



St. James' Episcopal Church

June 28, 2026

5 pm

The Feast of Pauli Murray

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life.

People Amen.

Presider Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

People God is with us, here we find new life.

There's something about that name

LEVAS 107

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing a - bout that

name! Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je - sus! Like the fra - grance

af - ter the rain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all

heav - en and earth pro - claim: Kings and king - doms will

all pass a - way, but there's some-thing a - bout that name! _____

Presider
People

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.
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 - mighty 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 -
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.

A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Liberating God, we thank you for the steadfast courage of your servant Pauli Murray, who fought long and well: Unshackle us from bonds of prejudice and fear so that we show forth your reconciling love and true freedom, which you revealed through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 119:17-24

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
**Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.**
I am a stranger here on earth;
do not hide your commandments from me.
**My soul is consumed at all times
with longing for your judgments.**
You have rebuked the insolent;
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
**Turn from me shame and rebuke,
for I have kept your decrees.**
Even though rulers sit and plot against me,
I will meditate on your statutes.
**For your decrees are my delight,
and they are my counselors.**

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

In Christ there is no East or West

LEVAS 62

1. In _____ Christ there is no _____ East or West, In
2. In _____ Him shall true hearts _____ ev - ery - where Their
3. Join _____ hands, dis - ci - ples _____ of the faith, What
4. In _____ Christ now meet both _____ East and West, In

1. Him no South _____ or _____ North; _____ But _____ one great fel - low -
2. high com - mu - nion _____ find; _____ His _____ ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race _____ may _____ be! _____ Who _____ serves my Fa - ther
4. Him meet South _____ and _____ North; _____ All _____ Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

The Gospel

Mark 12:1-12

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Praise and glory to God.

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'"

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

Ari Gandy, Lower School Chaplain
St. Andrew's Episcopal School

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 Gracious God, you fill us with faith and courage to carry your liberating love and a song of hope to all the world. Hear us as we pray, saying:
Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Raise up the prophetic voice of the Church to call the world to strive for God's dream of freedom.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Direct the counsel and knowledge of all leaders, Almighty One, that they may confront injustice and discrimination with words and acts of wisdom and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Revive our souls, O Gracious One, and fill our communities with perseverance and enduring faith. When we encounter defeat, may we live on to see our lost causes found.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Loving God, help us to know ourselves to be held in the gaze of your love and not in the clutches of our own vanity, that we might learn to love and embrace all of creation.

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Intercessor Into your abundant heart, O God, we offer the cares and thanksgivings of our hearts. For what shall we give thanks today? *(Pause to rejoice in thanksgiving with the community.)*

For whom shall we pray? *(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*

We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Whom shall we remember and not forget? *(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*

Lord, hear our prayer;

People and let our cry come to you.

Presider Loving and gracious God, you called Pauli Murray and all your faithful servants to bring leadership and hope to your Church: Hear our prayer, and let our cry come to you, that we may persevere in hope, building institutions and relationships of justice, truth, and reconciling peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

In the silence, we are invited to examine the brokenness in our own lives and in the world and to pray that, with God's merciful help, we might set our feet upon paths of repentance.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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.

Announcements and Blessings

Offertory

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



We encourage donations to the Pauli Murray Scholarship Program. Please be generous! You can make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby, or by using the QR code.

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Communion

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 the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave. His death has broken death and opened for us the new and living way. Christ is now our peace, our freedom and our joy.

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

Sanctus

LEVAS 253

Ho - ly, 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

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef and contains two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and features a steady accompaniment with some triplet patterns in the bass line.

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

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line includes a slur over the first line of lyrics and a fermata over the final note. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet in the bass line. The system concludes with a key signature change to one flat (B-flat major) and a common time signature.

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

The third system begins with a first ending bracket labeled '1.,2.' above the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a prominent triplet in the bass line. The system ends with a key signature change to two flats (B-flat major).

na in the high

The fourth system continues the musical score. The piano accompaniment features a triplet in the bass line. The system concludes with a key signature change to one flat (B-flat major).

Please remain standing or kneel.

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.

