

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 9, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Trio Sonata No. 5 (Allegro) BWV 529

Johann Sebastian Bach

Played by Randall Svane, guest organist

(1685-1750)

The flowers this Sunday are given by John & Katherine Rollo
to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of:

Joseph Rollo

Please stand

Processional Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

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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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Behold! Listen!

Congregation: **This is important!**

Collect for the Human Family

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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 Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people: `Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.**
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Sequence Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word

Hymn 371

The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. C. Melissa Hall

The Baptism

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We welcome into the family of God:

Opal Peace Muller-Lackner

The Sharing of the Peace & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia
Sung by the St. James Choir

William Boyce
(1710-1779)

Doxology

Hymn 380, Vs. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-163

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.

Hymn for Communion

O for a closer walk with God

Hymn 683

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: 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

Recessional Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymn 535

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary

Tocatta in F, BWV 540a

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Michael Hirsch

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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
- * **Church Security:** For security, the doors to the parking lot and driveway are locked at the start of Sunday services. Please enter through the tower doors, which remain open during services.
- * **COFFEE HOUR!!** Have you been enjoying our lively coffee hours? Please consider sponsoring one! You can mark a birthday, anniversary, baptism or other special occasion. Please speak to Barbara Boehm or email her at barbaradrakeboehm@gmail.com
- * **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.
- * **Guest Organist/Choirmaster:** We welcome Randall Svane to St. James as our guest organist and choirmaster, while Sean is away this week. Please stop by the organ console and say hello!