St. James' Episcopal Church
November 8, 2026
5 pm
Twenty-Fourth 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.

Lord, my soul is thirsting LEVAS 166



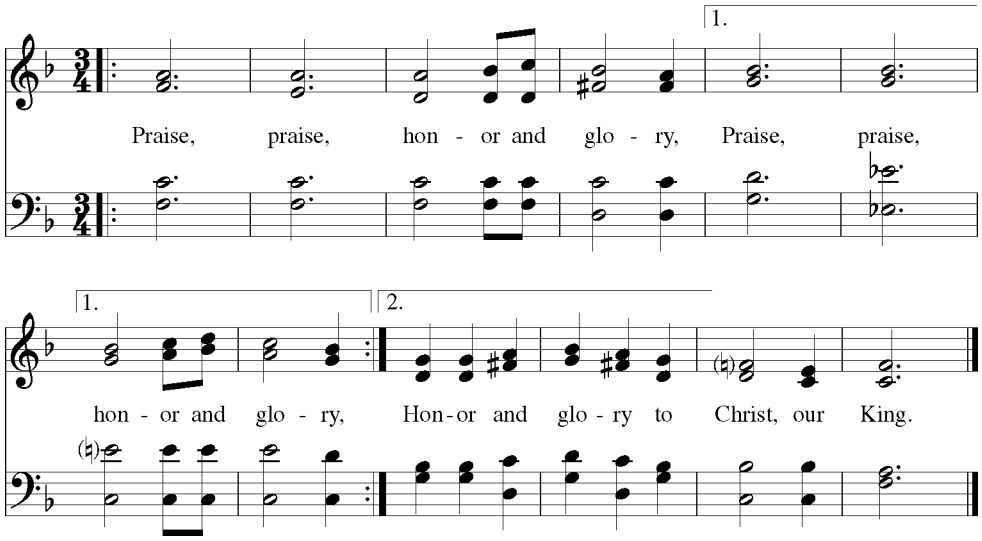


Presider Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

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.
Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilment of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Take my life H707



The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Praise and glory to God.

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 Christ, the Word.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith

People **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God.
We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of heaven and earth, 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?
Silence
Lord, hear our prayer,

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

Presider 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

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: send 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




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 -
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est.
3.
san - na! Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

As you are able, please remain standing or kneel.

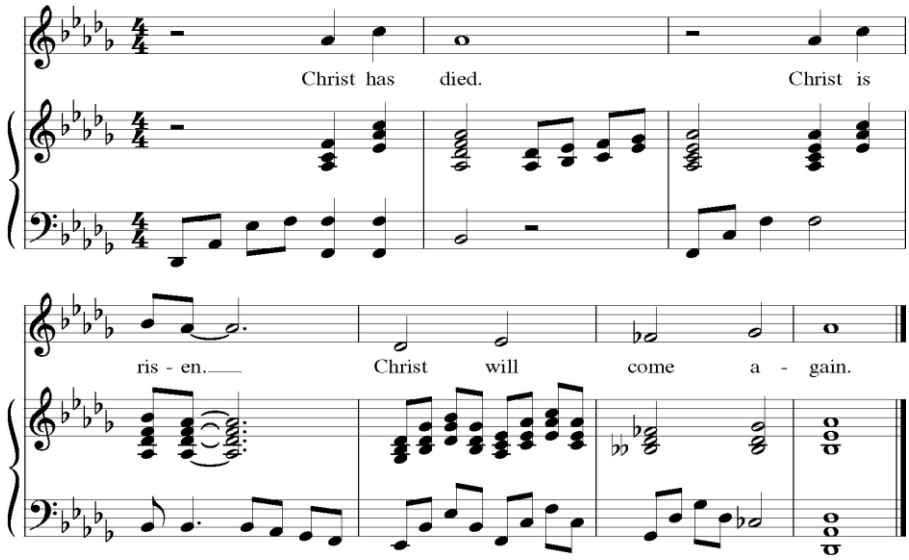
Presider All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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



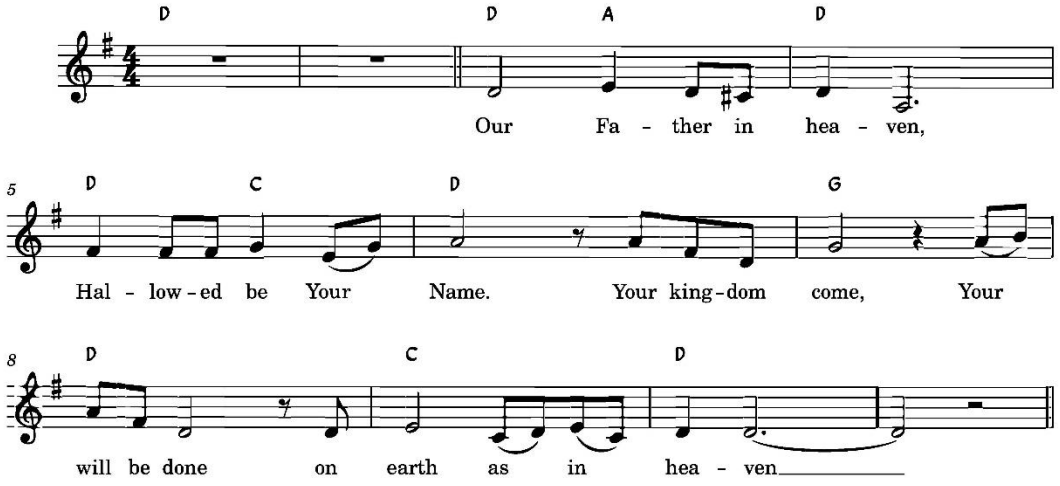
Presider Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us with Christ, 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



