



St. James' Episcopal Church

September 20, 2026

5 pm

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Gathering of the Community

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

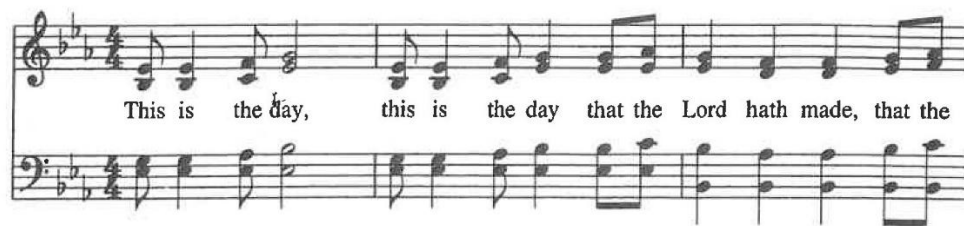
People Amen.

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.

This is the day

LEVAS 219





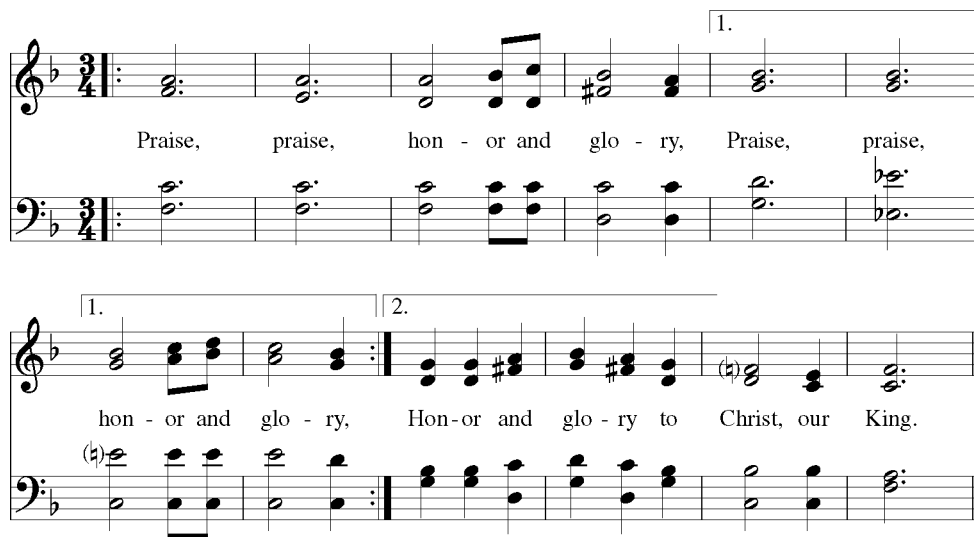
Presider Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

People Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Presider Let us praise God.

Praise, praise, honor and glory

LEVAS 246



The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Lector A reading from Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to

relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Lector
People

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

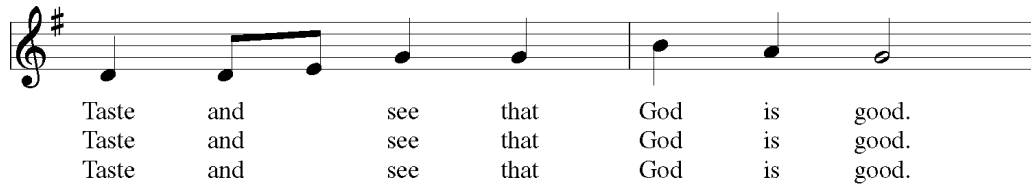
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who hunger gather

WLP 761

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People **Praise and Glory to God.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 our Maker, you are gracious and full of compassion. We praise you for the gift of community and heritage as we honor the cultures of Hispanic and Latin Americans. In Christ Jesus, our redeemer, you knit us together into one Body. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit, that we may reflect your light and love to each other and to the world.

People We praise you, O Lord,
And bless your Name.

Intercessor We pray for the world and all its peoples. Inspire deep gratitude in our hearts and move us to share what we have with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given.

People We praise you, O Lord,
And bless your Name.

Intercessor We pray for your church and for this community of St. James'. Make us eager to welcome the unwelcomed, diligent in prayer, and generous in deeds.

People We praise you, O Lord,
And bless your Name.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the hungry. We pray for refugees, the imprisoned, and for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those overwhelmed by disaster, especially victims of flooding and fire. Inspire us to work for them with renewed vigor and compassion.

People We praise you, O Lord,
And bless your Name.

Intercessor Into your generous heart, Gracious 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.)*

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

Intercessor We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Whom shall we remember and not forget? *(Pause to rejoice in thanksgiving with the community.)*

People We praise you, O Lord,
And bless your Name.

Presider Good and Gracious God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion upon us. Take away those things that infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in bonds of love. And work through us who labor in your vineyards so that, in your good time, all nations and peoples may serve one another in harmony, blessing your Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

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, while passing the peace.

