St. James' Episcopal Church

November 15, 2026

10:30 am

The Jazz Mass

A Feast of Holy Improvisation

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

Prelude
Come Sunday — Carmen Bradford Ellington, arr. John Mills

Please stand as you are able.
Bless the Lord, O my soul — LEVAS 65



The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

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




1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Unison
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,


Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For


you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,
Unison
7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
Descant
Lord,_____ Lord_ we
glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we


praise you Lord, Lord hal - le -
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

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26

Lector A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

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

Psalm

Psalm 40:1-5

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

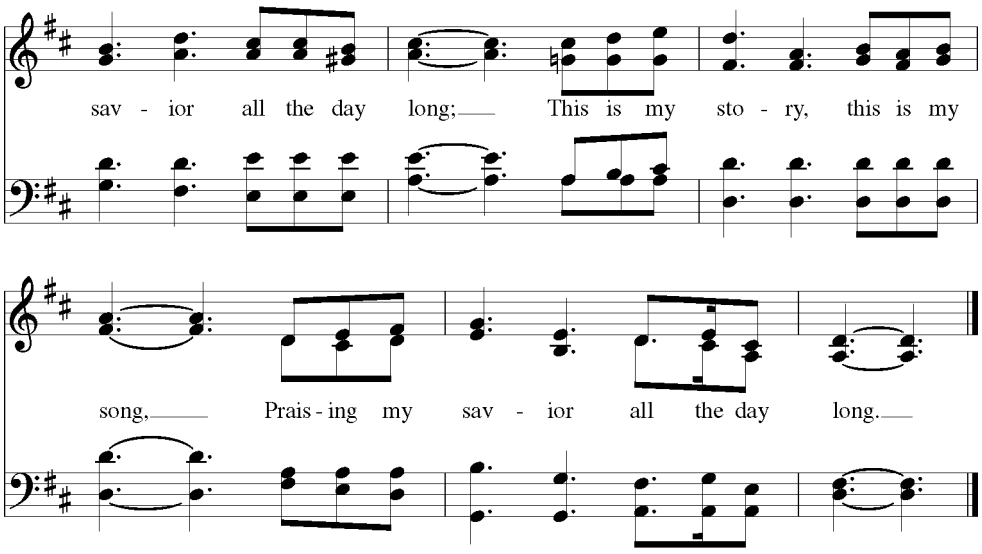
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.


1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my
1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -
1. God, Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.
2. bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
3. bove, Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.
This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my



The Gospel Luke 11:15-32

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father,

'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

The Sermon The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

Musical Meditation *Duke Ellington's Sound of Love*
What a Wonderful World

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
People **I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Intercessor It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised.
People **With trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever."**

Intercessor The house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.
People **I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall always be in my mouth.**

Intercessor My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
People **O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.**

Intercessor Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!
People **Praise God for those mighty deeds.**

Intercessor Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!
People **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!**

Intercessor Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
People **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

Intercessor Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say. Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
People **Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Intercessor For whom shall we pray? *(In the silence, you may offer your prayers.)*

Intercessor And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
People **Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

Intercessor For what shall we give thanks? *(In the silence, you may offer thanksgiving.)*

Intercessor Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

People **After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God."**

Intercessor Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out,

People **Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

As we share a sign of Christ' peace, please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries.

