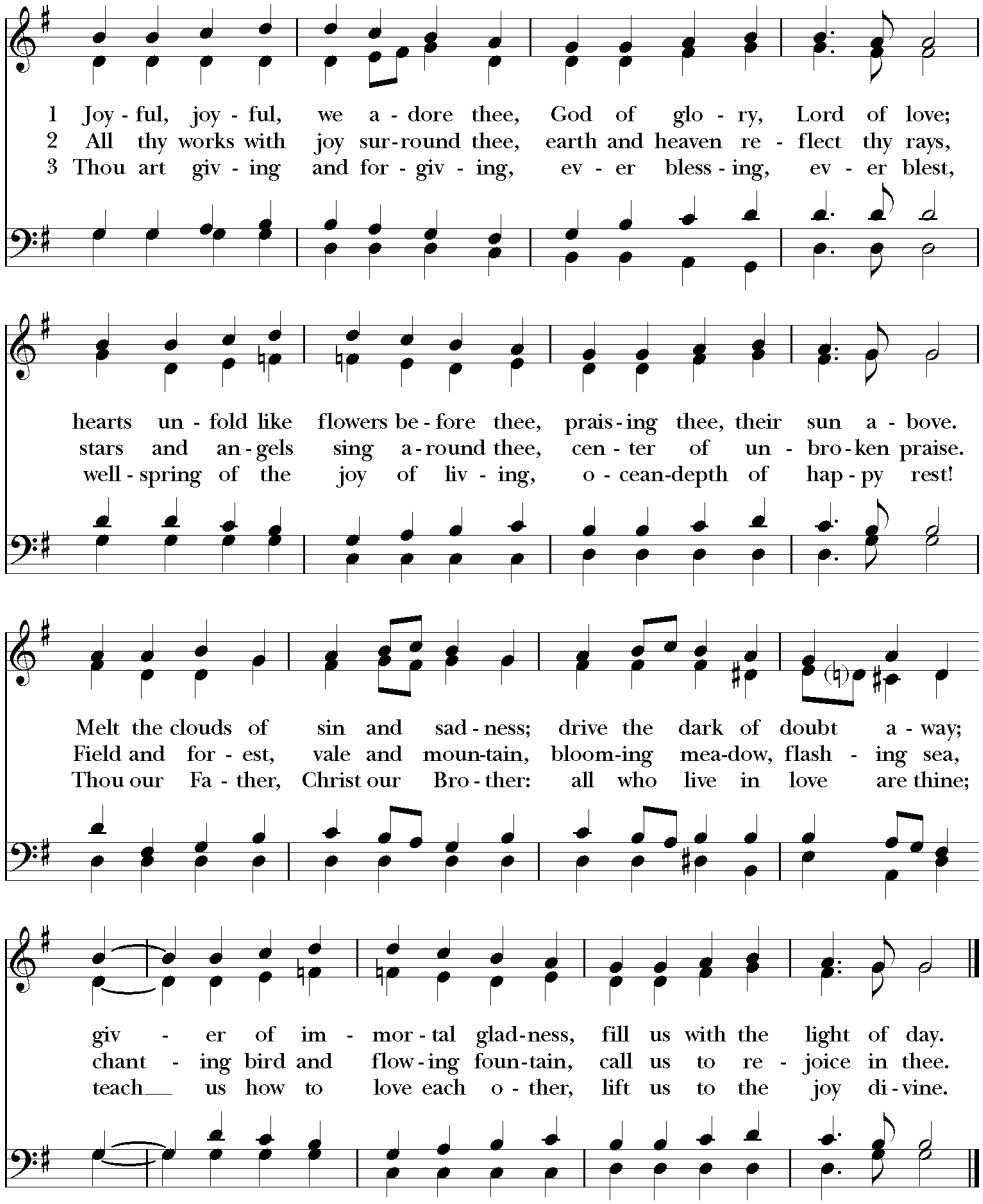St. James' Episcopal Church
November 8, 2026
10:30 am
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Hymn to Freedom — Oscar Peterson
Austin Kimble, piano

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee — H376



The Word of God

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

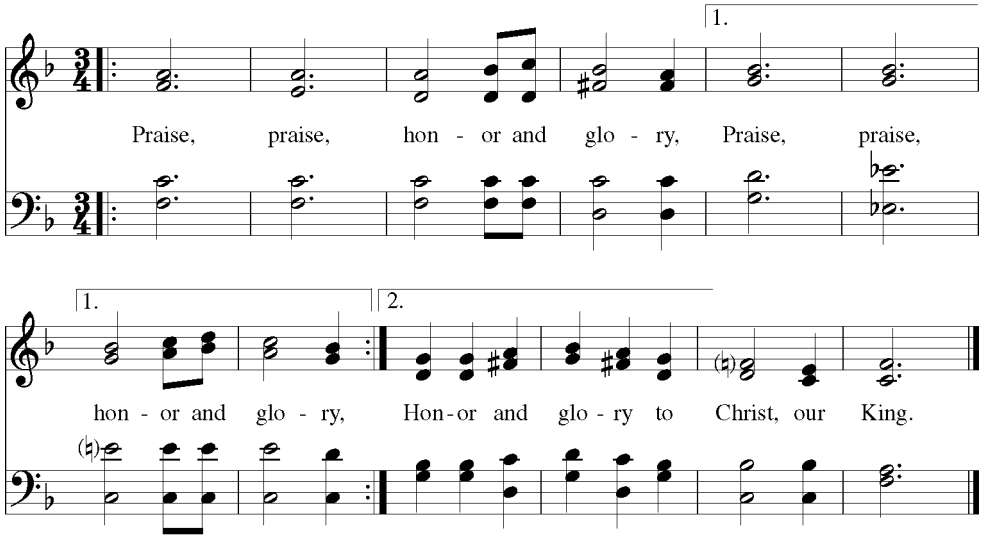
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray together.

