



# St. James' Episcopal Church

May 25, 2025

5 pm

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

### The Gathering of the Community

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.

People Alleluia! Love is come again!

*Shall we gather*

LEVAS 141

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray; \_\_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; \_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

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

1.

Praise, praise, hon - or and glo - ry, Praise, praise,

1. 2.

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

### The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.  
 People **And also with you.**  
 Presider Let us pray.  
 Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### The First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector  
People

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

Psalm

Psalm 67

♩ = 54

G D Emi C

S A Let the peo-ples praise You, O God; let all the peo-ples

T B

Ami A D G/D D

praise You.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 20-22:5

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,  
In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the  
holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the  
city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is  
the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory  
into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring  
into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone  
who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book  
of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the  
throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of  
the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and  
the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there  
any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship  
him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more  
night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will  
reign forever and ever.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

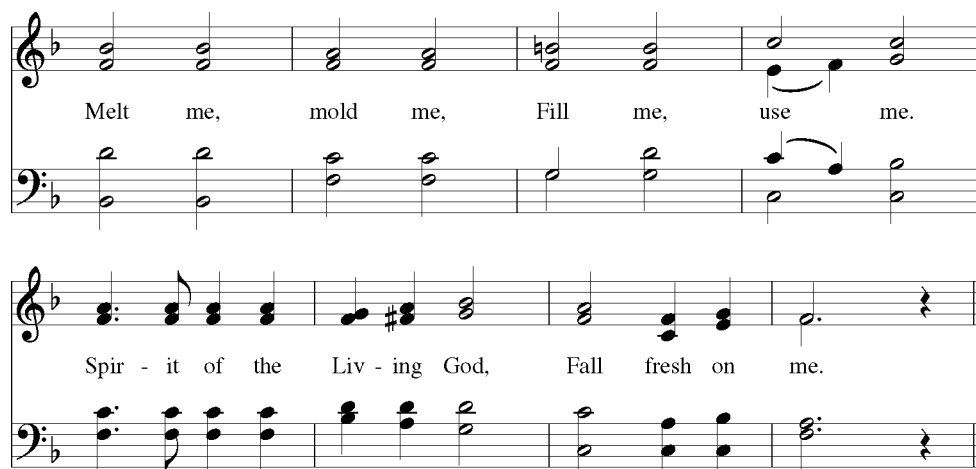
## *Spirit of the Living God*

LEVAS 115

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



## The Gospel

John 14:23-29

Deacon

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

People

**Praise and Glory to God.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would

rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon

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.*

### **The Celebration of Faith**

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Commitment to Christian Service**

Presider Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek to love your neighbor as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Presider With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

## The Prayers of the People

- Intercessor We pray to Jesus who is present with us, now and always.  
Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People in your mercy, hear us.**
- Intercessor Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People in your mercy, hear us.**
- Intercessor Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.  
We give you thanks for the blessings of this life.  
*(Pause to hear the thanksgivings of the community.)*  
We confess those things done and left undone that draw us from you and wound your beloved community.  
*(Silence)*  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People in your mercy, hear us.**
- Intercessor Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead all to new pastures.  
We pray for those in sickness and struggle. For whom shall we pray?  
*(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)*  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People in your mercy, hear us.**
- Intercessor Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived trusting in your love and mercy.  
We pray for those who have died.  
*(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)*  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

## The Peace

- Presider Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.
- People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**
- Presider The peace of God be always with you.
- People Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**
- Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries, while passing the peace.*

## Announcements and Blessings

### 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

*We offer our gifts to God: our lives, our abilities, our resources.*



*Instead of passing the plates during the offertory, we invite you to make an offering through Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby or by using the QR code.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Presider** The Lord is here.

**People** **God's Spirit is with us.**

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

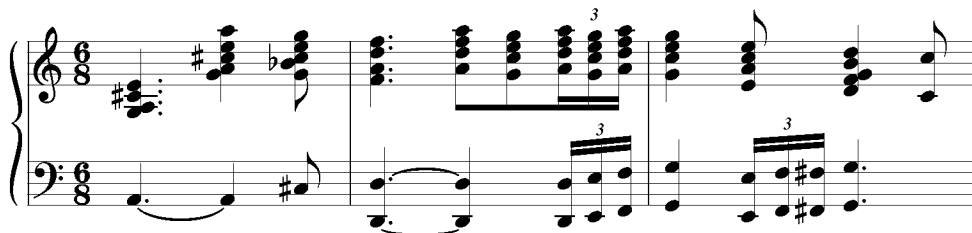
**People** **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

**Presider** In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

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

*Sanctus*

LEVAS 253



Ho - ly,

This system contains the first two measures of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note 'Ho' and a half note 'ly,'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with eighth notes and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass.

ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, —

The second system continues the vocal melody with 'ho - ly, ho - ly' and a long note for 'Lord,'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line.

God of pow - er and might,

The third system features the vocal melody 'God of pow - er and might,'. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line.

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

The final system presents two endings for the vocal melody. The piano accompaniment concludes with a series of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line.