People **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

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

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Presider
People

As 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



We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

3 People



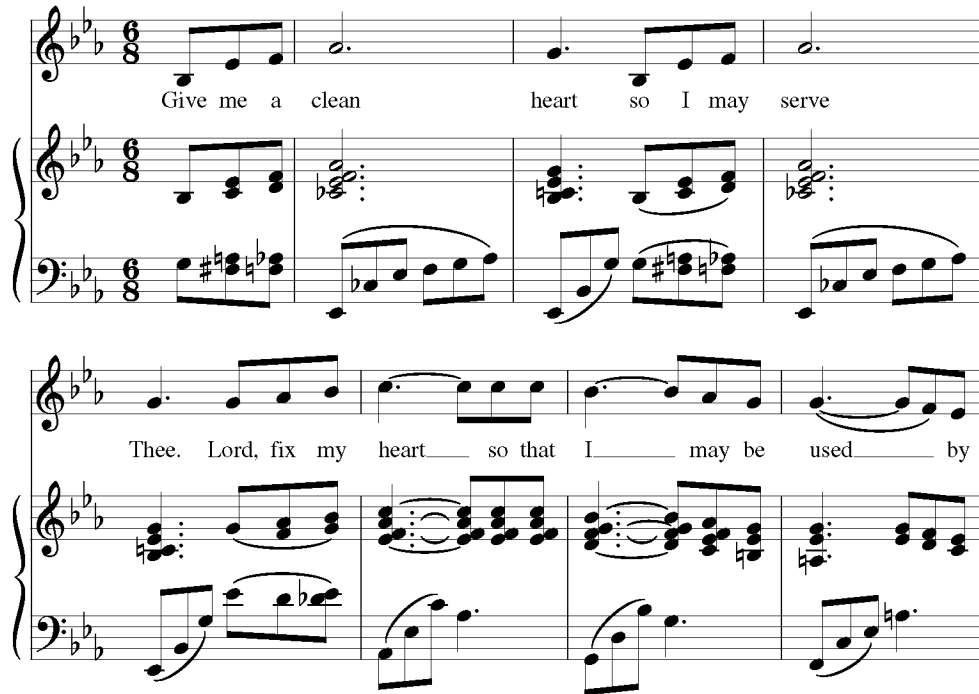
We who are many are one body for we all share the one bread.

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 usher to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Give me a clean heart

LEVAS 124



Give me a clean heart so I may serve
Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by

thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -

ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.

1. I'm not ask - ing for the rich - es of the land.
 (2. Some-times) I am up and some-times I am down.

1. — I'm not ask - ing for the proud to know my
 2. — Some-times I am al - most lev - el to the

1. name. _____ Please _____ give me, Lord, a clean heart, that
 2. ground. _____ Please _____ give me, Lord, a clean heart, that

1. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a
 2. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a

1. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee. _____ 1.
 2. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee. _____ 2. Some-times

2. _____
 2. _____

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.

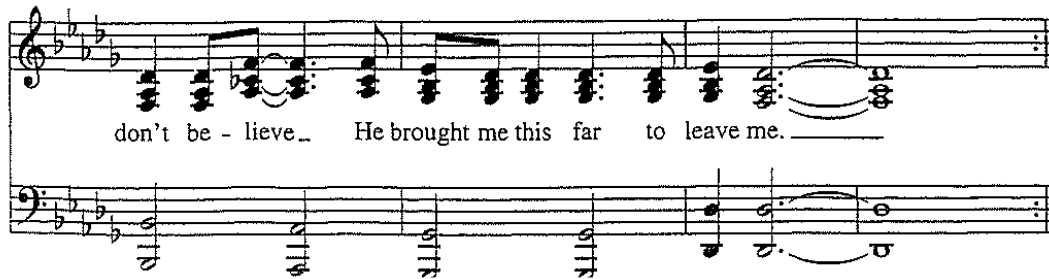
The Blessing

Presider Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

I don't feel no ways tired

LEVAS 199

I don't feel no ways tired, I come too
far from where I start - ed from; No-bod - y
told me that the road would be eas - y, I



The Dismissal of the Community

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): Diane Weir and family, BJ Taylor and family, Betsy Pilkington, Lorenza and the Ramirez family.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Pam Moses, Kyra Kerr-Fitzgerald, William Fitzgerald, Jean Germain, Luis Fernando Cabrera, Richelle Easley, 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, 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, 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. Lakeysha 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, 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 including Frank Weir. Notes of condolence may be sent to Diane Weir and family at 1301 Hill Street, Bastrop, TX 78602.