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Praise, praise, honor and glory LEVAS 246



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading Wisdom 6:12–16

Lector A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

Psalm Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
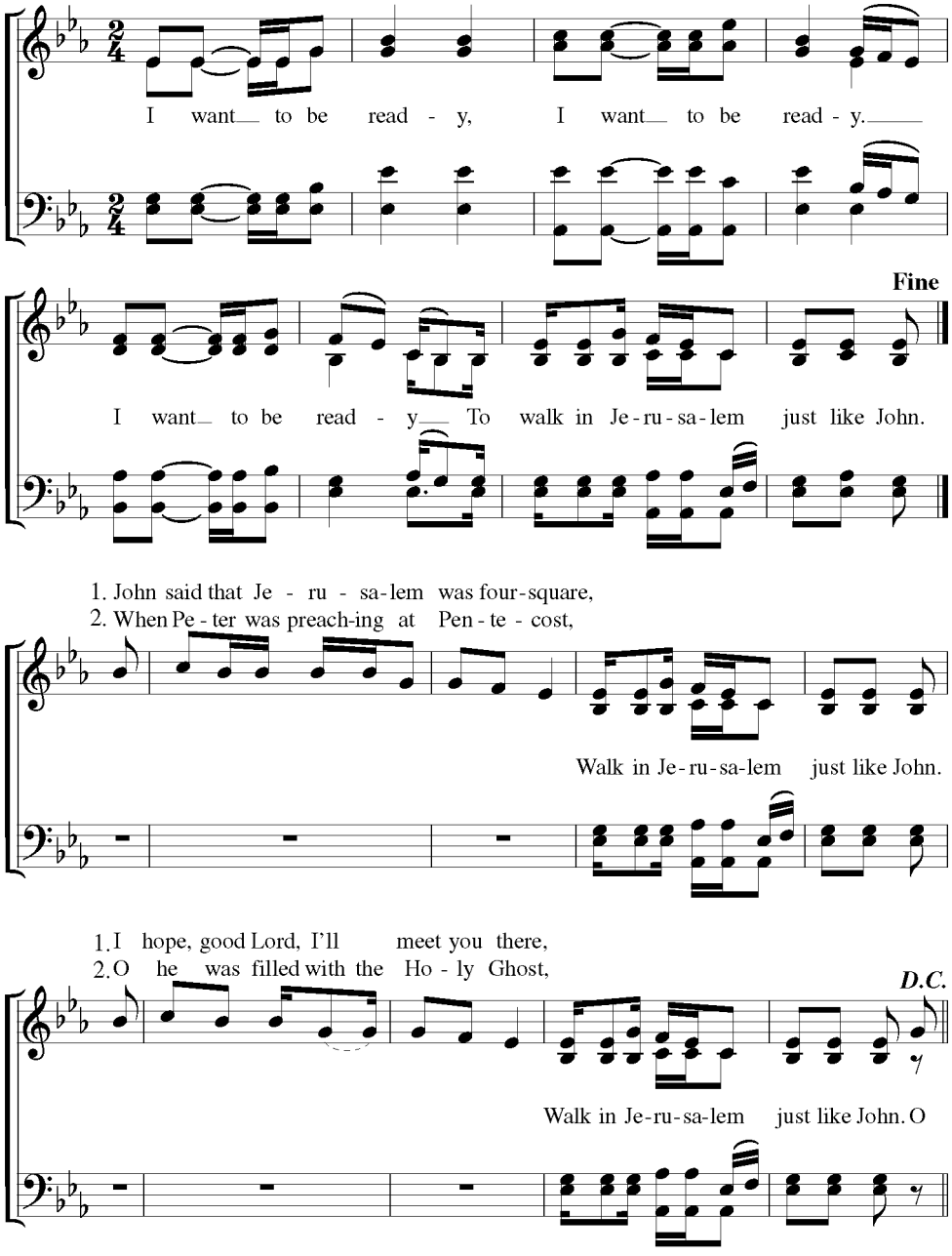
Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will

descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Lord, I want to be ready LEVAS 7



The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of heaven and earth, refuge of the poor, you are near to us. Through Jesus Christ, you promise to hear us when we pray.
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. We pray for all who feel alone or isolated. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.
For whom shall we pray?
Silence
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Give us courage and wisdom, that we may care for your world and see every family, tribe, language and people as an interconnected expression of your grace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor Lord, you are our shepherd. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to the leaders of nations, businesses, educational institutions, and communities.
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and God's kingdom. By your Spirit, unite us in your truth and love, and strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world.
Lord, hear our prayer,

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Intercessor We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we pray for those who mourn. Through your love and mercy wipe away the tears from all faces.
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.**

Celebrant Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

All
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

As you pass the peace, please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries.

Announcements and Blessings

Birthday Prayer

People **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer

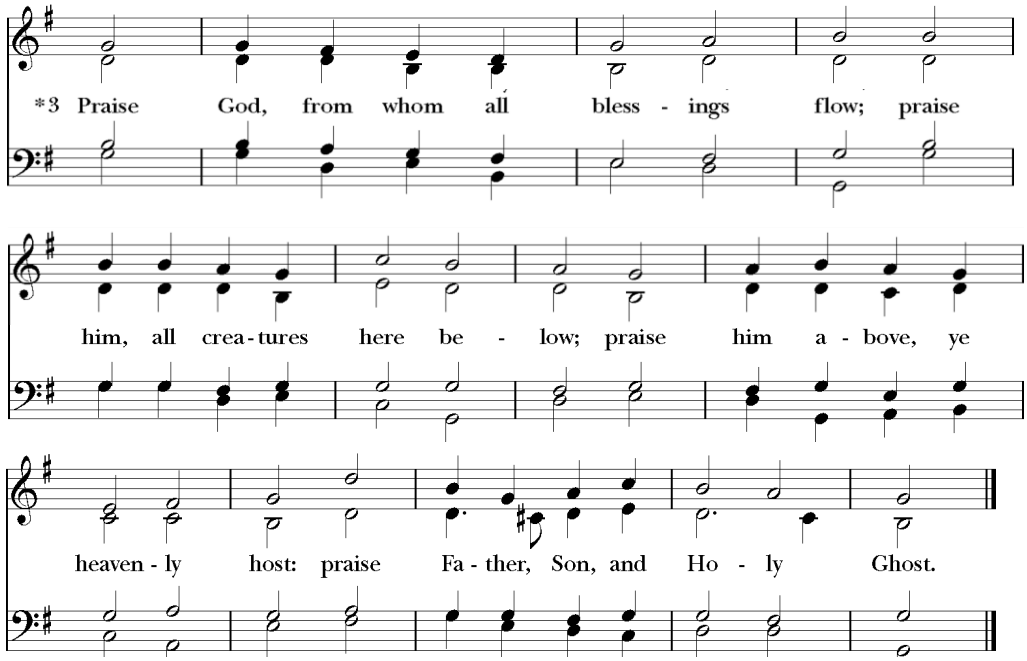
People **Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen.**

Offertory

Together as St. James', every gift - large or small - advances our ministry. You can make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby, the QR code, or by text: send the amount and the word "give" (e.g., 50give) to 512-692-4313.

