



# St. James' Episcopal Church

May 4, 2025

5 pm

## The Third Sunday of Easter

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

### The Gathering of the Community

*Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.

People Alleluia! Love is come again!

*Lord, my soul is thirsting*

LEVAS 166

Lord, my soul is thirst-ing for a bless-ing to-day,\_\_\_

Let thy pre-sence come from a-bove;\_\_\_ O that thou wouldst rend the heav-ens;

And then come down;\_\_\_ Let thy spir-it fall all a-round.\_\_\_

Lord, my soul is thirst-ing and I want a re-fresh-ing;

Lord, my soul is thirst-ing and I need a fresh touch... Lord, my soul is thirst-ing and I

want a re-fresh - ing... Grant me a bless - ing to - day...

Grant me a bless - ing. Grant me a bless - ing.

Grant me a bless-ing, A bless-ing to - day, to - day.

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.

*Gloria*

LEVAS 243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,\_\_\_ Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_

1. Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.\_\_\_\_

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Unison*

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive\_ our\_ prayer. 6. For

you a - lone\_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are\_ the Lord,

*Unison*

7. You a - lone\_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

*Descant*

Lord, Lord we  
glo-ry of the Fa-ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we  
praise you Lord, Lord hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we  
praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we

*Descant*

lu-jah.  
*Women*  
Praise your Ho-ly name.  
*Men*  
Praise your Ho-ly name.



## The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named

Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord,  
 because you have lifted me up  
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me .

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
 and you restored me to health .**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
 you restored my life as I was going down to the grave .

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
 give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
 his favor for a lifetime .

**Weeping may spend the night,  
 but joy comes in the morning .**

While I felt secure, I said,  
 "I shall never be disturbed."  
 You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face,  
 and I was filled with fear .**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
 I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
 will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever .

### The Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

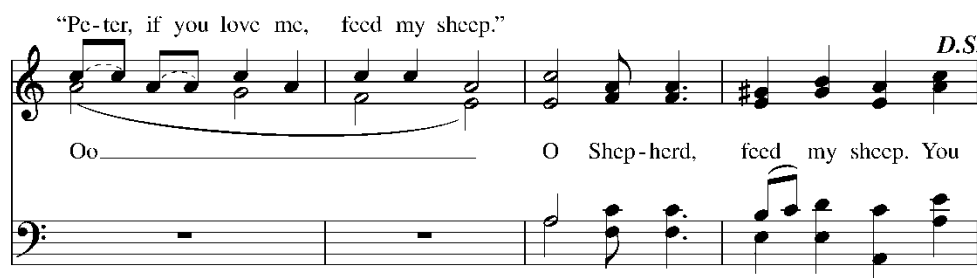
Lector A reading from Book of Revelation.  
I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"  
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"  
And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

*You hear the lambs a-cryin'*

LEVAS 110

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign with first and second endings. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase, and the second ending concludes with a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are: 'You hear the lambs a - cry-in', hear the lambs a - cry - in', hear the lambs a - cry-in' O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You feed my sheep.'



2. O Lord, I love thee, thou dost know;  
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.  
O give me grace to love thee more  
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

3. O wasn't that an awful shame?  
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.  
He hung three hours in mortal pain.  
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

## The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Praise and Glory to God.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him,

"Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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.

People Jesus, Lord of life,  
**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

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.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. The piano part is written in 6/8 time and features a variety of textures, including chords, arpeggios, and triplets. The vocal part is written in a single staff and includes the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The lyrics are distributed across the four systems. The first system shows the piano introduction. The second system begins with the vocal entry on "Ho - ly,". The third system continues with "ho - ly Lord,". The fourth system concludes with "God of pow - er and might,". The piano accompaniment provides a rich harmonic and rhythmic background for the vocal lines.

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

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

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. san na! Ho

san na in the high est.

*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

glo - ry. We re - glo - ry.

Presider

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us with Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and the riches of your wisdom, O God: how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

People

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory forever.**

## The Great Amen

LEVAS 261

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Presider As Christ teaches 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

and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the  
king dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry, are  
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.

