

# St. James' Episcopal Church May 18, 2025

10:30 am

# Commemoration of Thurgood Marshall The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



# The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your

holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria LEVAS 243











# The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The First Reading Amos 5:10-15

Lector A reading from Amos.

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

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

Psalm Psalm 34:15-22

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Lector

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

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lector **People** 

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





The Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Deacon **People**  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

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

Deacon **People** 

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Addison McMillan, Curate

#### 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

Celebrant 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 oppression and exploitation, 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

Christ's self-giving and not in the darkness of destructive selfishness, sitting

together with our neighbors at the table as the children of God.

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 the community.)

We give you thanks for the goodness and blessing of life. For what shall we give

thanks? (Pause to hear the prayers of 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 the community.)

Let your justice roll down like water,

People and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Celebrant We give you thanks, our God, for the witness of your servant Thurgood Marshall,

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.

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.

# **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



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.

#### Ain'-a that Good News

William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom... I got a Savior in-a that kingdom...

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# **The Holy Communion**

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens

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

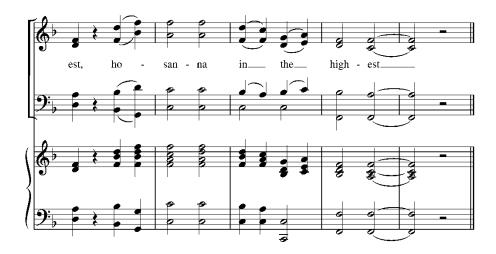
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Please remain standing as you are able.

#### Celebrant

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

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

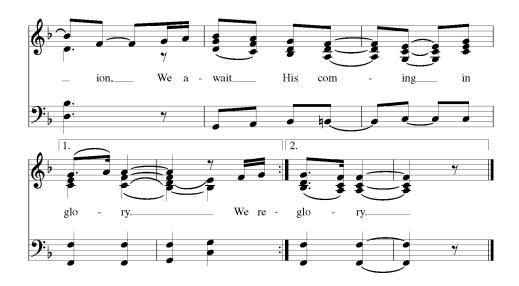
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

# **Memorial Acclamation**

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#### Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James' and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

#### The Great Amen



# 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 Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** 

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

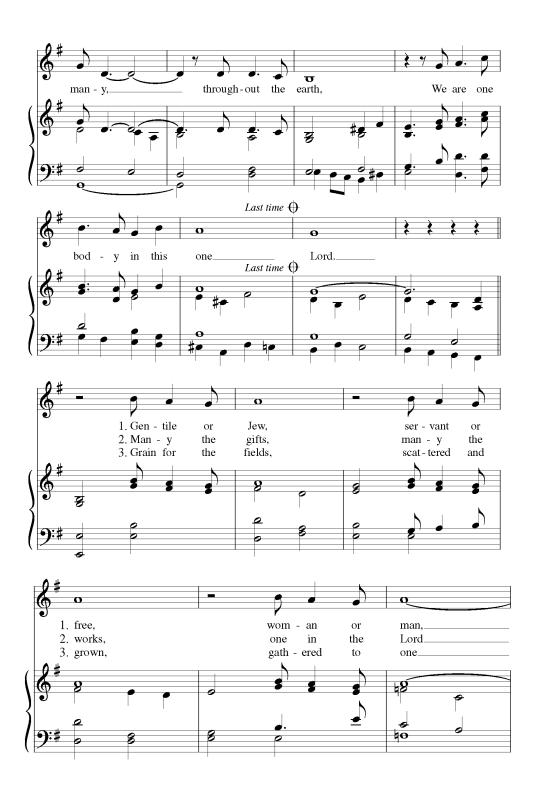
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

