



St. James' Episcopal Church

May 10, 2026

5 pm

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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!

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

LEVAS 120

First system of piano accompaniment for the hymn 'There's a sweet, sweet Spirit'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The music features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and moving lines.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're

Second system of piano accompaniment for the hymn. It continues the grand staff from the first system, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

Third system of piano accompaniment for the hymn, concluding the piece with a final chord in the bass clef.

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord.
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all _____ the way."
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that _____ we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, _____ fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings — we lift our hearts in

praise; With - out a doubt we'll know — that we have

been-re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. | 3. There are | 3. If you place.

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.

1.
Praise, praise, hon - or and glo - ry, Praise, praise,
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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

God be in my head

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God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People Praise and Glory to God.

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 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.

An Affirmation of Faith

People You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God.

We worship you.

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

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.*



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).

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, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

Sanctus

LEVAS 253

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a complex, rhythmic accompaniment with frequent triplets and chords. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto range, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

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 D A D

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven,

5 D C D G

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

8 D C D


will be done on earth as in hea - ven


12 D A D D G D


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

16 G D C D

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

19 *D* *C* *D*

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

21 *C* *G* *D*

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

23 *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.

1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

done. In re - in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, _____ shed for you. _____ In re - mem-brance of me

search for truth. _____ In re - mem-brance of me al - ways love. _____ In re -

mem-brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart _____

_____ look for God. _____ Do this in re - mem-brance of me. _____

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

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.**

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS 149

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

— No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

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

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. 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 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.

Do you know of an organization with ties to immigrant communities that needs help with POA workshops?

With the leadership of The Rev. Jim Harrington at St. James', a group of over one hundred volunteers including notaries, Spanish speakers, lawyers and other citizens is hosting free workshops for families to complete power of attorney forms designating a caregiver for their children in the event that parents are detained by ICE. The workshops can be at any location around Austin, but they are most effective when we partner with an organization trusted by families so they know the workshop will be safe. Help our team make a connection with such an organization. Email the Rev. Jim Harrington at jim@stjamesausitn.org make a connection or to be added to the volunteer list.