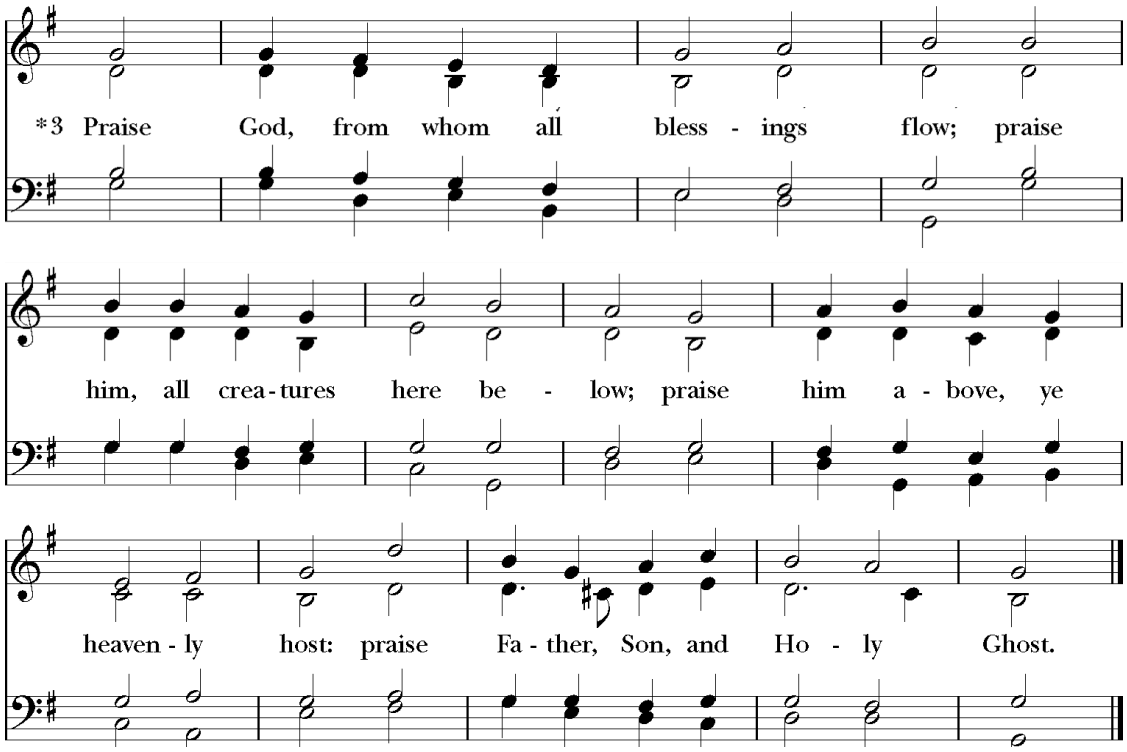
Announcements

Offertory *A Song for You*

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: send the amount and the word "give" (e.g., 50give) to 512-692-4313.

The Doxology H380

Please stand as you are able.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP* 361

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, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus LEVAS 253




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 -



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen LEVAS 261



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People

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.

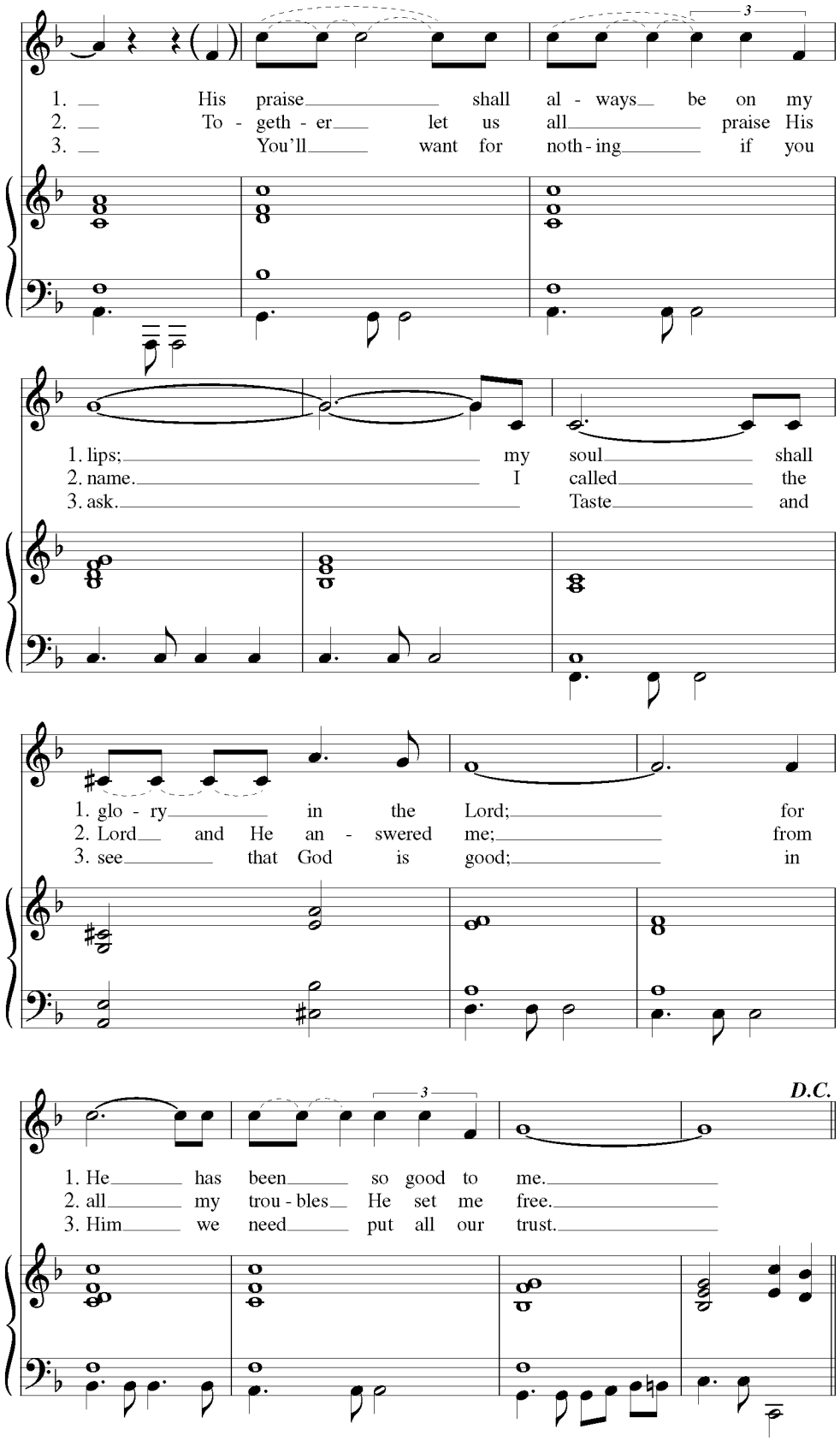
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.


Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
Fine
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.
3
1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.


1. His praise shall al - ways be on my
2. To - geth - er let us all praise His
3. You'll want for noth - ing if you
1. lips; my soul shall
2. name. I called the
3. ask. Taste and
1. glo - ry in the Lord; for
2. Lord and He an - swered me; from
3. see that God is good; in
D.C.
1. He has been so good to me.
2. all my trou - bles He set me free.
3. Him we need put all our trust.

Guide my feet Lord W819



Let the heav'n light shine on me LEVAS 174



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 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 Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

God has smiled on me LEVAS 52




God has smiled on me, He's been good to me.
1.
2.
Fine
1. He is the source of all
2. A light un - to my path
1. my joy, He fills me with His love The grace
2. is He, my strength when I would fall He guides
D.S.
1. that I em-ploy, He sends: down from a - bove.
2. each day for me, God is my all in all.

The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

About Our Artist: Carmen Bradford

Carmen Bradford is jazz royalty, a 2024 Count Basie Orchestra Family, Grammy Award winner for "Basie Swings the Blues – the Count Basie Orchestra." She's been nominated five times for Grammy Awards and is the recipient of the Los Angeles Jazz Society's Jazz Vocalist Award. With her body of work, which reflects her vast experience, versatility, and technical brilliance, she has carved out her place in jazz history, and she continues to contribute to the preservation of this uniquely American art form.

Bradford was born in Austin, Texas and raised in Altadena, California. The daughter of legendary cornetist and composer Bobby Bradford and world-renown jazz vocalist, composer, and author Melba Joyce, and granddaughter of Melvin Moore (who sang with Lucky Millender and his Big Band, Dizzy Gillespie's Big Band, and the Ink Spots), Bradford grew up with music in her home and in her heart.

She was discovered and hired by William "Count" Basie when she was just 22; she went on to be the featured vocalist with the legendary Count Basie Orchestra for nine years and has continued to perform with them regularly throughout her career. All four of her Grammy Award nominations are for albums with the Count Basie Orchestra, including two in the 1980s and a third, "Big Boss Band," with guitarist George Benson. (She and Benson performed the classic duet, "How Do You Keep the Music Playing," on the Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.) The fourth is 2022's "Live At Birdland."

In 1992, Bradford released her first debut album, "Finally Yours" (Evidence Records), to critical acclaim. In 1995, the release of her second solo album, "With Respect" (Evidence Records), established Bradford as one of jazz music's most diverse and exciting vocal stylists.

Bradford has performed and/or recorded with Patti Austin, Tony Bennett, George Benson, Shelly Berg, James Brown, Benny Carter, Dori Caymmi, John Clayton and the Clayton-Hamilton Orchestra, Freddie Cole, Lena Horne, Kurt Elling, Wynton Marsalis, Jeremy Monteiro, David Murray, Willie Nelson, James Newton, Kenny Rankin, Lou Rawls, Doc Severinsen, Frank Sinatra, Byron Stripling, Tierney Sutton, Jeff Tyzik, Joe Williams, Nancy Wilson, Liz Wright, and countless other artists around the world.

She also has performed and/or recorded with the Dallas Symphony, the Dani Felber Big Band, the Detroit Symphony, the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the National Symphony, the Philadelphia Pops, the Rochester Philharmonic, the Vancouver Philharmonic, and many other organizations.

Bradford teamed with singer/composer Kenny Rankin for the Benny Carter Songbook Project, performing with him the duet, "And All That Jazz." Other notable artists on the album include Ruth Brown, Jon Hendricks, Shirley Horn, Diana Krall, Peggy Lee, Diane Reeves, Bobby Short, Joe Williams, and others. At the request of Benny Carter, Bradford also sang "Key Largo" on this Grammy Award-winning album.