Keep Your Lamps, African American spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

The Doxology H380



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.**
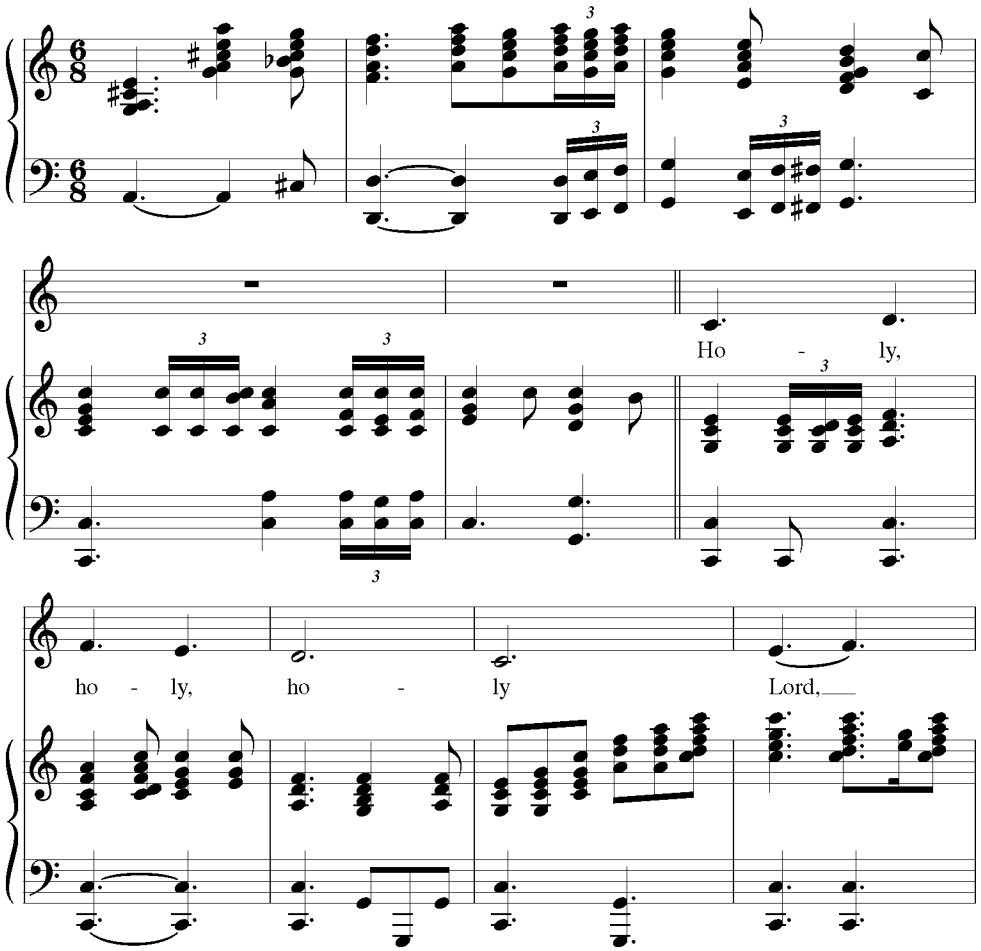
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
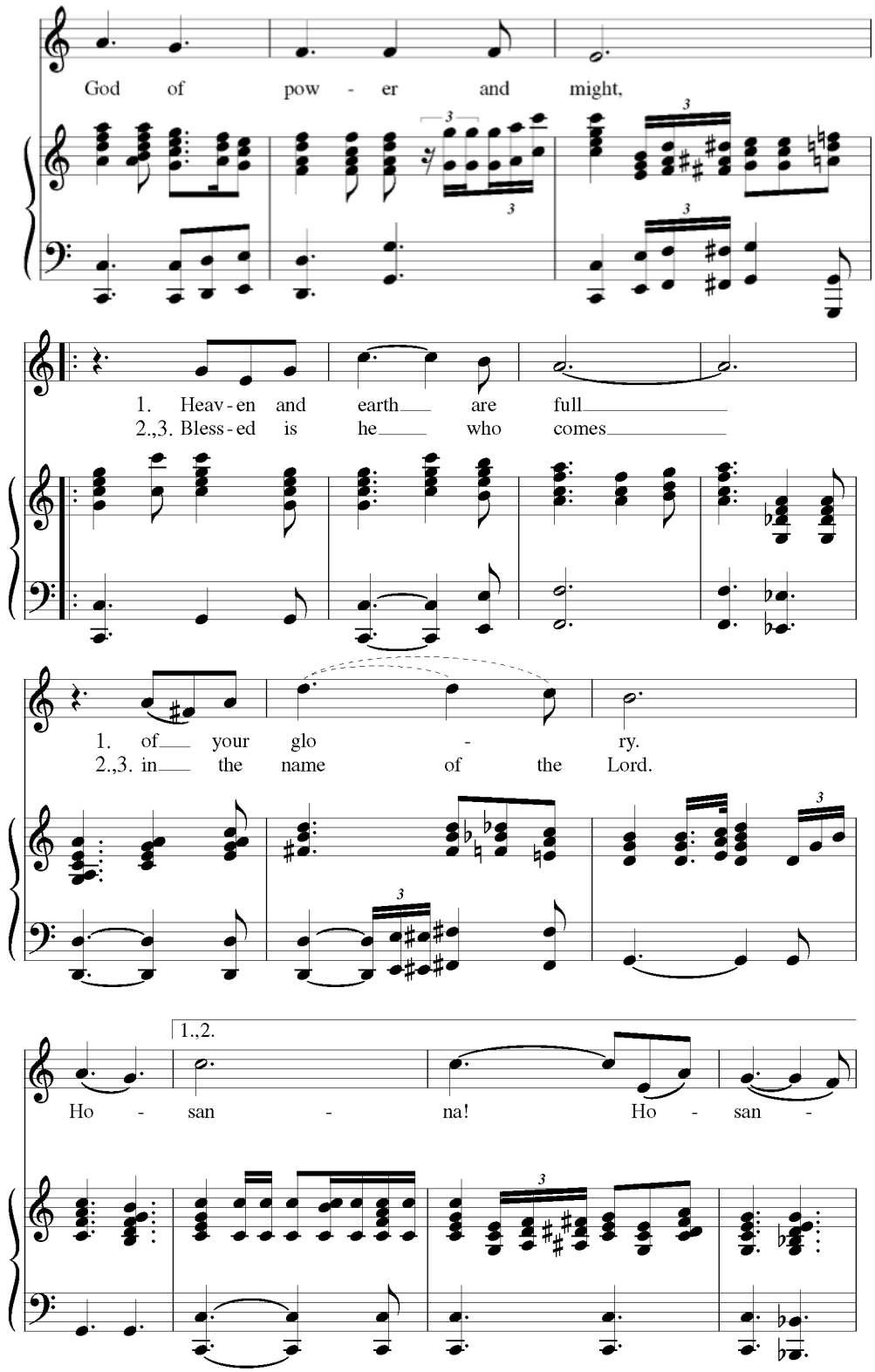
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
