

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 19, 2023

Voices of Youth and Holy Communion Sunday

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Fanfare in D-Major
Played by Sean Price, organ

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens
(1823-1881)

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hymn 618

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

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The Song of Praise (Gloria)

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(Hymnal S-278)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Old Testament

Judges 4:1-7

A reading from the Book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, * until he show us his mercy.

4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Sequence Hymn

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymn 574

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Confirmation Class

Please stand

The Nicene Creed (*Recited In Unison*)

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Prayers of the People

Form III

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements & Words of Welcome

The Dedication & Blessing of the Holy Communion Class (see insert)

The flowers this Sunday are given by John Patierno
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Deceased members of the St. James Community

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	The Lord is a Mighty God <i>Sung by the Saint James Choir</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
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Doxology (<i>Please stand</i>)		Hymn 380, Vs. 3
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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.

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP Page 361
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Sanctus & Benedictus		Hymnal S-127
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The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-156
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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	Light's abode, celestial Salem	Hymn 621
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Post-Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
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The Blessing and Benediction

Recessional Hymn	Rise up, ye saints of God	Hymn 551
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Dismissal

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall

TOP 10 SAFETY TIPS FOR INTERNET USE

1. **Keep Personal Information Private:**

Avoid sharing your address, phone number, or financial details online. Don't divulge personal data on social media or websites you don't fully trust.

2. **Use Strong Passwords:**

Create complex passwords with a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols. Make sure you use different passwords for each of your online accounts.

3. **Be Skeptical of Strangers:**

Ignore requests for money or personal information from unknown individuals online. These requests are often scams.

4. **Click Carefully:**

Avoid clicking on links or downloading files from emails or websites that seem suspicious or are from unknown sources.

5. **Update Regularly:**

Keep your iPad / laptop / iPhone etc, internet browsers, and antivirus software up to date to protect against the latest threats. Use Automatic Updates where possible.

6. **Secure Your Wi-Fi:**

Ensure your home Wi-Fi network is password-protected, and avoid conducting sensitive transactions on public Wi-Fi networks.

7. **Check for 'https':**

Before entering any personal or financial information, ensure the website's address begins with 'https' and look for a padlock icon in the address bar, indicating a secure connection.

8. **Beware of Phishing:**

Exercise caution when you receive emails asking for your personal or financial information, even if they appear to be from a bank or a government entity. Remember, such organizations never request sensitive details via email.

9. **Educate Yourself:**

Take advantage of free internet safety courses often offered at local community centers or libraries to stay informed about common online threats.

10. **Use Trusted Sources:**

Download apps and software exclusively from reputable sources like the official app stores or directly from the software provider's website.



St James Episcopal Church
2023-2024 Chamber Music Series
Program includes works by Mendelsohn,
Mozart and Beethoven performed by

The Rose Quartet

Gabriel Anker

Liana Branscome

Violins

Rachel O'Connor

Viola

Alonso Testrepo Cardozo

Cello



With guest oboist
Randall Wolfgang
NY City Opera



Currently in Residence
at Montclair State,
they have shared the
stage with Harlem
Quartet, the Cavani
Quartet, Caroline Shaw,
Rhiannon Giddens
and Decoda.

Tickets are free. Donations will benefit community ministries.

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4 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Stewardship Season has begun; please fill out your pledge card and return to the church. If you need one, please see the Rector.**
- * A warm welcome to visitors and newcomers.
Please make yourself known to the clergy and sign the guest book to stay in touch.
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am–3pm Monday–Friday
- * **Chamber Music Concert: TODAY at 4pm.** Please join us for a concert in the church with the Rose String Quartet and guest oboist, Randall Wolfgang. The ensemble will be performing music of Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Admission is free however donations will be collected to support community ministries. All are welcome to attend!
- * **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.
- * **Steinway Piano Restoration:** Our Steinway grand piano is almost done being fully restored and should return to us before Christmas. We are asking the congregation to help with restoration costs by writing a check payable to St. James Church with "piano" in the memo line or donating electronically with Zelle (email address odell.bettylou@gmail.com), and by attending musical fundraisers in the months ahead.
- * **Holiday Gift Drive:** We are collecting holiday gifts for infants through high schoolers for Prison Ministry and the Lighthouse Ministry. Bring your gift to St. James Church no later than Dec. 11. Our first event is Dec. 10. Select a tag from the holiday bulletin board (this process helps to ensure we get a broad range of gifts, but not mandatory to participate). **Gifts must be in gift bags, NOT wrapped. Tag gift with age and gender. No toy guns, weapon-like toys, or bats**
Gift cards (\$20 for Walmart or K-Mart) are popular with the tweens and teens. Gift Cards need to be in a clearly marked business size or larger envelope so nothing is misplaced. Do not tuck a gift card into a gift (such as into a purse, wallet, or book) per Jail instructions. Thank you for your support! Questions? See Rev. Audrey (ahasselbrook@gmail.com)
- * **Holiday Cards-** we are collecting your old holiday cards (used or new) for craft projects. You can give them to rev. Audrey or leave them in the marked bin in the hallway. Thank you!
- * **PATCH Party- Dec. 9, 1 p.m.** Prison Ministry's PATCH Party Holiday party fun! We need volunteers who can make lunch - mac and cheese, chicken tender, salad - (at the church), running a craft table, wrapping holiday gifts selected at our holiday shop, and organizing/playing games. Please see Rev. Audrey or email her @ ahasselbrook@gmail.com.
- * **Confirmation class** meets Monday, 11/20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- * **Fisher Kids** meets Monday, 11/27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the kitchen. We have an Advent Project to work on, as well as play games and enjoy dinner together. RSVP. Rev. Audrey ahasselbrook@gmail.com
- * **Lighthouse Party** - On Dec. 10 we are hosting the Lighthouse families for a lovely holiday party during Coffee hour as part of our Confirmation program.

Servers Today: Ushers (8:15am): John Zinn

(10:15am): Charlotte Judd, Sam Givens, Dennis Johnston

Lectors (8:15am) - Susan Hecht & John Zinn

(10:15am) - Elle Moser & Rachele Mandik

Acolytes: Kira Hirsch, Wren Delp, Jake Parkerton

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 Rite 13-ers
 - 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.

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THE DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Dear Children, in your classes you have learned about Jesus, God's love for all people, and the importance of your church community in your life . Will you do your best to continue to read stories from the Bible, say your prayers, be kind and honest, and helpful to the people around you?

Class: **We will.**

Clergy: Let us pray:

Gracious God strengthen Cecilia Ball, Will Brown, Liam McMahon, Tessa Mandik, Lucas Marin, Ada Pompeo, Maeve Rugel, Leo Shepheard-Walwyn, Anjuli Sukhedo, and Sastri Sukhedo as they receive the bread and wine of your holy meal. Help them to be the best they can be each and every day.

Clergy: (to the congregation) Will all you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?

People: **We will, with God's help.**

Clergy: (blessing the children)

May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**