

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Grand Choeur

Théodore Dubois

Played by Sean Price, organist

(1837-1924)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Jill Singleton
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

Support from St. James Church given to The Lighthouse for asylum seekers

Please stand

Processional Hymn

New songs of celebration render

Hymn 413

A Prayer for Children (*Children process to their classrooms*)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Greeting & Collect for Purity

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The Song of Praise

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Behold! Listen!

Congregation: **This is important!**

Collect for the Community (*Read together in unison*)

Gracious God, strengthen in us the two values that we hold central as a Christian Community. These values are inspired by Jesus' two great commandments. First, we love God or something greater than ourselves with all our hearts and mind, and second we commit to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no boundary or condition to our love and commitment to God or to our neighbor, no matter who they may be. All are welcome in this place. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*Read responsively by the whole verse*)

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 **With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.**

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

O love, how deep

Hymn 448

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. C. Melissa Hall

The Nicene Creed (*Recited In Unison, standing*)

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Prayers of the People

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Concluding Collect

The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Sacerdotes Domini
Sung by the St. James Choir

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

Doxology

Sung to Hymn 400

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
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Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-155

The Invitation

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.

Communion Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymn 455

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Almighty God, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Whether we can be at your table or not, we unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal

Please stand

Closing Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Hymn 559

Coffee Hour this week is sponsored by the Goodrich Family in celebration of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **The Philadelphia Eleven; Breaking Down Barriers—Transforming the Church:** There will be a screening of this important film at 12:15pm in the Church TODAY. Please join us!
- * **Confirmation Class** meets Monday, May 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church kitchen. Confirmation is Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. at Trinity and St. Philips Cathedral, Newark.
- * Are you fluent in any language other than English? We are looking for three readers to read the Pentecost Sunday lessons at the 10:15 a.m. service. Contact Rev. Audrey asap. (ahasselbrook@gmail.com)
- * **Facebook Update:** Beginning May 12. Postings to the church's public Facebook page (St. James Episcopal Church of Upper Montclair) will be done through the church office. Email requests to stjamesmontclairoffice@gmail.com. We are closing the private page, "St. James Montclair", on May 12.
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am—3pm Monday—Friday
- * **Little Free Pantry on the Front lawn:** We are in need of sources of protein, especially canned tuna, meats, and peanut butter. Donations can be brought to the church.

THE H.O.S.T CORNER (HERE'S ONE SMALL THING)

I will do this one small thing:

- Write a letter about gun safety to your elected officials
- Come to church as often as I can
- Volunteer for the parish's food insufficiency program
- Sign up for the choir
- Sign up your children for church programming
- Donate food to the soup kitchens
- Give one hour in our thrift store
- Say grace at the dinner table
- Say prayers thanking God for the day at waking and sleeping
- Give one Sunday to help gather this community in worship by being an usher
- Be a Church Reader
- Learn the names of our confirmation class
- Volunteer to work with our teens and youth.
- Offer a ride to church for someone who needs it
- Make a short weekly phone call to the homebound
- Help with social media posts
- Reach out by email to welcome a new member
- Invite a friend to Church
- Talk about our church's good works with others
- Show up to events at the church.
- Say hello to a neighbor
- Volunteer to keep the outdoor food pantry stocked.
- Learn the names of three teens or children in our church
- Say Hello to three teens or children in our church
- Become informed about our town government

Be good stewards.

We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church.