Bradford's 2004 release, "Home With You" (Azica Records), is a warm and beautiful collection of vocal and piano duets with jazz great Shelly Berg. In 2008, with the release of "Live from Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola: Sherrie Maricle & The DIVA Jazz Orchestra featuring Carmen Bradford," Bradford returned to her big band roots. That recording ultimately brought her back to her first big

band family, as well: She continues to tour with the Count Basie Orchestra, always grateful to Count Basie for opening the door for her. “When the Count Basie Orchestra calls me,” she says, “I go.”

The 2015 release of "Invisible Design," with jazz great John Mills, showcases Bradford’s versatility. 2015 also saw the release of "A Very Swingin' Basie Christmas" with the Count Basie Orchestra (conducted by Scotty Barnhart). The album features Bradford, Ledisi, Ellis Marsalis, and Johnny Mathis.

In 2016, Bradford’s was the voice on the album "Imagination Nation," a tribute to Nelson Mandela by South African trumpeter Darren English. This critically-acclaimed album won the Pledge for Peace award from the Global Peace Song Awards, and was named Best in Jazz.

About John Mills

The John Mills Quartet is a jazz group led by Dr. John Mills, a composer, arranger, conductor, and educator based in Austin, Texas. Dr. John Mills is Professor of Jazz Studies at The University of Texas at Austin - Butler School of Music, and has enjoyed a long career as a composer/arranger and recording saxophonist across a wide spectrum of jazz and other musical genres.

John has performed in concert with such jazz luminaries as Maria Schneider, Kenny Wheeler, Carla Bley, and Steve Swallow, R&B icons including Jimmie Vaughan, Dr. John, Ray Charles, and Aretha Franklin, and such popular music stars as Paul Simon, James Taylor, Lyle Lovett, and Bonnie Raitt. He has also scored orchestral arrangements for such diverse artists as Asleep at the Wheel, Rosanne Cash, Indigo Girls, and David Byrne.

Mills has appeared on ten Austin City Limits PBS television broadcasts over the years, including performances with such Texas legends as Ray Benson, Willie Nelson, and Lyle Lovett, and composed the opening theme for one of that popular series’ early seasons. He contributed arrangements to Grammy-nominated Contemporary Blues recordings by Jimmie Vaughan (2020) and Ruthie Foster (2021).

John has produced and recorded three CDs for Fable Records under his own name: Caffeine Dreams, Invisible Designs, and Flying Blind, all of which feature exclusively his original compositions. He was awarded First Prize in the 2008 ArtEZ Jazz Composition in the Netherlands, ISJAC’s 2019 SONIC Award for Best Big Band Composition, and Third Prize in the 2019 Enno Linnovalli Jazz Composition Contest in Helsinki, Finland.

John Mills is also a long-time baritone saxophonist and songwriter for The Texas Horns, who have recorded on numerous acclaimed recordings in the blues genre, and has appeared at major festivals coast to coast in the U.S as well as in Canada and Europe. He and his fellow members of The Texas Horns were named 2020 Horn Players of the Year by Living Blues Magazine.

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 (three -week list): Ron Williams, Lois Holt and Clifford Johnson.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Stephanie and her family, Wilbur Rafael Garces Perez and his family, Desiree, Vonnie, 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 Alexander, Donna Plowman, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Michael Hughes, Susan Gunn, BJ Taylor, 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, 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, Richard White, Andre Watkins, Jana Murphy, Justin Howell and his family, Bruce Blackwell, Doug Lawrie, Tara Turner, Gertrude Fowler, 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.

Announcements

Rooted in Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith: Make a 2027 Pledge

Please join us during this season of stewardship in making a pledge for 2027. Stewardship is for everyone, and we are always growing in our generosity. Each of us has been given good gifts from God for the care of community. Pledge cards were mailed to your current address and are also in your Stewardship packet.

Need to make a change to your contact information? Email office@stjamesaustin.org. You can also access the online pledge card at any time at https://stjamesaustin.org/pledge-for-2027 or by picking one up in the narthex.

If you would like a reminder about how much you pledged in 2026, email office@stjamesaustin.org.

Leadership Discernment: Vestry, Welcome Table Board and Diocesan Council Delegates
We invite anyone who may be interested in serving on the Vestry, on the Welcome Table Board, or the Diocesan Council Delegation. We look forward to seeing whom God calls to serve in this important ministry of leadership and governance at St. James'. Let us know if you are interested in a one-on-one conversation with a Nominations Committee member. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Senior Warden Stephanie Dodoo at stephaniedodoo@gmail.com or Rev. Eileen at rector@stjamesaustin.org.