Announcements

Thursday, July 2, 6:30 pm: St. James' Restaurant Group

Restaurant group is an informal time to just get together with your St. James' friends and to make new ones. We will meet at Torchy's at Mueller, 1801 E. 51 St. It's helpful if you can email Teresa Chang at turner.teresa@gmail.com so we know how many seats to save.

Sunday, July , 6:15 to 7 pm: Dinner after the Late Service

Hungry? Want some quality time with other St. Jamesians? Join us for Dinner after the Late Service on First Sundays.

Thursday, July 9, 7 pm: Young Adults (20s and 30s) Gathering: Diet and Spirituality

Join the 20s and 30s for an evening conversation with Montsho Jerreau on the spiritual dimensions of food, health, nutrition, and care for the body. We will reflect on how practices of eating and wellness connect with faith, discipline, justice, and holistic living.

Saturday, July 18, 10:30 am: Celebration of the Life of Pam Beachley

Join us for the Celebration of Life of our friend, Pam Beachley. This date right before St. James' day feels particularly fitting because Pam loved St. James' Day. She loved the big family fun of that day, and she was passionate about how it brought the whole community together for the sake of joy.

Sunday, July 26: St. James' Day

Celebrate St. James' Day with us We have combined services that day: 8 am Rite I; 10:30 am Bilingual (10:30 + 1 + 5 All together); 5 pm at Casa Marianella. The combined service at 10:30 am will be followed by the PARISH PHOTO, a picnic in Founders Hall, fiercely competitive BINGO, and water games for the kids. Kids are encouraged to bring a swimsuit, towel and change of clothes.

Thursday, September 17: Welcome Table UnGala

On September 17th, 200 guests will gather at the Austin Public Library, Central Branch, for an evening of original art by Black East Austin artists displayed in a live gallery walk, food from some of the most celebrated local East Austin restaurants and caterers, and a keynote from Terry Mitchell. No tuxedos. No gowns. Just great food, great people, and an evening that will mean something long after it ends.



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.

Anna Pauline “Pauli” Murray (November 20, 1910 – July 1, 1985) was an American civil rights activist, women’s rights activist, lawyer, and author. Drawn to the ministry, in 1977, Murray became the first black woman to be ordained as an Episcopal priest among the first group of women to become priests in this church.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Murray was raised mostly by her maternal grandparents in Durham, North Carolina. At the age of sixteen, she moved to New York to attend Hunter College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1933. In 1940, Murray sat in the whites-only section of a Virginia bus with a friend, and they were arrested for violating state segregation laws. This incident, and her subsequent involvement with the socialist Workers’ Defense League, led to a career goal as a civil rights lawyer. She enrolled in the law school of Howard University, where she graduated first in her class, but was denied the chance to do post-graduate work at Harvard University because of her gender. She earned a Master’s in law at University of California, Berkeley, and in 1965, she became the first African American to receive a Doctor of Juridical Science degree from Yale Law School.

As a lawyer, Murray argued for civil rights and women’s rights. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Chief Counsel Thurgood Marshall called Murray’s 1950 book *States’ Laws on Race and Color* the “bible” of the civil rights movement. Murray served on the 1961 Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and in 1966 was a co-founder of the National Organization for Women. Murray held faculty or administrative positions at the Ghana School of Law, Benedict College, and Brandeis University.

In 1973, Murray left academia for the Episcopal Church, becoming an ordained priest on January 8, 1977, among the first generation of women priests.

Pauli has inspired countless activists and civil rights workers, but her story also reminds us that part of our gospel call is to make a way for each of the baptized, regardless of age or gender or ethnic identity, to live into their vocation, their sacred call from God to become an agent of new creation in the world. At St. James’, we seek to build such a community as a witness to a world which reduces and commodifies human life. May Pauli Murray’s life instruct us in our striving, and may God’s Spirit embolden us to do this work together.