



St. James' Episcopal Church  
March 30, 2025  
10:30 am  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

**Penitential Litany**

*Hold us in your Mercy*

Cantor All  
Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

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4 Cantor All  
Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

*Antiphon*

Maker's love poured out from heaven, **hold us in your mercy.**  
Mercy's word made flesh among us, **hold us in your mercy.**  
Born as one of homeless pilgrims, **hold us in your mercy.**  
Sent to bring the poor good news, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who shared the sinner's table, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who cleansed the leper's flesh, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who shared our life and labor, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who chose to walk our roads, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who silence raging demons, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who bid the storm be silent, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, whose cross has gone before us, **hold us in your mercy.**  
You, who bear our cross with us, **hold us in your mercy.**

Innocent, you faced the guilty, **hold us in your mercy.**  
One in death with us forever, **hold us in your mercy.**

Come and break the chains that bind us; **hold us in your mercy.**  
Free us from addiction's prison; **hold us in your mercy.**  
Break the power of the darkness; **hold us in your mercy.**  
Let us rise to life with you; **hold us in your mercy.**

Celebrant      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People         **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant      Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."      *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

**Most 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.**

*Kyrie*

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Lord, have \_\_\_ mer - cy, Christ, have \_\_\_ mer - cy.



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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called your servants Óscar Romero and Cesar Chavez to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give their lives as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, and those who gave themselves to the farmworkers movement, we may without fear witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Lector A reading from Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lector

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God

was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

*Eternal Lord of love*

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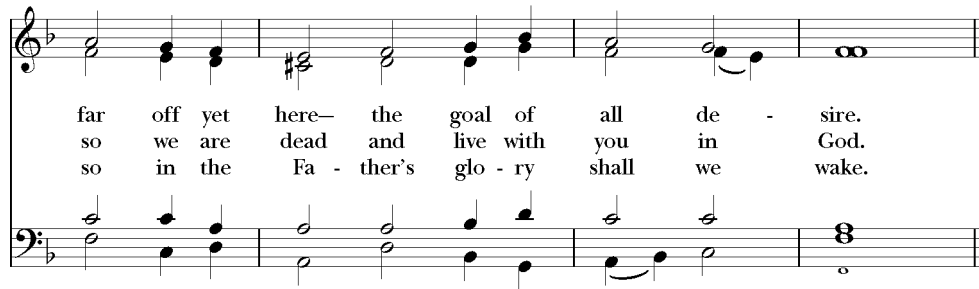
*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self, rise,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves and bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,



## The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon  
People

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father,

'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

## **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant       Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Intercessor Gracious God, you fill us with faith and courage to confront the world's injustice and to carry your abundant love to all the world: Hear us as we pray, saying: We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor Raise up evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, who will preach the Gospel to those who are far off and to those who are near, and bring the unsearchable riches of Christ to all people.

**People** We give thanks to God in prayer;  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

Intercessor Direct the counsel and knowledge of all leaders, Almighty One, that they may confront injustice and racism with words and acts of wisdom and compassion. We give thanks to God in prayer;

**People** **fill us with your Spirit.**

Intercessor Visit with your healing power all who live in places of thorns and threat, violence and racism, the rocky soil and scorched earth of poverty and injustice: Sow your seeds of love into the soil of good hearts, that the earth may bring forth an abundant harvest of justice and truth.

**People** We give thanks to God in prayer;  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

Intercessor Revive our souls, O Gracious One, and fill our communities with perseverance and enduring faith, that with warm, emotional and impulsive energy we may reclaim neighborhoods in kindness and in peace.

**People** We give thanks to God in prayer;  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

Intercessor Into your abundant heart, O God, we offer the cares and thanksgivings of our hearts, *(prayers may be offered, either silently or aloud)*

**People** **fill us with your Spirit.**

Presider Loving and gracious Father, you called Oscar Romero, Cesar Chavez, and all your faithful servants to bring leadership and hope to your Church: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may continue the work, building institutions and relationships of justice, truth, and reconciling peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **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