Announcements and Blessings

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, the QR code or
by text (Just text the amount and the word "give" (e.g. 50give) to 512-692-4313)*

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 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 255

The musical score for the Sanctus is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff with chords and triplets. The vocal line enters in the second system with the lyrics "Ho - ly,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets. The vocal line continues with "ho - ly" and "Lord,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets. The vocal line continues with "God of pow - er and might,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and triplets.

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 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 the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation

LEVAS 258

Christ has died. Christ is
ris - en. — Christ will come a - gain.

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 musical score for the word 'Amen'. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part consists of chords and single notes in the left hand, and chords in the right hand.

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

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be Your Name. Your king - dom come, Your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the' The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part consists of chords and single notes in the left hand, and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols (D, C, G, A) are placed above the vocal line.

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 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord

LEVAS 65

Bless the Lord, — O my soul: and all that is with-

in me, Bless His ho - ly — name. —

He has done great things, — He has done great —

things, — He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly name!

Fine

D.C.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with-

in me, Bless His ho - ly name.

Fine

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

People Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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): Star Ashbaugh, the Segura family, Robert, Carla, Jenny, Joaquin, and Gregorio Gutiérrez Ortega.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Melissa, Jeff, Houston, Barrett, Dora Luz Reyes-Franco, Lorenza and the Ramirez family, Fred and Kathy, Monika Taylor, Betsy Pilkington, David Ruffin, 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, Anget, 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, 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, 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 Precioso Gabrillo, Jr., the father of Rick Gabrillo; Roland Brown, the husband of De Sellers; Sylvia Williams White; and Liliana Segura.

Announcements

Tuesday, September 22, 7-8 pm: Mueller Tuesdays

Join us for Bible Study at the Cork Room in the Overture (4818 Berkman Dr, Austin, TX 78723). For more information, contact Rob Corcoran at robcorc@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 24, 7-8:30 pm in Founders Hall: St. James' Young Adults Gathering

Theme: "Let Me Put You On"

Everyone gets 3-5 minutes to give a funny, interesting, or passionate presentation on basically anything—favorite movie, conspiracy theory, hobby, travel destination, niche interest, Bible topic, terrible dating story, "why my favorite team is actually going to win," etc. For more info, contact Rev. Addison at addison@stjamesaustin.org.

Epsicobasics: New to St. James'? Want to learn about the Episcopal Church? Interested in Confirmation, Reception or Adult Baptism?

Join us on Saturdays, September 25 and October 3, from 12-3 pm for EpiscoBasics! Lunch is provided. Interested? Contact Rev. Eileen at rector@stjamesaustin.org.

Sunday, September 27: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

On this Sunday, we welcome The Rev. Nancy Frausto, Director of Latinx Ministries at the Seminary of the Southwest. Join us from 12-1 pm in Founders for coffee and conversation with The Rev. Nancy Frausto as we observe Hispanic Heritage Month.

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am -10:30 am: The Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we gather on the grove (the area between the sanctuary and the school) for a brief service of blessing and follow-up festivities. You will want to be on time or a bit early, because it is a blessedly short service. If your animals are not crowd-friendly or easy to transport that's okay. Bring a picture! Stuffed animals are also welcome. Not able to attend? Send us a picture of your pets to office@stjamesaustin.org and we will share on the St. James's bulletin board on October 4.

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 am: A Celebration of the Life of Roland Brown

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Roland Brown. Notes and letters of condolence for De Sellers and family will be collected by the St. James' office, so bring them by or send them to 1941 Webberville, Austin, TX 78721.

Sunday, October 25, 2 -4:30 pm: Serve at Trinity Center

We will gather to serve our neighbors at the Trinity Center at 2pm. Trinity Center is in the basement of St. David's Church downtown. We'll set up the chairs for the service and begin preparing the food. Neighbors will come in at 3pm and begin the service. The service is pretty quick (30 min?) and everyone is encouraged to be together and participate in the service. After the service, we'll rearrange the chairs, add some tables, and start serving the food. We'll clean up after the meal and typically be done somewhere between 4 and 4:30. Questions? Contact Will Clark at will.clark.jr@gmail.com.

November 13-15: 32nd Annual Jazz at St. James'

Invite friends. This year's festival will feature the Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, Carmen Bradford, alongside up-and-coming artists from the Austin jazz community. Use the QR code to purchase your tickets.

Volunteer with Neighbor to Neighbor

Come see for yourself how fun it is to build community in service at Neighbor to Neighbor. Each first and third Tuesday of the month, volunteer teams pack and share over 5,500 pounds of food, serving more than 400 neighbors. Everybody gives, everybody receives, and the laughter is wonderfully contagious. Details, dates and sign up are available using the QR code or tiny.cc/welcometable.