

St. James' Episcopal Church January 19, 2025 10:30 am The Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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



CelebrantBlessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

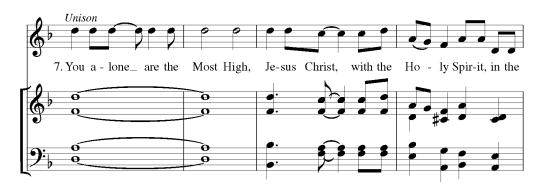
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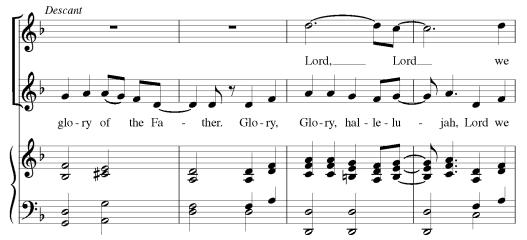
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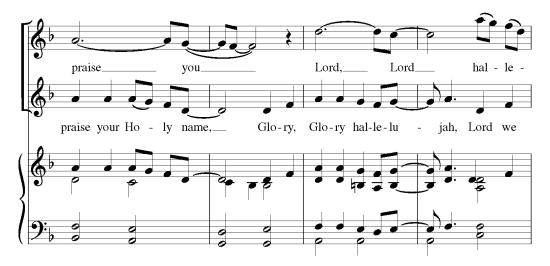














The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you. Celebrant Let us pray.

> Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last. Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 77:11-20

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 3:7-12

The Second Reading

Lector

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

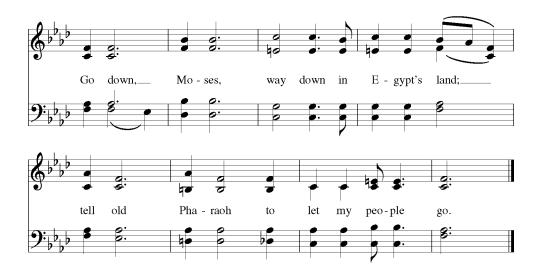
Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

1. When Is E - gypt's land, rael was in let my peo-ple go: 2. The Lord told Mo ses what to do. let my peo-ple go; 3. They go; jour - neved on at his com-mand, let my peo-ple 4. Oh, let all from flee, us bond - age let my peo-ple go; 1. op _ pressed so hard thev_ could not stand. let my peo-ple go. 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through. let my peo-ple go. 3. and at Ca-naan's land, let my come length to. peo-ple go. 4. and let all in. Christ be free, let my us peo-ple go.

Let my people go

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The Gospel

Deacon

People

Luke 6:27-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Addison McMillan, Curate

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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 People	 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, and righteousness like a mighty stream.
Intercessor People	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, and righteousness like a mighty stream.
Intercessor People	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 welcome table. Let your justice roll down like water, 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 the people or to offer your own.) We give you thanks for the goodness and blessing of life. (Pause to hear the prayers of the people or to offer your own.) We remember those who have died in the struggle for freedom, and all others whom we commend to your eternal arms. (Pause to hear the prayers of the people or to offer your own.) Let your justice roll down like water,
People Celebrant	and righteousness like a mighty stream. We give you thanks, our God, for the witness of your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., and we commit ourselves to the continuation of the struggle to resist oppression in the name of your love, until all of your people may be free at last, living together in
	your promised land of freedom and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

PeopleMost merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

	We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
	that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Celebrant	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

 People
 And also with you.

 Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries while greeting during the peace.

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

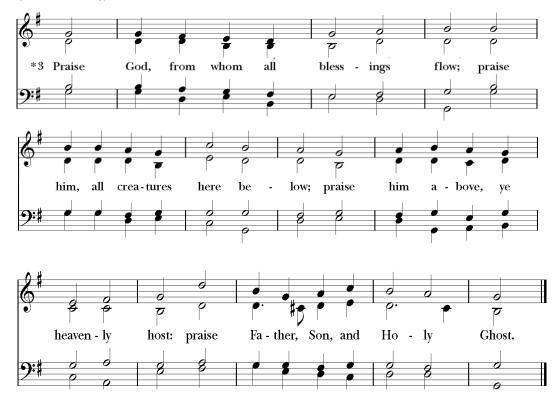
Lead With Love Please see notes on today's anthem on page 27. Melanie DeMore



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.

The Doxology

Please stand for the doxology.