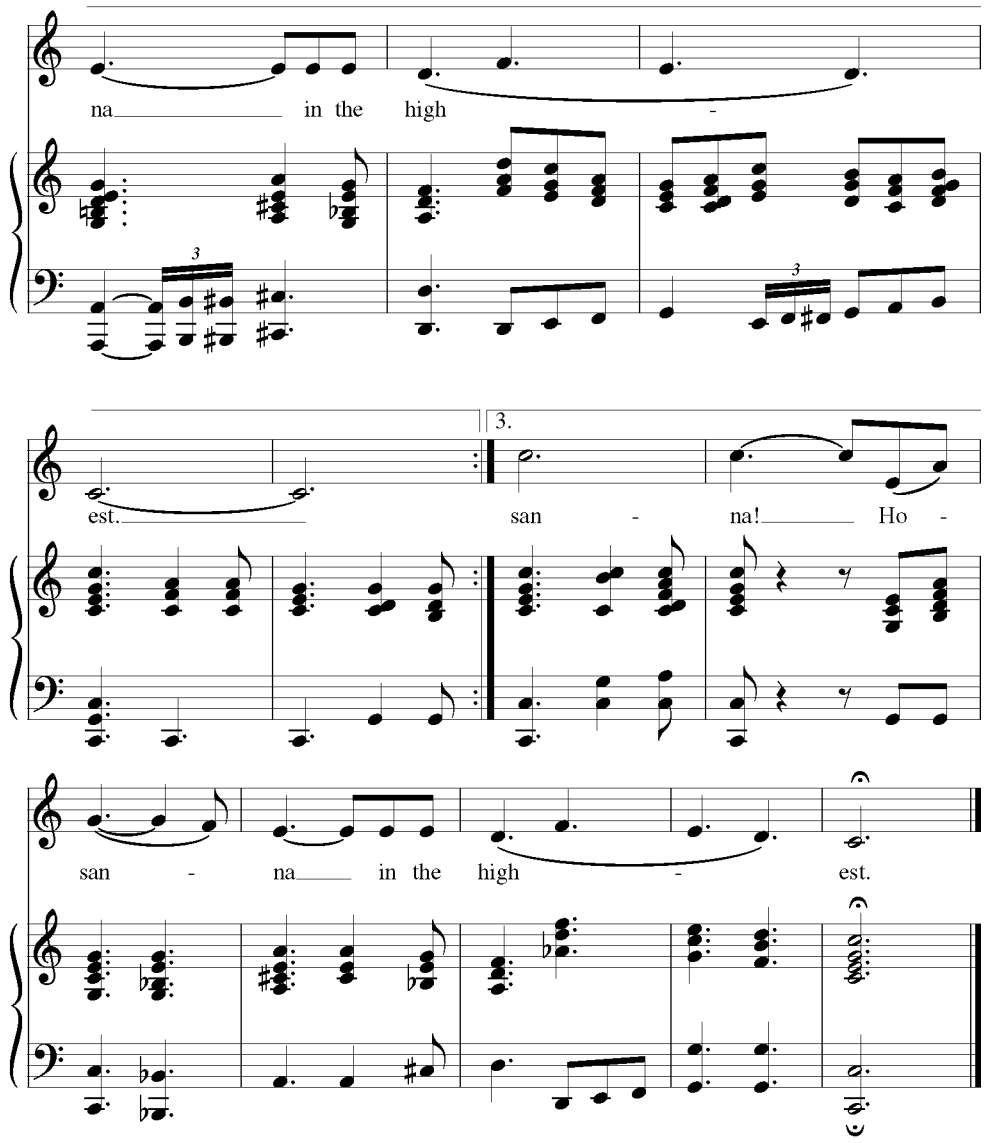
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 continue to 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:
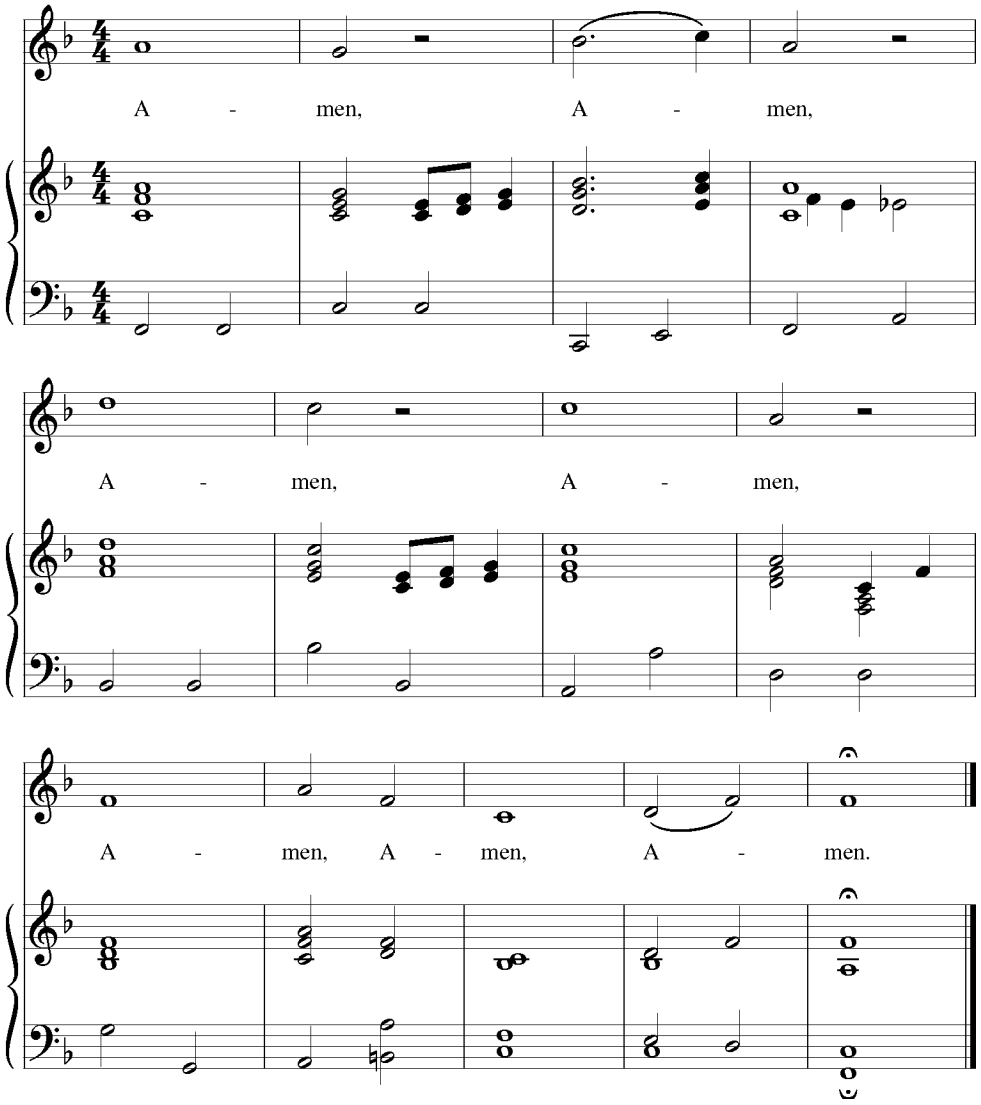
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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