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





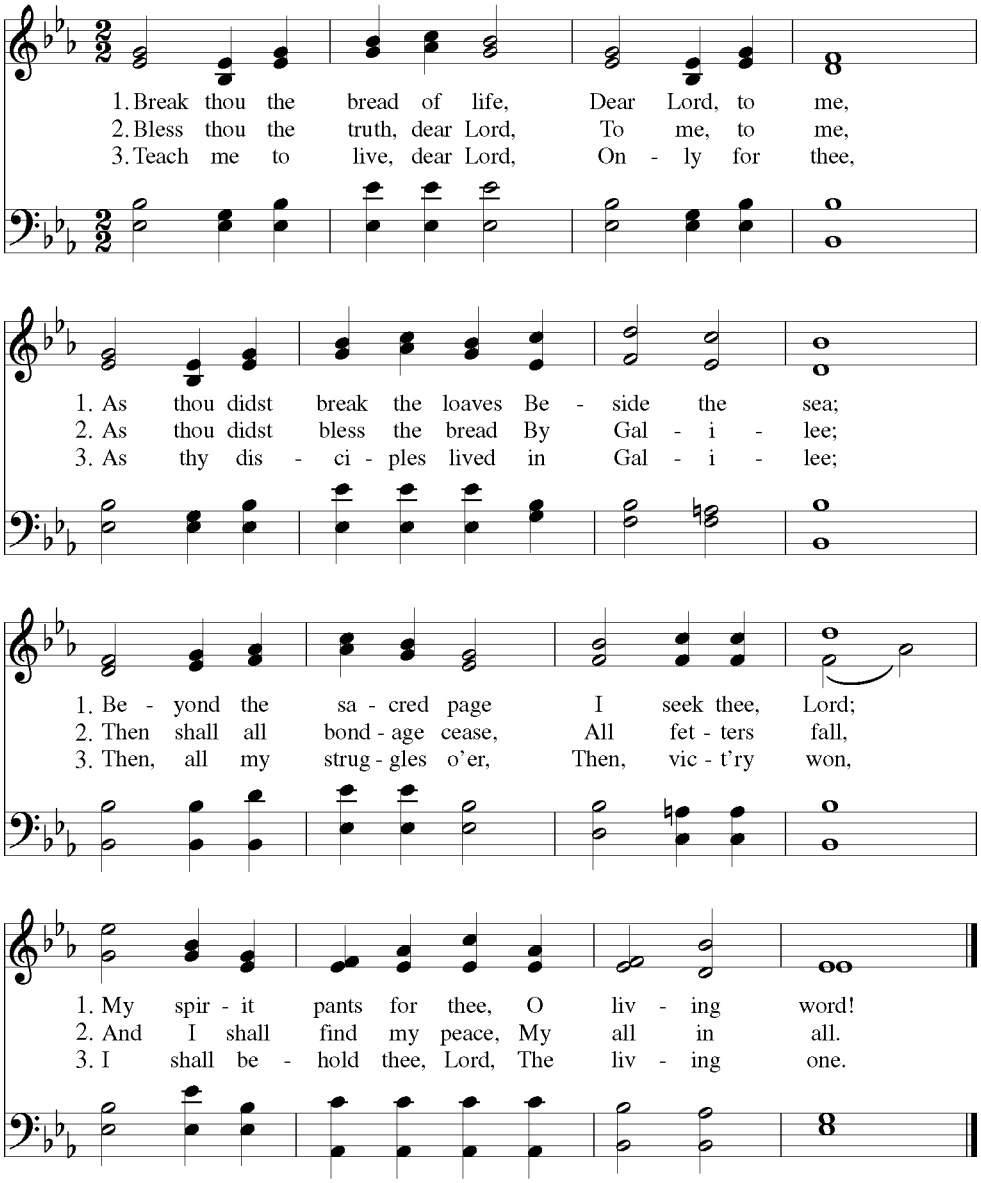
The Breaking of the Bread



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.

Break thou the bread of life LEVAS 146



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.**

We've come this far LEVAS 208





2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And He never failed me yet.
That's why we've (Refrain)

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 (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-2026/ 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 question.

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.