



# St. James' Episcopal Church

May 10, 2026

10:30 am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*I sing the almighty power of God*

H398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

## 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

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

praise you Lord, Lord hal - le -

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

lu - jah.  
*Women*

Praise your Ho - ly name.  
*Men*

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - - - men.

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**  
 Celebrant      Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## **The First Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.**

### **The Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

I'm goin' - a sing\* when the Spir - it says sing.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

\*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

**The Gospel**

John 14:15-21

Deacon  
People

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon  
People

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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 God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving. We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us.  
We pray for our Mother the Church, a never-ending source of life and grace. We pray for wisdom, forbearance and courage in the life of our nation. We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and ask you to comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble.  
We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved.  
God of love,

**People hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Today, gracious God, we offer prayers for all mothers. We pray for the mothers who cared for us when we were helpless; who comforted us when we were hurt; whose love and care we sometimes took for granted. We pray for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for mothers who bear their own children and mothers by adoption and foster care; for new mothers as they rise to new responsibility; for mothers in all their challenges throughout the years of child-raising: that new energy will surge up when weariness overwhelms; that balance of work and family will be within reach; that generosity of heart will be sustainable in times of financial distress and especially in situations of poverty; that optimism and vision will be close at hand as mothers confront all their children's limitations, and their own.  
God of love,

**People hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We rejoice with mothers as they rejoice in their children: finding their lives more full as their children grow in the image of God; blessing and strengthening the relationships with their household; discovering the richness of Jesus' final commandment to love as he loves.  
God of love,

**People hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray especially for mothers who undergo great stress: those who raise children alone and without support; those who care for the children of others; those separated from their children by war, disaster or incarceration in prison; those who have lost a child; those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled; that they may find sufficient strength to know the nearness of God when times are darkest.  
God of love,

**People hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Finally, we lift up in prayer all the fruits of childhood completed: that mothers will come to experience fullness of life after their children have left home; that their children will grow into adulthood, prosper in humanity and spirit; that their children may be blessed as parents in their turn; and that we all may be renewed in the gifts our mother gave, when the time comes to grieve her death.

Bless all mothers, therefore, that their love may be deep and tender, that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, that they would live, not for themselves alone, but for God and neighbor.

God of love,

**People hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.  
Hear the prayers of your people.

**People Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



*Together as St. James', every gift - large or small- advances our ministry. You can make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby, or QR code (debit/credit/checking accepted).*

### *O Mother's Love, words by E.M Gordon to the tune "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

1 O mother's love, sweet mother's love,  
The gift divine from heaven above!  
It lifts our thoughts to realms above,  
And bids us see the good and right.  
God knows the need of humankind,  
The depth of sin our souls may find,  
And so, to keep us pure and fair,  
We have a mother's love and prayer.

2 O mother's love, the sweetest known,  
The richest earthly gift we own!  
Our grateful thanks shall clearly ring  
To reach the throne of God, our King.  
Our praise shall seek the Lord of power  
For blessings known this festal hour,  
For, far above all gifts divine  
The love of mothers brightly shine.

3 O mother's love, so blest and true,  
That guides and keeps our lifetime through,  
Through sacrifice and service dear,  
Its depths of sweetness shine more clear.  
It is to us a precious gift  
That lives to bless and bends to give;  
With lifted hearts we send above  
Our gratitude for mother's love.

#### Notes:

The men of the choir will be doing a special presentation of E.M. Gordon's poem "O Mother's Love" as set the tune of "Sweet Hour of Prayer". The original hymn setting is notably found in the African American Episcopal Church Hymnal.

Please stand as you are able.

## The Doxology

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\*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

### 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 God 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; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

The first system of the Sanctus features piano accompaniment in 6/8 time. The right hand begins with a series of chords, including a triplet of eighth notes. The left hand provides a steady accompaniment with quarter notes and eighth notes, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes.

The second system includes the vocal line with the lyrics "Ho - ly,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets in both hands.

The third system includes the vocal line with the lyrics "ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets in both hands.

The fourth system includes the vocal line with the lyrics "God of pow - er and might,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets in both hands.

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

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "1. Heav-en and earth are full" and "2.,3. Bless-ed is he who comes". The piano accompaniment is in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. of your glo-ry." and "2.,3. in the name of the Lord." The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line and a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

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

The third system features the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1.,2. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line and a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

na in the high

The fourth system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "na in the high". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line and a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

est. san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high est.

*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

LEVAS 260

The musical score is written for a choir in 2/4 time, featuring a soprano line and a bass line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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. —". The score includes first and second endings for the final phrase "We re - glo - ry. —".

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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

LEVAS 261

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto register. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: 'A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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.*

## Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Spirit of the Living God'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,'.

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

The second system of musical notation for 'Spirit of the Living God'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.'.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system of musical notation for 'Spirit of the Living God'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.'.