### 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

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

David Rasbach

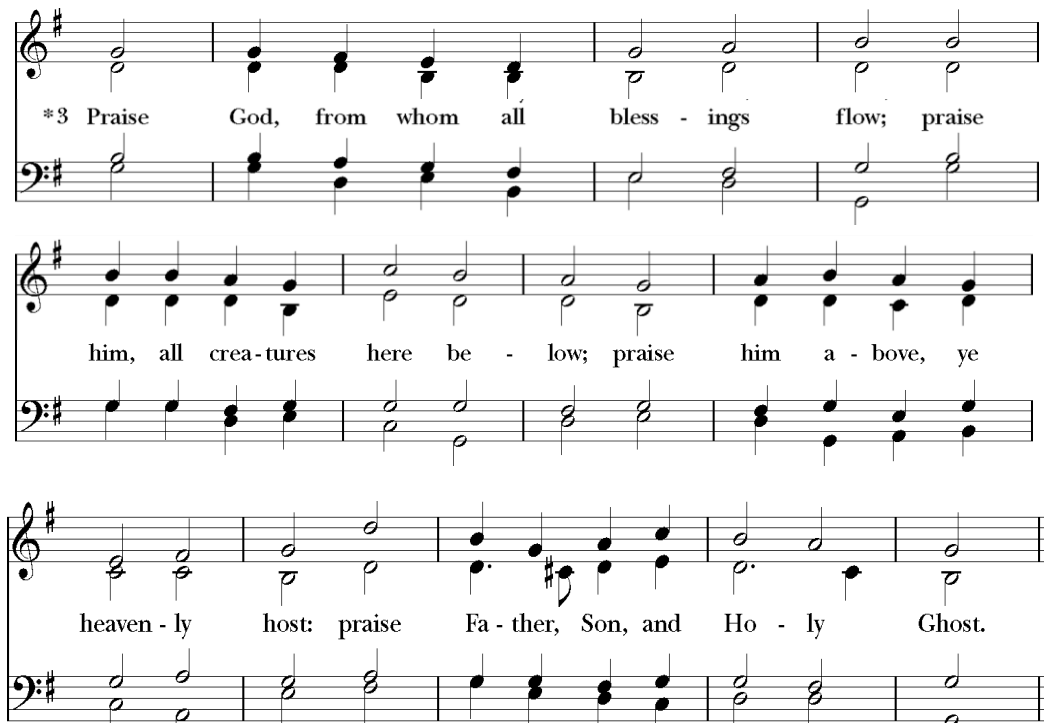


*The plates will be passed during the offertory, but you may also make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex (lobby) or by using this QR code.*

### The Doxology

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*Please stand for the doxology.*



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Holy Communion

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361*

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, featuring parts for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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*

S 130

Musical notation for the Sanctus, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,"

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel or remain standing.*

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Memorial Acclamation

LEVAS 258

The musical score is for a Memorial Acclamation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Christ has died. Christ is". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "ris - en. Christ will come a - gain." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

# The Great Amen

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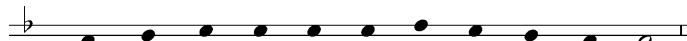
The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto register, and the piano accompaniment is in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

Celebrant  
People

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

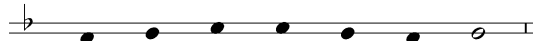
# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People



There-fore let us keep the feast.

*Agnus Dei*

LEVAS 270



Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: grant us peace.

**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.*

*What a friend we have in Jesus*

LEVAS 109

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



Amazing Grace!

1. A - ma - zing\_\_ Grace! How sweet the sound, that  
 2. T'was grace that\_\_ taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. The Lord has\_\_ pro - mised good to me, His  
 4. Through ma - ny\_\_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 5. When we've been\_\_ there ten thou - sand years, bright  
 6. Praise God...

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saved a\_\_ wretch like me! I  
 grace my\_\_ fears re - lieved; how  
 word my\_\_ hope se - cures; He  
 have al\_\_ rea - dy come; 'tis  
 shi - ning\_\_ as the sun, we've

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once\_\_ was\_\_ lost but now\_\_ am\_\_ found, was  
 pre\_\_ cious\_\_ did that grace\_\_ ap\_\_ pear, the  
 will\_\_ my\_\_ shield and por\_\_ tion\_\_ be, as  
 grace\_\_ that\_\_ brought me safe\_\_ thus\_\_ far, and  
 no\_\_ less\_\_ days to sing\_\_ God's\_\_ praise than

blind but now I see.  
 hour I first be - lieved.  
 long as life en - dures.  
 grace will lead me home.  
 when we'd first be - gun.

### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**People** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

### Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Leaning on the everlasting arms*

LEVAS 196

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,  
 2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path  
 3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 2. grows from day to day, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 3. with my Lord so near, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cre from all a-larms;  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

Lean-ing, lean-ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

### The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

### 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](mailto: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): Sylvia White, Ken Dawson, Sharon, Alton Reaves and family, the Sandra Clark- Bell Family, and the Wormley Family.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Sharon, Alton Reaves and family; Leroy Jefferson, Andrea Richardson and family, Eden Poon, Cara Ann Cummins, and her partner Kenneth, Fletcher Michael Francis and his family, Joel, Kurt, Sandy and the Armstrong family, Scott Alfano and family, Rene Beteille, Arlene Youngblood, Emma McPherson, Joann Darr, Kevin Reed, Amy Weir, the Rev. Dr. Sondra Coleman, Cliff Keeling, 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, 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, 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. Lakeysha 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, 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 The Rev. Johnny McQueen, Leroy A. Jefferson, and Sandra Clark-Bell, sister of Gail Wormley.

### **Announcements**

#### **Today: St. James' Lenten Tea, 3-5 pm**

Join us in Founders Hall for our annual Lenten Tea. There will be food, music, speakers and inspiration as we celebrate over forty years of observing this wonderful St. James' tradition.