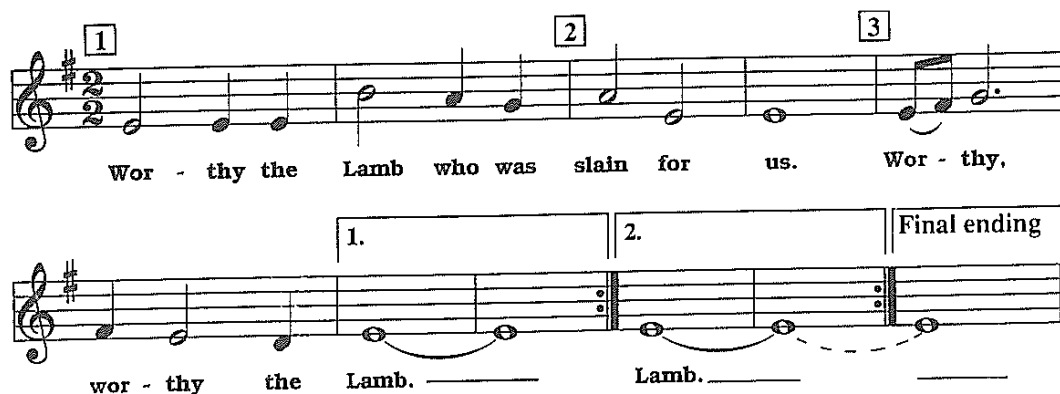
**Presider** Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**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.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

### Prayer after Communion

Presider	Blessed be God who calls us together.
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to God who makes us one people.</b>
Presider	Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.</b>
Presider	Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to God who is revealed as love.</b>
Presider	Blessed be God who alone has called us.
<b>People</b>	<b>Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.</b>
Presider	Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
<b>People</b>	<b>Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you filled them.</b>

### The Blessing

Celebrant 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.**

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1.4. Praise Him! Praise Him!  
 2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! In  
 3. Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_

1.4. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 2. all things give Him glo - ry. Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 3. Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Bless-ed

**Fine**

1. 4. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be \_\_\_\_\_ praised. From the  
 2. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be \_\_\_\_\_ praised. For \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be \_\_\_\_\_ praised. From the

1. ris - ing of the \_\_\_\_\_ sun un - til the  
 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_ rock, hope of sal -  
 3. ris - ing of the \_\_\_\_\_ sun un - til the

1. go - ing down of the \_\_\_\_\_ same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is  
 2. va - tion; A strong \_\_\_\_\_ de - li - ver -  
 3. go - ing down of the \_\_\_\_\_ same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is

*D.S.*

1. wor - thy, He's wor - thy to be praised.  
 2. er, In Him I will al - ways trust.  
 3. wor - thy, He's wor - thy to be praised.

### The Dismissal

Deacon Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Prayer List

**We pray for (3 weeks list):** the Madison family and the Agbottah family.

**We also pray for those with long-term needs:** Andrea Richardson and family, Oksana, 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. 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 Kwasi and Elizabeth Agbottah, The Rev. Dr. Canon Sandye Wilson, and Joyce Madison, mother of Scott Madison. Notes of condolences may be sent to Scott at 611 Rathervue Place, Austin, TX 78705

### **Announcements**

**Today at the 10:30 am service, St. James' welcomed Alice Arceneaux Barry through baptism into the household of God.**

#### **Wednesday, May 7, Young Adults (20s and 30s) Bible Study, 7pm**

Join us Wednesday evening in Founders Hall for Bible Study and fellowship.

#### **Tuesday, May 13, 7-8 pm Mueller Tuesday at the Overture**

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. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

#### **Sunday, May 18, Thurgood Marshall**

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*.

#### **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 [office@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:office@stjamesaustin.org).



#### **Saturday, June 7, 6 pm, Jazz at St. James' presents: Texas and West Coast Voices Joining Hands for Live 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 Indian meal by Ghar Ka Khana caterers. Get your tickets using the QR code or going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

#### **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. Bring a prepared dish from your heritage to share after the 10:30 service.

**June 2-6, Vacation Bible School at St. David's**

9 a.m.-Noon (aftercare available until 3 p.m. for \$25 per child)

Cost: \$75 per child

Because Austin's public school district doesn't start summer break until after Memorial Day this year, we pushed VBS to the first week of June.... This means we get FIVE DAYS OF FUN! Our VBS theme is a Road Trip. Let Rev. Eileen ([rector@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:rector@stjamesaustin.org)) know if you need financial assistance to make this work for your children.

**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.

**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.