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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
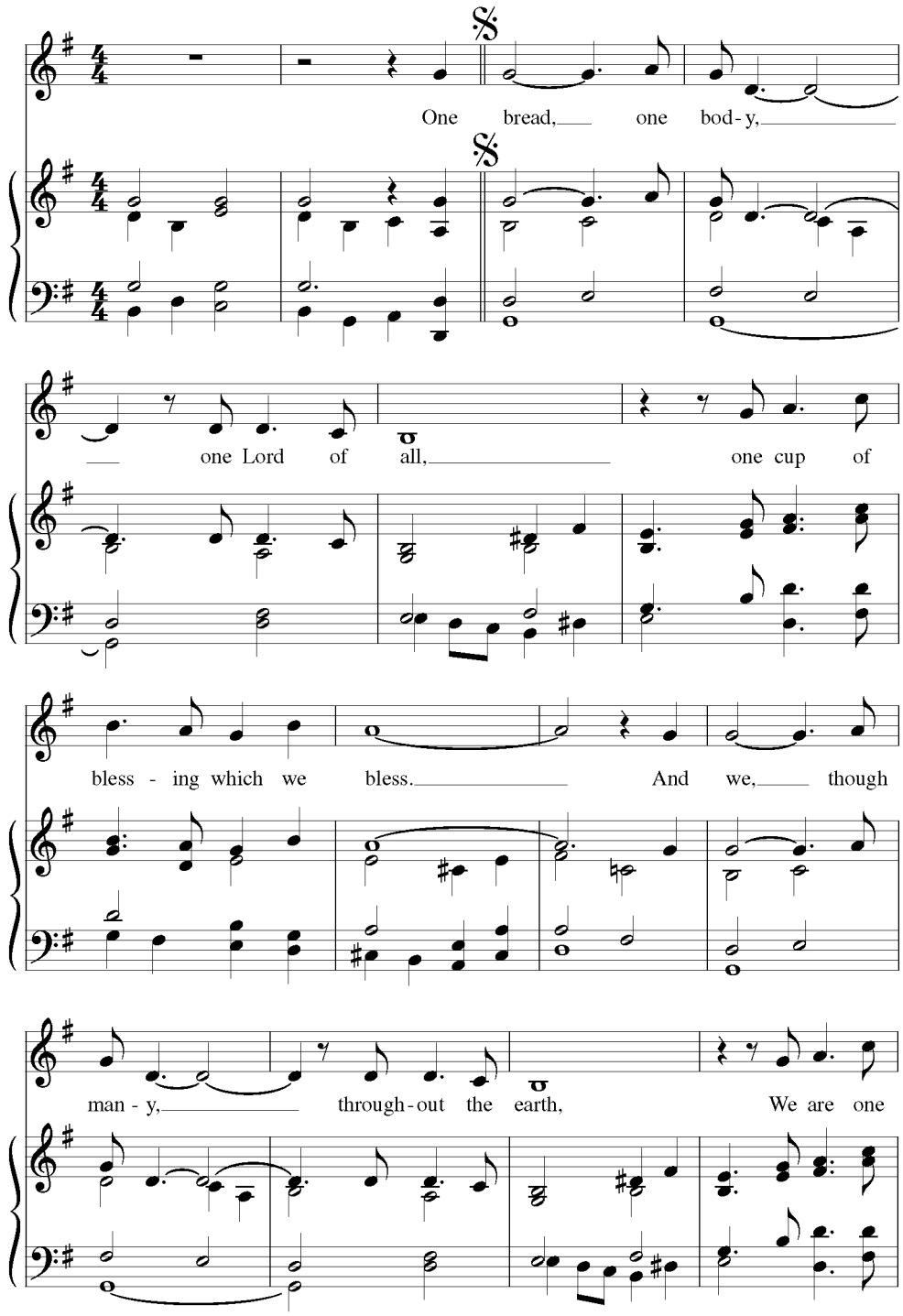
Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
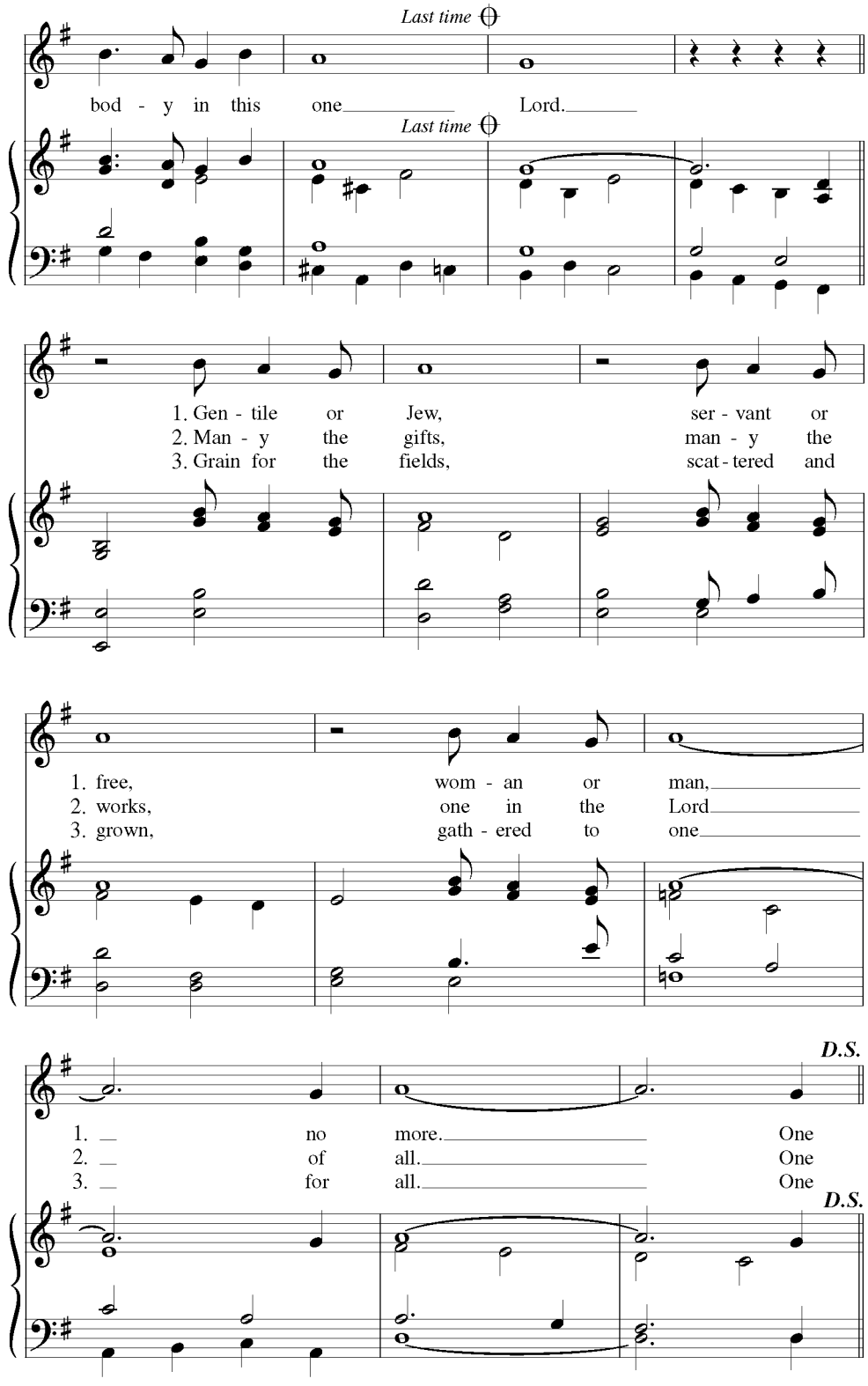
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