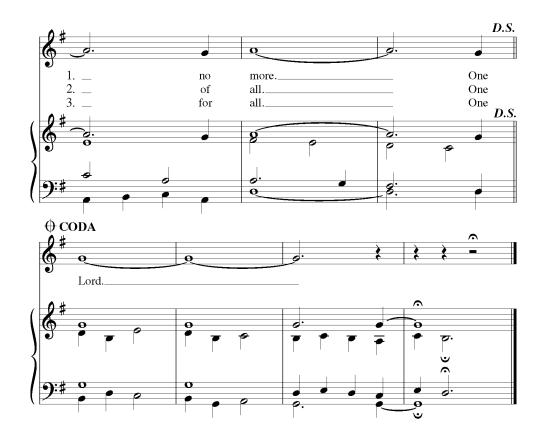
Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

# People You are welcome at this table.

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

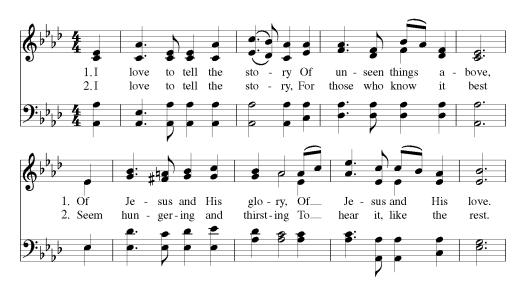






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# **The Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# The Blessing

Celebrant

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

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.** 

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.** 





# The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Prayer List**

The Prayer List is prayed on a regular basis by our Monday night Intercessory Prayer Group. We invite you to incorporate praying the list into your own prayer practices. To add a name to the prayer list, email <a href="mailto:prayerbox@stjamesaustin.org">prayer requests from the website will be auto-forwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.</a>

We pray for (3 weeks list): Bro. Pete Budde and his family, and the Buck and Denson families.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Andrea Richardson and family, Rachel Kraus, 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, 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, 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, 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 Mrs. Betty Budde and Don Buck.

#### **Announcements**

#### Today is Thurgood Marshall Sunday & Book Signing with Dr. Rosalie Martin

Join us as we honor the life and legacy of Thurgood Marshall. Following the 10:30 am service, from 12-1 pm, we will have a conversation and book signing with Dr. Rosalie Martin in Founders Hall. We will hear from Dr. Martin about her new book: *Their Stories, Our Stories: Four Presidents of Huston-Tillotson University.* 

#### The 74th Commencement Exercises of Seminary of the Southwest, May 20-May 21

Congratulations to Scott Madison and the Rev. Peter Meyr. This year's commencement speaker will be Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), Bryan Stevenson.

#### Tuesday, May 20

5:30 pm: Holy Eucharist with the Presentation of Seminary Crosses

Christ Chapel on the Campus of Seminary of the Southwest

# Wednesday, May 21

#### 10:00 am: Commencement Exercises of Seminary of the Southwest

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Road, Austin, 78703.

Please RSVP at <a href="https://ssw.edu/commencement-rsvp-2025/">https://ssw.edu/commencement-rsvp-2025/</a>

#### Sunday, May 25, Milestone Sunday



Did you retire, graduate, run your first marathon? We want to celebrate with you. Send us your milestone using this QR code. Don't forget to add a picture. You may also send your milestone to <a href="mailto:office@stjamesaustin.org">office@stjamesaustin.org</a>. Deadline is Wednesday, May 21.

Monday, June 2, Lunch at Seminary of the Southwest-featuring speaker Judge Lora Livington Parishioner Judge Lora Livingston will speak at a special lunch event on Monday, June 2, at the Seminary of the Southwest, and parishioners at St. James are warmly invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch. This lunch, called "Monday Connection," aims to inspire guests as they hear from the speaker about how they put their faith into action. Please register at <a href="mailto:sww.edu/event/the-monday-connection-with-judge-lora-j-livingston/">sww.edu/event/the-monday-connection-with-judge-lora-j-livingston/</a> or by calling (512) 439-0346. The Seminary of the Southwest is located at 501 East 32nd Street, Austin, TX 78705.