Tuesday, November 17, 2:30 pm Welcome Table Friendsgiving, Founders Hall
Twice a month, our East Austin neighbors leave Neighbor to Neighbor with groceries, fresh produce and diapers. Every summer, young readers grow at CDF Freedom Schools® Austin. None of it happens without the people who give their time, and many of them are right here at St. James'. If you have ever packed a bag, served a neighbor, made a call or read with a scholar, whether once or every time, you are part of this table. Welcome Table invites all its volunteers to Friendsgiving as its way of saying thank you. "Come back to the table with us. Bring your appetite; we will save you a seat." RSVP using the link or QR code in Welcome Table's volunteer email or contact April Richard at april@welcometableaustin.org.

Not a volunteer yet? Neighbor to Neighbor packs and serves on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and unloads the Food Bank truck on Friday mornings. Learn more at welcometableaustin.org.

Wednesday, November 18, 6 pm: Faith and the Environment: Caring for Others
East Austin Canterbury (college ministry) continues its Theology in the Tea Garden series for college students and grad students. The topic is *Faith and the Environment: Caring for Others*.
Meet at West China Tea, 1715 East 7th. Questions? Contact Rev. Addison at addison@stjamesaustin.org.

Next Sunday, November 22: The Bishop is coming!
On November 22, Bishop Kai Ryan will join us at our two principal services, the 10:30 am and the 1 pm. She will also meet with the Vestry, but she is eager to see you and to celebrate the big things that St. James' is up to in the community. If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your faith (maybe you were confirmed in 6th grade but have a better sense of those vows now), let Rev. Eileen, Rev. Addison, or Rev. George know, and they will help you get ready.

Sunday, November 22, 2:30 pm: 42nd Annual Interfaith Day of Thanks Service and Celebration
Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) invites you to their annual Interfaith Service and Community Potluck Lunch at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W. 15th Street, Austin, TX 78701. All are welcome. Bring a favorite dish to share, ready to serve and labeled with any dietary information. Please do not bring pork, shellfish, or peanuts. RSVP at https://interfaithtexas.org/interfaith-day-of-thanks-service-celebration/.
Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent!
Advent is a season of holy waiting, a time to slow down, light a candle against the dark, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us as we begin the new church year together. Following the 10:30 service, join us in Founders to make an Advent wreath. All ages are welcome. All supplies provided.
It's a wonderful way to start a family tradition of lighting the candles together each week as Christmas draws near.

Sunday, November 29, 2-4 pm: Serve at Trinity Center
We gather in 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. We'll let the neighbors in at 3pm and begin the service. The service is pretty quick, and everyone is encouraged as they are comfortable to sit with

the neighbors 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.

St. James' Turns 85!

For 85 years, St. James' has been a place where all are welcome at the table. We have become an inclusive, multicultural community of faith, community of faith and service in East Austin. This December, as we journey through Advent together, we will spend a whole week, December 5–13, giving thanks for this community that has come this far by faith.

Founders' Week Schedule

- **Saturday, December 5, 12–3 p.m. · Founders' Day Party.** Our community celebration kicks off the week with food, games, history and the St. James' Got Talent showcase.
- **Sunday, December 6, 12–1 p.m. ·** Looking to the Future Together. An interim presentation on our Master Plan, sharing what we have heard from you and where we are headed.
- **Monday, December 7, 4 p.m. ·** A Service of Thanksgiving on our 85th anniversary. We gather on the Huston-Tillotson University campus, near Chalmers Avenue and 7th Street, at the site of the original St. James' building, to give thanks for the roots and foundations of our community.
- **Saturday, December 12, 8 a.m. · Las Mañanitas at Casa Marianella.** We celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe and 20 years of ministry together with Casa Marianella.
- **Sunday, December 13 · Founders' Day Commemoration.** A day-long celebration as Bishop Greg Rickel, the second rector of St. James', joins us to preach and celebrate.

Founders' Day Party · Saturday, December 5, Noon–3 p.m.

Food, music, games, dancing and memories! Bring your family, invite a friend, and celebrate with us. This party is for every generation of St. James', from longtime members to brand-new friends.

85 Years, One St. James', So Many Talents!

Sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a story or make us laugh at the Founders' Day celebration. All ages are welcome. Sign up using the QR code on in the narthex. Help Us Throw a Party Worthy of St. James'!

Volunteers are needed for decorating, hospitality, setup and more. To join the planning team, contact Lisa Braithwaite (lisacpeavy@gmail.com) or Stephanie Dodoo (stephaniedodoo@gmail.com).