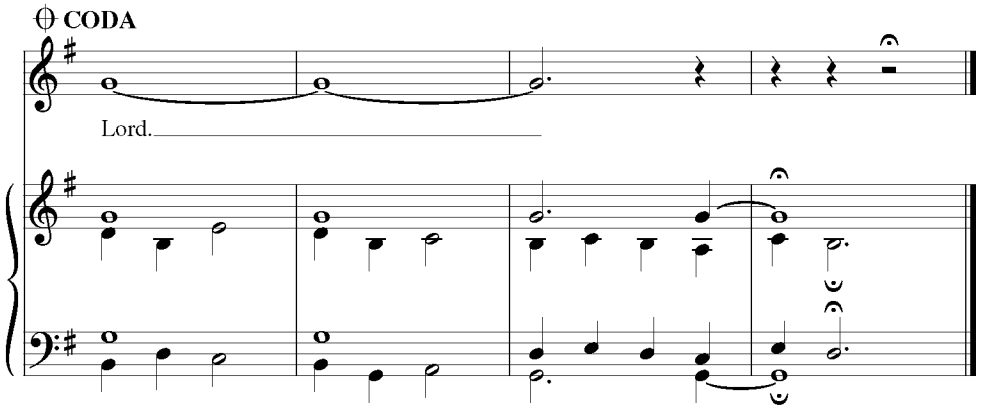
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

People **you are welcome at this table.**
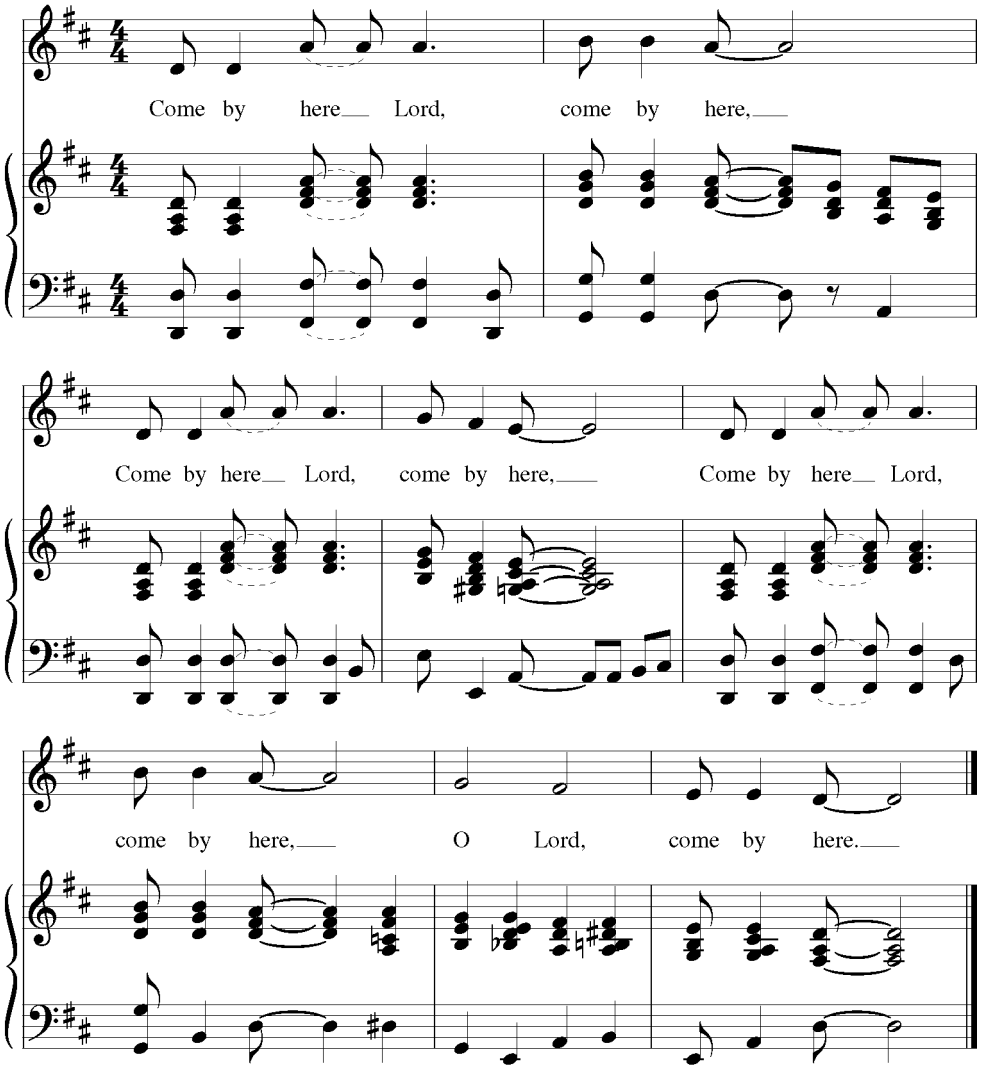
Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten -free wafers are available.