The Holy Communion

Celebrant

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People

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People

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

the great Name of your only Son.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

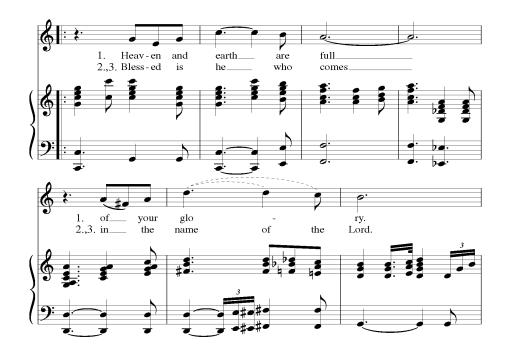
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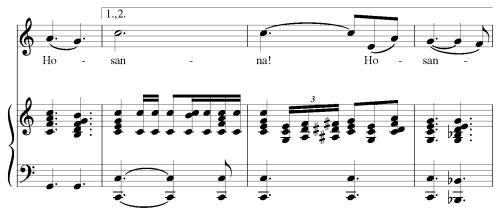
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your
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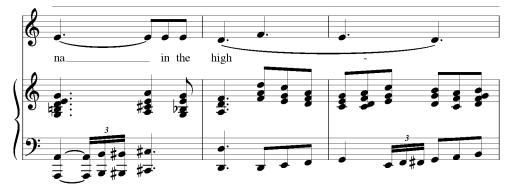
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants













Please kneel as you are able or remain standing.

Celebrant

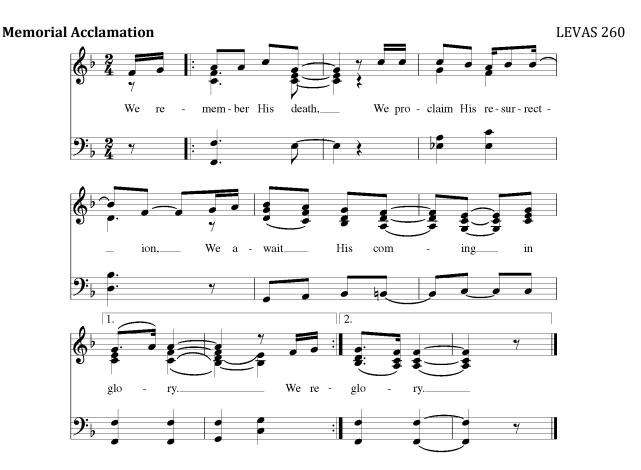
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the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

The Great 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.

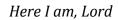
Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available.

Let us break bread together

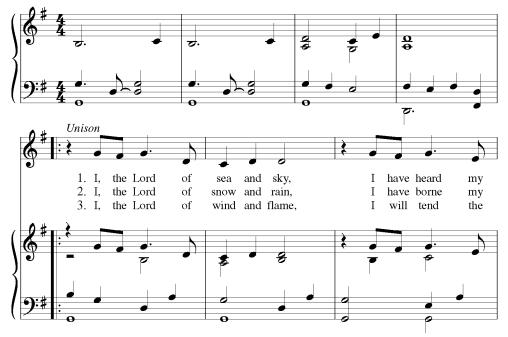
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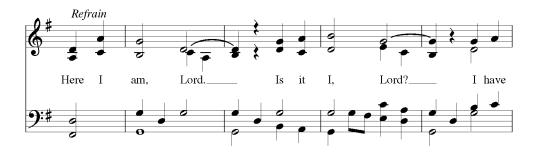




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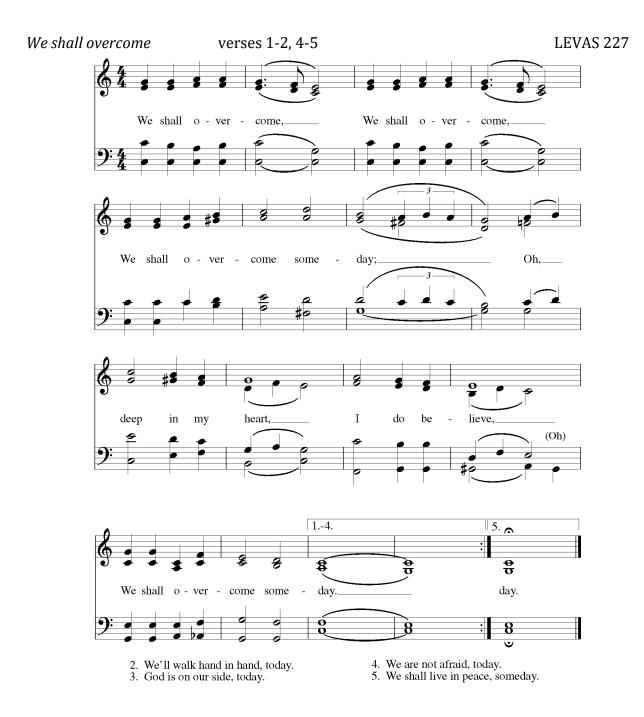