#### **Wednesday, April 2: The Way of Hope**

##### **6:30-7 pm: Light Dinner; 7-8:30 pm Program**

The Rev. Addison McMillan will introduce you to the Easter Vigil as the central service of the Church Year, exploring the history, theology and practice of this ancient and always new liturgy.

#### **Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm, Restaurant Group**

We will meet at the Brewtorium, 6015 Dillard Cir A, Austin, TX 78752 . It's helpful if you can email Teresa Chang at [turner.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:turner.teresa@gmail.com) so we know how many seats to save. We meet on the first Thursday of the month.

#### **Saturday, April 9, 9-12 pm, Parish Workday**

It's time for a **Workday** to help maintain and improve our church facilities. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community and care for the place where we gather to worship and serve.

Breakfast provided! There will be various tasks available for all skill levels, including cleaning, painting, minor repairs, and more. Please bring work gloves if you have them.



#### **Easter Lilies Orders and Dedications**

Lilies beautify the church at Easter. These flowers can be given in memory, honor, or thanksgiving this Easter. The cost of the lilies is \$25 per plant. Orders may be placed by using the QR code, or by contacting [office@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:office@stjamesaustin.org).

### **Bring Easter Eggs for the kids!**

It is that time of year again. We really need your support in providing eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Please provide a dozen plastic Easter eggs filled with individually wrapped candies, stickers, small toys, etc. Please bring your eggs to the narthex by April 13th.

### **Volunteer with Freedom Schools this summer!**

Come join Welcome Table for our 12th summer of fun and inspiration at Freedom School (June 16-July 25)! Backstage volunteers chip in with preparation, behind-the-scenes, and follow-up. On-site volunteers get specialized training to help scholars practice reading, assist with afternoon activities, go on field trips and more. Youth volunteers are essential, too! For more information, contact [FSvolunteer@welcometableaustin.org](mailto:FSvolunteer@welcometableaustin.org)

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Use the QR code to sign up.

### **Serve the Immigrant Community**

We are in great need of volunteers to help with our Power of Attorney workshops for parents facing possible deportation. The POA gives custody to a family member or friend for kids whose parents are suddenly taken from them. This unfortunately happens more than you would want to believe. The volunteers help parents fill out the forms. It's easy work, and no experience needed. Our team works with you and provides guidance. We have a series of these workshops in various Austin locations throughout March. Notaries are also needed. We have served 37 families this month through the help of volunteers. Please help us pass the word to others who might be interested in this Gospel call. Contact the Rev. Jim Harrington at [jim@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:jim@stjamesaustin.org) for more information.

## The St. James' Episcopal Church

### Lenten Series 2025

Wednesday Nights

6:30-7pm light supper

7-8:30 pm gathering

**March 12**



#### **Passion: The Prophetic Way of Love in the Life and Teachings of Oscar Romero**

Join The Rev. Jim Harrington as we explore the themes of the Passion through the life, teachings, and martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.



**March 19**

#### **Maundy: Defying the Politics of Domination: At Table with Fannie Lou Hamer**

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien and seminarian Ari Gandy will explore the themes of Maundy Thursday in the life, rhetoric and song of Fannie Lou Hamer.



**March 26**

#### **Stations: The Way Through**

The Rev. Peter Akecmeir will explore the themes of Good Friday through the St. James' Stations of the Cross, created by Arleen Polite (d. July 2020). Arleen Polite was a member of St. James' and a talented woodcut artist with an enduring legacy.



#### **April 2 Vigil: The Way of Hope**

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#### **April 9 Easter: The Wounded and Resurrected Body**

Dr. Marlon Johnson, Dean of Community Life and Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at the Seminary of the Southwest, will explore what it means to step in to the mystery of Easter even as we carry the grief and legacy of struggle and woundedness.

# Lent and Holy Week at St. James' Episcopal Church



**Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025**

7:30 am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
 9 am - 4 pm Rite of Reconciliation by appt.  
 11:00 am - Ashes-for-the-Journey  
 3:30 pm Ashes-for-the- Journey  
 7:00 pm, Bilingual Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



**The St. James' Lenten Series**

Wednesday nights, March 12-April 9, 6:30 pm (light supper), 7-8:30 pm Learn



**Retiro de Cuaresma**  
**15 de marzo, 9 am - 12 pm**  
**Salón de los fundadores**



**The St. James' Lenten Tea**  
**3 - 5 pm, March 30**  
**Founders Hall**  
**Keynote: Stephanie Dodoo**



**Easter Vigil**  
**April 19**  
 8:00 pm

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13**  
 Services at  
 8:00 am, 10:30  
 am,  
 1:00 pm, and  
 5:00 pm.

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17**  
 Bilingual Service  
 starting at 7 pm

**Good Friday**  
**April 18**  
 Noonday Service  
 3:00 pm Via Crucis  
 at Casa Marianella  
 8:00 pm Good  
 Friday Project

**Easter Day**  
**April 20**  
 Services at 8:00  
 am, 10:30 am,  
 1:00 pm and 5:00  
 pm