One bread, one bod - y,
one Lord of all,
one cup of
bless - ing which we bless.
And we, though
man - y,
through - out the earth,
We are one


Last time
bod - y in this one Lord.
Last time
1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
1. free, wom - an or man,
2. works, one in the Lord
3. grown, gath - ered to one
D.S.
1. no more. One
2. of all. One
3. for all. One
D.S.



Come by here LEVAS 162



2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here.

3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here.

The Post Communion Prayer
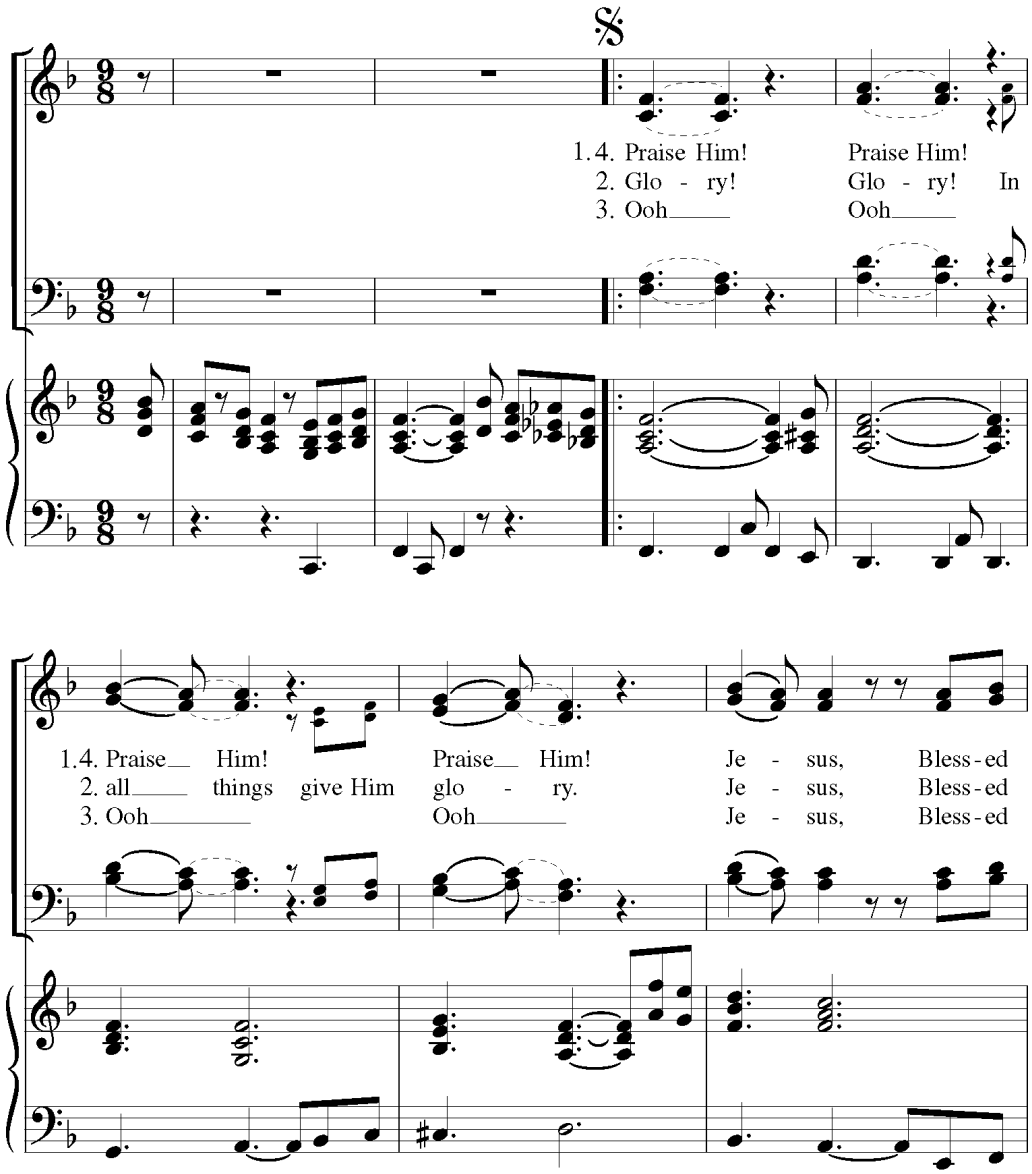
Celebrant Let us pray.
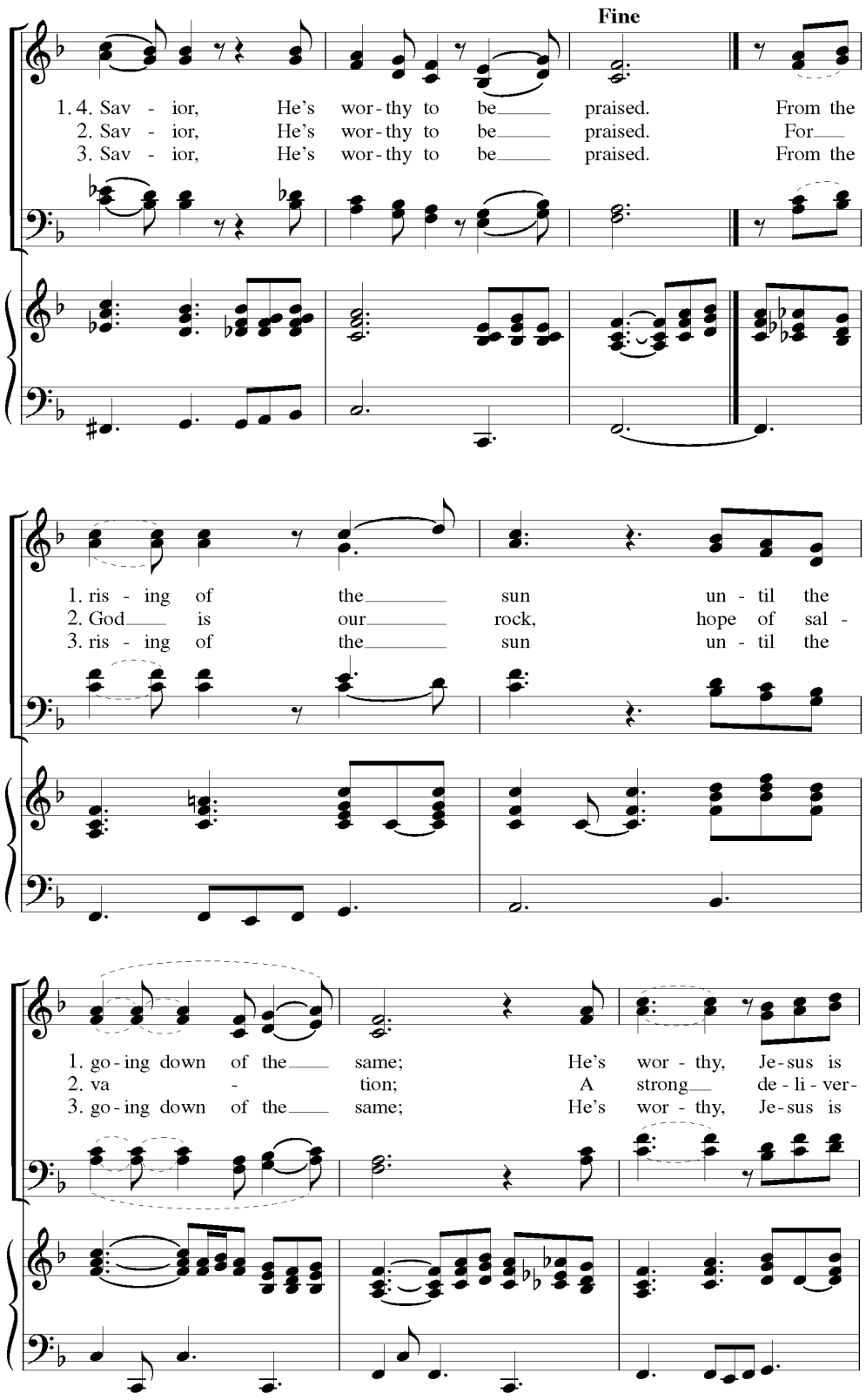
People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**
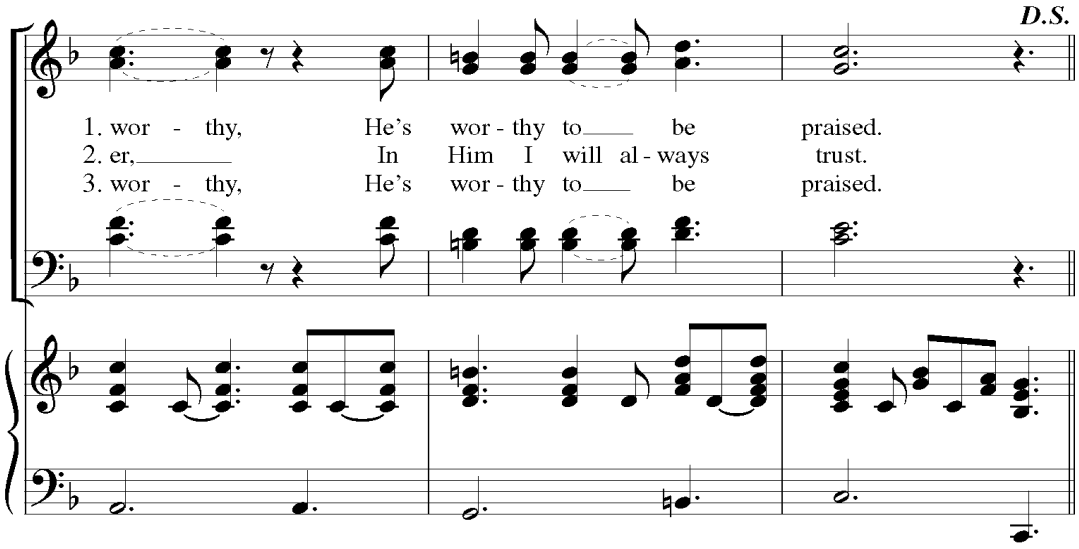
The Blessing

