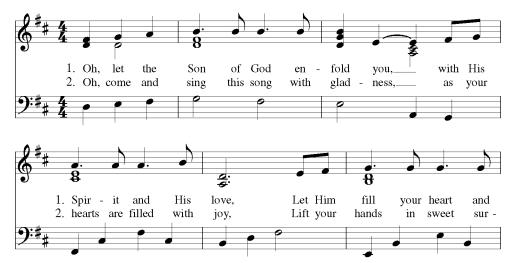
People May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Presider Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

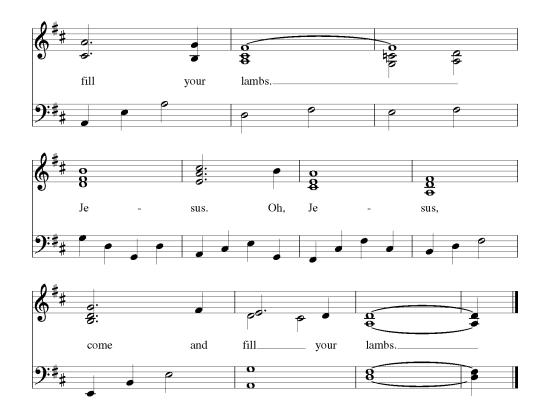
People You are welcome at this table.

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









Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

PeoplePraise 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.

PeoplePraise 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 Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love

mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer,

and Giver of Life. be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.



The Dismissal of the Community

Presider 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 prayer requests from the website will be auto-forwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.

We pray for (3 weeks list): Bradshaw family, Susana Almanza, Margaret and Gabriel.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Kevin Reed, the Rev. Dr. Sondra Coleman, Cliff Keeling, Historic St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Ashville, NC Geneva Elloitt, Larry Schanki, Amy, Sharon Bennett, Aziza, Horace Bledsoe, Jeremy and Shelby, Jimmy Alexander, Mahealani, Robin Clough Powell, Melinda King, John Baxton, Mary Ellen, Curt Jones, James Gibson, Michele Bondy, Jeremy Alexande, Donna Plowman, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anget, 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; 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 Caren Bradshaw.

Announcements

Don't forget to turn your pledge cards in for 2025. You may drop them in the offertory box. You can make your pledge using this QR code:



Jazz at St. James' Schedule

Join us for the 30th Anniversary concerts and the Jazz Mass on November 15-17, 2024. This year's festival will feature the world-class saxophonist, Tia Fuller and her band. Get your tickets at

https://www.jazzatstjames.org/.

Friday, November 15

6:00 pm: Social Hour begins for ticket holders.

7:00 pm: Doors open.

7:30 pm: The concert begins in-person. Featuring Tia Fuller and her band.

Saturday, November 16

7:00 pm: Doors open for the concert 7:30 pm: The concert begins in-person.

Featuring the incredible Tia Fuller and her band

Presentation of the A.D. Mannion Award

Sunday, November 17

The Sunday Jazz Mass

10:30 am: Join us in person for a joyous service of worship. You can also live stream by going to https://stjamesaustin.org/worship-online/.

Featuring: Tia Fuller and her band and the St. James' Choir

The Jazz Mass is our annual Feast of Holy Improvisation at St. James' Episcopal Church, featuring Tia Fuller and her band and the St. James' Choir. The Rev. Eileen O'Brien will preach. The Lonnie Jackson Award will be presented.

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

In December, we are offering a 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. Saturdays, 12-3 pm, December 7 & 14. Lunch is provided. Interested? Contact Rev. Eileen at **rector@stjamesaustin.org**

Mueller Tuesdays, November 12, 7-8 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.

iACT's 40th Annual Interfaith Day of Thanks Service & Celebration, Sunday, November 24, 3 pm Join us at the historic First Baptist Church of Austin (901 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78701) as we gather in gratitude and unity with diverse faith communities from across Austin. Bring a dish to share. No shellfish or pork please. Service will start at 3 pm followed by a reception at 4:30 pm.

Be part of this inspiring afternoon filled with prayers, reflections, and fellowship. RSVP at https://bit.lv/m/iACT.

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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