

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Annual Meeting 2024

10:15 am: Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Meditation on "Londonderry Air"

Sean Price

Played by Sean Price, organ

(b. 1986)

Please stand

Processional Hymn

All Are Welcome

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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

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.

Prayer for the Annual Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel in our annual meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Business of the Annual Meeting

Words of Installation for the Newly Elected

In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God’s will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in His name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lord, I trust thee
Sung by the St. James Choir

Georg Friedrich Händel
(1685-1759)

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-130

The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-164

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.

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.

Communion Hymn

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Hymn 336

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Benediction

Motion to Close the Annual Meeting

Doxology (Sung by All)

Hymn 380, Verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dismissal and Invitation to Coffee Hour

The coffee hour today is sponsored by The Vestry and Wardens in gratitude for our Rector and Assistant Rector

OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've
heard and loved and treas - ured taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
im - age of God's face, let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **Easter Flower cards:** Please find cards and envelopes at the back of the church for Easter flower memorials/remembrances.
- * **Free Ham from Shoprite you aren't going to eat??** Bring it to the church by 3pm on Good Friday and we will get it to someone who needs it.
- * **Lenten Noonday Prayer:** Join us Monday-Friday in the chancel of the church for a time of contemplation, reflection, prayers, and readings.
- * **E-Newsletter:** The church office sends out a weekly e-news to keep everyone up to date. If you don't receive it, please email the church office: stjamesmontclairoffice@gmail.com
- * **Children's Stations of the Cross 10am on March 29th, Good Friday in the Church**
- * **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.