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

The fourth system of musical notation for 'Spirit of the Living God'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.'.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

LEVAS 114

*Harmony*

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. **Fine**

*unison*

1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his  
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so  
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

*D.C.*

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.  
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**People** Loving God, we give you 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.**

## *O for a thousand tongues*

H493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

## 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 [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):** Erich Pelletier and the Jenkins family

**We also pray for those with long-term needs:** Richelle Easley, Michael Saenz, Carolyn Cook, Jasmine Means, Eden Poon, Vicki Carruthers Hall, Dennis Neil Robertson, Tiffany, Brendolyn Bacy, Levi, Carrie, Brian Burns, Bill Graf, Patrick Bresette and his wife Debbie, their children and grandchildren, Cristela and her family, Shahin, Artemis, Elizabeth Spear, Kara Daniels, Mehdi Moradi, Glenda Leifeste, Juan Jones, Joe Tave, Gilbert and Susan Cuadra, Bill Newchurch, Arlene Williams, David Kent Pfahler, III and his family, Rachel Kraus, Cara Ann Cummins, and her partner Kenneth, Fletcher Michael Francis and his family, Scott Alfano and family, Rene Beteille, Arlene Youngblood, Emma McPherson, Joann Darr, 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, Michele Bondy, Jeremy Alexande, Donna Plowman, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Michael Hughes, Paula, Anqet, Susan Gunn, BJ Taylor, Russel Taulli, Pedro E., Robin Fuller, Kisa Niewenhuis, Frank Weir and his family, Jacob Schumacher and his family, Shirley Gordon, Bowen W., Vanessa Williams, Jim Burgess, Cindy, Jason and Jalen Castillo, Niesha Jones, 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, Kirk Richter, 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, Mrs. Lakeyshia Brown, 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, 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, Patricia Harding, Brandon Williams, 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.**

## Announcements

### An appeal for Luis Fernando Cabrera



Luis, an 18-year-old member of our congregation was detained by ICE on his way home from work on May 1. Luis and his family have been part of the St. James' community for years. This occurs just short of his high school graduation. We are active in providing a variety of support to the family. Luis was a key financial contributor in his household, and legal costs are likely to be considerable. If you would like to contribute to the financial support of the family during this time, you can either give to clergy discretionary funds or contribute directly through GoFundMe using the QR Code.

### May 12, 7-8 pm: Mueller Tuesdays at the Overture

Join us for Bible study in the Cork Room at the Overture (4818 Berkman Dr, Austin, TX 78723) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

### Thursday, May 14, 7-8:30 pm: Young Adult Gathering

Join us in Founders Hall for a conversation about Eastern medicine and its intersections with Christianity. Jonah Welch will guide us in exploring how ancient healing practices can inform our spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being, and how these traditions can enrich a Christian understanding of health and wholeness.

### Graduation Season is upon us!

Commencement at Austin Presbyterian Seminary will take place on Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 pm. Kennedy Thedford will be graduating!

Commencement for the Seminary of the Southwest will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 10 am at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Ari Gandy and The Rev. Br. Angel Roque will be graduating! You are welcome to come and cheer on our graduates!

### Saturday, May 16, 9 am -12 pm: Brushbusters

We will be getting together to keep our grounds looking good. Our focus areas will be putting a stone border around the wildflower meadow near the sanctuary, and removing invasive plants and trimming in the meditation grove area (where the bell is) to increase visibility there. Bring your gloves, saws, clippers and sturdy backs! Breakfast and good company provided. Youth can get volunteer hours.

### Sunday, May 17, Thurgood Marshall Sunday at St. James'

Celebrate the life and legacy of Thurgood Marshall. Anthony Chapple will preach.

### May 24 is Pentecost Sunday

We will faithfully observe the great Feast of Pentecost! **Wear your red!** Bring foods from your cultural background for the reception from 12-1 pm. Get ready to hear the Word of God in the language of your heart.

### **Milestone Sunday, May 24**



Are you graduating, retiring, etc.? On May 24, we will have Milestone Sunday, when we honor all our graduates and those moving to a new stage of life. Send us a short description of your milestone along with a photo (if you have one) to [office@stjamesaustin.org](mailto:office@stjamesaustin.org) by May 21 or by using the QR code. We look forward to celebrating with you.

### **Did you know that you can Text-to-Give to St. James'?**

Just text the amount and the word "give" (e.g. 50give) to 512-692-4313 and follow the instructions. Text-to-Give works with our church management database. Once you have given by text once, you will not have to put in your information every time you feel inspired to give. Try it out! The St. James' community is grateful for your generosity.

### **Volunteer with Neighbor to Neighbor**



The fun at Neighbor to Neighbor continues, and it would be even better with you there. Each first and third Tuesday of the month, we're serving more than 400 neighbors with our special brand of deep care and solidarity to cover basic needs like food and diapers, and to reconnect with the great gifts that each person brings. Come help us prove all the best sayings: many hands really do make light work, it's lots more fun with friends, and the sum is greater than its parts. Details, dates and sign up are available using the QR code or [tiny.cc/welcometable](http://tiny.cc/welcometable).