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

Praise Him LEVAS 98




Fine
1. 4. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be praised. From the
2. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be praised. For
3. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be praised. From the
1. ris - ing of the sun un - til the
2. God is our rock, hope of sal -
3. ris - ing of the sun un - til the
1. go - ing down of the same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is
2. va - tion; A strong de - li - ver -
3. go - ing down of the same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is



The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer List

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): Debbie Vickery, 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 10, 7 pm: Mueller Tuesdays at the Overture
Join us in the Cork Room for Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Contact Rob Corcoran at robcorc@gmail.com to be added to the email list or with questions.

Thursday, November 12, 7 pm: Young Adults 20s and 30s: Faith & Finance: "Stewarding What God Has Given"
How does our faith shape the way we think about money? Join us for a practical conversation about generosity, stewardship, contentment, budgeting, and trusting God with our resources. Together, we'll explore how our finances can become an expression of our faith and our values. Questions? Contact Rev. Addison at addison@stjamesaustin.org.

November 13-15: Jazz at St. James'
Next weekend, join us for the 32nd Annual concerts and the Jazz Mass on November 13-15. This year's festival will feature Grammy winner Carmen Bradford, alongside up-and-coming artists from the Austin jazz community. Use the QR code to learn more about Carmen Bradford and get your tickets.

Friday, November 13, 5:30-7:00 pm: Jazz Social Hour
Kick off Jazz at St. James' weekend with good company and joyful fellowship at our Friday Social. Everyone is welcome—so bring a friend (or two!) and enjoy light refreshments, laughter, and conversation before heading into an incredible night of jazz. It's the perfect way to connect, unwind, and celebrate community before the concert begins!

Want to volunteer during the Jazz Social Hour, greet guests, serve light refreshments? Contact Mary Katherine Matalon at mkmatalon@gmail.com. Thank you for sharing your time.

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.

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, 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.

Did you know St. James' is turning 85 years old?

We're getting ready to mark a special milestone in the life of St. James', and we'd love your help making the celebration memorable! December 5-13 will be a whole week of celebrating this community that has come this far by faith.

Interested in helping? Reach out to Lisa Braithwaite at lisacpeavy@gmail.com or Stephanie Dodoo at stephaniedodoo@gmail.com to join the planning team.

85 Years, One St. James', So Many Talents!
Join the fun at our 85th Founders Day Celebration Saturday, December 5, from 12 to 3 p.m.!

Sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a story, or make us laugh. Whatever your talent, we want to see it! All ages are welcome. Ready to show us what you've got? Sign up for the talent show by using the QR code or in the narthex.

Mark your calendars for November 13-15, invite friends, and get your tickets for Jazz at St. James' with Grammy Award winner Carmen Bradford!