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

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

na in the high -

est. 3. san - na! Ho -



*As you are able, please remain standing.*

Presider

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

The night before he died he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

## Memorial Acclamation

LEVAS 260

We re - mem - ber His death, We pro - claim His re - sur - rect -

ion, We a - wait His com - ing in

1. glo - ry. 2. We re - glo - ry.



Presider

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

D A D

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven,

D C D G

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

D C D

will be done one earth as in hea - ven

D A D D G D

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

G D C D

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial

D C D

and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the

C G D


king dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry, are

C D

Yours now and for - e - ver. A - men, A - men.


## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant*



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

*3 People*



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

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

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

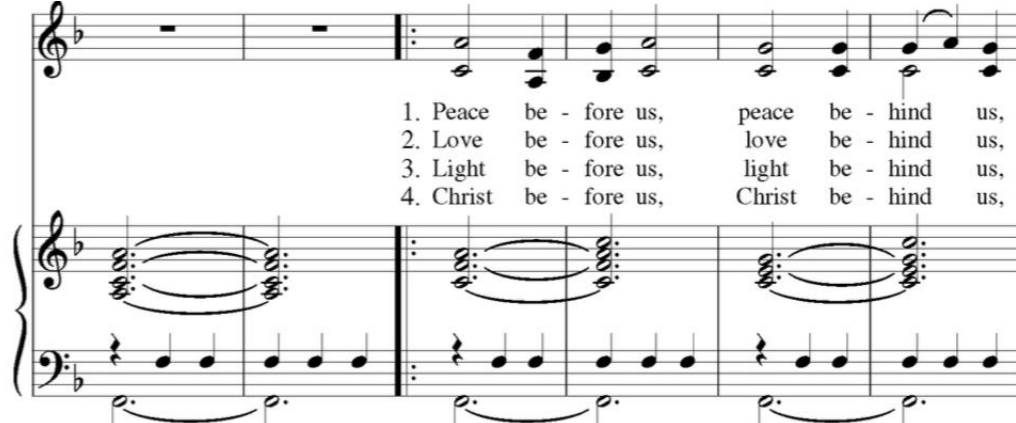
**Presider** Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

**People** **You are welcome at this table.**

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

*Prayer for peace*

W791



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,  
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,  
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,  
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace with - in us,  
 love un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_ Love with - in us,  
 light un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_ Light with - in us,  
 Christ un - der our feet. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.  
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.  
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.  
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Peace before us, peace behind us,  
peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
let all around us be peace. *(three times)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

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

Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

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

Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**People Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

### **The Blessing**

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

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

God the Giver of Life, 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, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life. be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*This little light of mine*

LEVAS 221

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it  
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,  
 2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,  
 3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of  
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I  
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

Oh

1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it  
 2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it  
 3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

Oh

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Deacon  
People

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Amen. We go in the name of Christ. 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 [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):** Bro. Pete Budde and his family, and the Buck and Denson families.

**We also pray for those with long-term needs:** 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, Don Buck, and Mrs. Johnny Meador.

### Announcements

#### **Monday, June 2, Lunch at Seminary of the Southwest-Featuring speaker Judge Lora Livingston**

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 [ssw.edu/event/the-monday-connection-with-judge-lora-j-livingston/](http://ssw.edu/event/the-monday-connection-with-judge-lora-j-livingston/) or by calling (512) 439-0346. The Seminary of the Southwest is located at 501 East 32nd Street, Austin, TX 78705.

#### **June 2-6, St. James' Youth Mission Trip to Houston, Grades 6-12**

This trip, led by Rev. Eileen O'Brien and other intrepid adult volunteers, will take us to Houston to serve various communities and explore its wonders. We will be volunteering with organizations such as The Beacon, The Houston Food Bank, Generation One, Project Rowhouses, etc. On each of these days, we will talk with people who are involved in justice work in the community in the areas of food and housing scarcity, immigrant ministries, gentrification, and education. We will also be teaming up with Houston area Episcopal youth for some fun times together, including a big fun day on Friday. Contact Rev. Eileen ([rector@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:rector@stjamesaustin.org)) for more information.

**Saturday, June 7, 6 pm, Jazz at St. James' presents: Texas and West Coast Voices**

**Joining Hands for Love of the Diaspora**



Come join us for an evening of soulful tunes and captivating verses at St. James' Episcopal Church. Enjoy the sweet melodies of jazz, watch live painting, and let poets transport you through the power of words. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the diaspora as we celebrate love, culture, and unity through music and poetry. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience, which includes a catered meal by Ghar Ka Khana caterers. Get your tickets (\$15 each ahead of the date).

**Sunday, June 8, This is the Day of Pentecost!**



Email [office@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:office@stjamesaustin.org) if you want to join in the reading of Acts in another language aside from English and Spanish. Wear red. Sign up to bring a prepared dish from your heritage to share after the 10:30 service using this QR code.

**Join the Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) packing team!**



N2N has many regular volunteers from around Austin. 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 to 1pm on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Use the QR code to sign up.