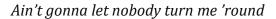
The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

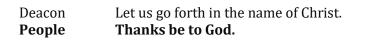
People Loving God, we give you thanks for gathering us and for pouring out your presence among us through your abundant Spirit. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

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







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): , Emma McPherson, Roxanne Bogucka, Paul Bogucki, Gloria Kennedy, Mathilde Hyam-Flores, Leopoldo Chavez, Huitzin Chavez, Ericka Orta, Arlene Youngblood, Austin Dale Maddux, and Nancy Mason.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Scott Alfano and family, Kevin Reed, the Rev. Dr. Sondra Coleman, Cliff Keeling, Historic St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC., Geneva Elliott, Larry Schanki, Amy, 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 Barbara Brown, mother of Roxanne Bogucka. Condolences may be sent to Roxanne Bogucka & Paul Bogucki, 1422 Broadmoor Drive, Austin TX 78723.

Announcements

Monday, January 20, MLK rally at the Capitol and March to Huston-Tillotson University

Tomorrow, be a part of the gathering at the south steps of the State Capitol for the rally and join us as we march to Huston-Tillotson University. We meet around 10 am. Look for the St. James' banner.

Wednesday, January 22, 20s and 30s Bible Study, 7pm

Join us Wednesday evening in the Orange Building for Bible Study and fellowship.

Save the Date, January 26, Annual Parish Meeting, 11:45 am

On behalf of the Vestry, Senior Warden Simone Talma Flowers invites you to the Annual Parish Meeting on the last Sunday of the month. We plan to conduct the 10:30 am service in record time in order to get you snacks, headsets for interpretation as needed, and to get everyone into the pews for the meeting. Plan to join us. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available. Elect new Vestry members; explore the budget; celebrate good news! Childcare is available with RSVP for ages infant through 5th grade. Contact <u>office@stjamesaustin.org</u> to reserve your childcare spot.

Monday January 28, Mueller Tuesdays, 7 pm-8 pm

Join us for Mueller Tuesdays at the Overture (4818 Berkman Dr., Austin, TX 78723). We will meet up in the Cork Room on the first floor.

Saturday, February 1, Brushbusters 9 am Brushbusters help care for the plants, trees and other green things on our campus grounds. Join us Saturday, February 1 at 9 am. Bring gloves, tools and your knowledge. For more information, contact Jill Lacour, Junior Warden at <u>jilllacour@yahoo.com</u>.

Thursday, February 6, Restaurant Group, 6:30 pm

We will meet at Love Supreme, 2805 Manor Road. It's helpful if you can email Teresa Chang at <u>turner.teresa@gmail.com</u> so we know how many seats to save. We meet on the first Thursday of the month.

Join the Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) packing team!

N2N has many regular volunteers from around Austin, but our shifts are often not full, especially during the first months of the year. With the packing team, small groups pack pantry staples, fresh produce, and diapers and then set up for afternoon service to our neighbors. It's meaningful and it's fun! Shifts are from 9-11am or from 11am-1pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Use this QR code to sign up:



Notes from the Composer

"Lead With Love" was written in answer to a call for connection in troubled times. It is about persistence, community and moving ahead. "One foot in front of the other" is a metaphor for determination and forward motion. I think of love warriors like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa; Ghandhi, Dolores Huerta. Al of them started their movements out of the love of their people not out of the hatred of someone else.

You are invited to sing with us! This song is not meant to be "listened to."

TEXT You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love, Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love!

Don't give up hope, You're not alone, Don't you give up, keep movin' on. (Chorus)

Lift up your eyes and don't you despair. Look up ahead, the path is there. (Chorus)

I know you're scared, and I'm scared, too But here I am, right next to you! (Chorus)

Melanie DeMore : Vocal Activist - is one of the most outstanding vocal artists of today helping to preserve the African American Folk Tradition through song and Gullah stick pounding. She is adjunct faculty at the California Institute for Integral Studies, Master teaching Artist for CalPerformances at UC Berkeley, a featured presenter for speakOut! the Institute for Social and Cultural Change and was the Artistic Conductor of The Oakland Children's Community Choir with Living Jazz for nine years.

Ms. DeMore says: "A song can hold you up when there seems to be no ground beneath you."