

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Voices of Women—Listen: This is Important

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Word of God

**Organ Voluntary**      Oboe Concerto in A (Allegro), BWV 1055      *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*Played by Randall Wolfgang, oboe d'amore & Sean Price, organ      (1685-1750)*

The flowers this Sunday are given by Barbara & Robert Meyer  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
**Oneta Wherry and Gemma Meyer**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn**      See the Conqueror mounts in triumph      *Hymn 215*

**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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 1:15-17, 21-26*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus~ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us~ one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Psalm 1*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## The Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

*A reading from the first letter of John*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

The head that once was crowned

Hymn 483

## The Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

*Please be seated*

**Voices of Women: Nina Steadman**

Steven Sutton, Videographer



Nina Steadman and her mother, Agnessa in 1937

## Concluding Collect

## The Sharing of the Peace &amp; Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Peace of God  
*Sung by the St. James Choir**John Rutter*  
*(b. 1945)*

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

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

*Hymn 328*

## 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

When Christ was lifted from the earth

*Hymn 603*

*The coffee hour today is sponsored by The Bylancik Family in honor of all who mother*

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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

\* **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.

\* **May AAPI Month in Montclair**

*Full details listed on the Montclair AAPI website: <https://aapimontclair.org/upcoming-events>*

-**May 15th**-Peace Cups: Japanese Yunomi & Meditation Workshop (Ages 12 - 18), 4:30 and 7:40 pm.  
Montclair Public Library

-**May 16th**-Montclair Film Story SLAM: Immigration Stories, 7:30 PM, 9:30 PM, Cinema505, Montclair  
Film, 505 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042

-**May 19th**-LANTERN FESTIVAL for Justice and Remembrance, Edgemont Park

-**May 31st**-Corky Lee's Asian America. Doors open at 6:30pm Montclair Art Museum, Leir Hall, 3

## 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.