

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 19, 2024

The Sunday of Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651
Played by Brenda Day, Guest Organist

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

The flowers on the Altar are given by The Rev. Walter E. Lewis
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
51 years of Marriage to Barbara Howe Lewis

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymn 511

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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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 **All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 **May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 **Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!**

The Epistle

Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymn 510

The Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

The Baptism

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We welcome into the family of God:

Ace Jack Reyes

The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presentation of Confirmands (see insert)

Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.

* **Why do we use incense?** Incense is used in a church service to signify the presence of God. The rising of the smoke signifies our prayers rising up to God and its perfumed smell evokes a sense of God's presence, reminding us to live our lives as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Incense was commonly used in many cultures of the ancient world., including Judaism, from where our roots come.

* **On Sunday June 2** our HS seniors will preach at both the 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. services. We will also thank our Sunday School teachers for their ministry with our children. The morning closes with BBQ and picnic on the church lawn. The church provides hamburgers and buns. Sides (green salad, pasta salad, baked beans, etc) and desserts are appreciated. Sign up sheet in the hallway.

* **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.

AAPI Events in Montclair

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

-May 23rd-7pm at Clairidge: Film Screening and Talkback with Helen Zia

-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.

The Presentation of the Confirmands

Clergy: Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today we celebrate our youth who have taken on for themselves at their Confirmation at our Cathedral yesterday the vows and promises made at their baptisms.

Clergy to the parents: Who presents the newly confirmed?

Parents: "We do."

Each family in turn says "I present" their child's name:

Fiona Cooney
Nathan Gray
Amelia Legters
Henry Lewis
Jackson Moore
Jackson Pagliaro
Jacob Parkerton
Ian Samuels
Will Shepheard-Walwyn
Edward Tobin

Clergy to the Youth: Do you affirm the vows and promises made at your confirmation?

Youth: We do

Clergy: 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 his Christ. *Amen.*

The clergy then says: Let us pray together

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