

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 27, 2024

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost—Outreach Sunday

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553 *attr. Johann Sebastian Bach*
Played by Sean Price, organ (1685-1750)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Nina Steadman
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for

The 2nd Wedding Anniversary of Alexander and Alyssa Steadman

Please stand

Processional Hymn All Are Welcome *See Back of Bulletin*

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 **BCP Page 355**

The Song of Praise (Gloria) *Hymnal S-278 or BCP Page 356*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

My faith looks up to thee

Hymn 691

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon & Stewardship Presentation

The Rev. C. Melissa Hall

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

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Prayers of the People for an Election

By Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director Department of Faith Formation, The Episcopal Church

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone's voice. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world. God, our creator, **Guide us in truth and love.**

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

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The Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am–3pm Monday–Friday
- * **All Saints Sunday** - Please submit to the church office (stjamesmontclairoffice@gmail.com) names of departed loved ones who have died since All Saints Day 2023. The names will be read during All Saints services on Nov 3.
- * **Fisher Kids** - Youth group for grades 3-6 meets Monday, October 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church kitchen. We'll have dinner, work on a project, and play games. Please RSVP to Rev. Audrey - ahasselbrook@gmail.com
- * **Puzzle Pantry Project:** WE NEED FOOD for the pantry. We are still collecting puzzle pieces for the art installation. We are in need of sources of protein, especially canned tuna, meats, and peanut butter. Donations can be brought to the church or use the container by the church front door.
- * **St. James Preschool Enrollment:** Call Bettylou O'Dell, registrar at (973) 744-0105. Enrollment for 2025/2026 begins December 1st. Tell your neighbors; spaces fill up quickly. We continue to accept enrollments for 2024/2025.
- * **150th Diocesan Convention is November 8 and 9th** at the Meadowlands Hilton, Secaucus. Please keep the Bishop, her staff, and the convention delegates in your prayers as we live into our mission and ministry as a Diocese.
- * **Chamber Music Concert:** Sunday, November 17th at 4pm. Free-will offering to benefit the St. James Little Pantry on the Front Lawn. Music Beethoven, Elgar, Svane, Price, and others to be performed. See Sean Price for more info.
- * **TODAY:**
10/27 - **Holy Communion Classes for children in grade 2 and up.** We meet at 9:30 am in the Godly Play Room (Education wing, across from the church library). We have **Pageant music rehearsal** at 10am in the Church.
10/27 - **AFPS Walk at 12:30pm, Suicide Prevention Walk, Verona Park**