

The Episcopal Church of Saint James
Upper Montclair, NJ



The Sunday of Pentecost
Memorial Day Sunday

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8:15 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Choral Service of Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Præludium in C-Major, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude

Played by Sean Price, organ

(1637-1707)

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymn 511

The Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 Contemporary Reading (*A Letter to the Parents of George S. Butcher*)

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Psalm 104:25-35,37

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The Epistle

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.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Hymn 508

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. C. Melissa Hall

The Nicene Creed *(Recited In Unison)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Presider or deacon

The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

Deacon or other leader

For peace from on high and for our salvation. For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all. **Holy Spirit lead us into your peace.**

For this holy gathering. **Holy Spirit guide us in our daily lives.**

For Carlye our bishop and for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. **Holy Spirit strengthen us.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. **Holy Spirit guide us in your ways.**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, especially victims of natural disaster and victims of violence, the people of Ukraine, People of Sudan, Bill, Morgan, Rilee, Judy, Nancy, Marty, Frances, Jan, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

Holy Spirit help us to agents of justice and healing.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. **Holy Spirit protect us.**

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of other.

Presider

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who transforms our lives and makes us new. Hear our prayers which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Role Call

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Taps (*played by Martha Boughner, clarinet*)

Sharing of the Peace & Announcements

The flowers on the altar are given by Rev. Melissa Hall, Fran Lapinski, and Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

In thanksgiving for their service to their country:

Frank Lapinski, Paul Hall, and Roy H. Stoeckel, Sr.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Come, my way, my truth, my life
Sung by the St. James Choir

Harold W. Friedell
(1905-1958)

Please stand

Doxology with Alleluias

**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, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymnal S-125

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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.

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

Come down, O Love Divine

Hymn 516

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

Please stand

Recessional Hymn God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

Hymn 718

Dismissal

Tolling of the Bells of the Memorial Tower

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Servers Today: Usher (8:15am) - Karen Mingo-Campbell (10:15am) - Michael Porcelli & Tony DiLella
Readers (8:15am) - Karen Mingo-Campbell & Sean Price (10:15am) - Joanne Torrisi & Maggie Rothman

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A Letter to the Parents of George S. Butcher

Under date of November 2, Major Willard E. Tydings, commanding the 111th Machine Gun Battalion, wrote from France to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Butcher, parents of Captain Butcher, as follows:

“It is with a heart full of sorrow that I write you concerning the death of your son, Captain George S. Butcher, of my machine gun battalion, on October 27, 1918. I wish you to know of the gallant and heroic manner in which my dear friend and your beloved son made the great sacrifice.

“A neighboring machine gun captain whose men had all been killed, wounded, or gassed sent word to Captain Butcher for help, as a barrage was due from our machine guns at the time. Captain Butcher, rather than send his men, until he knew what they were up against, made his way through the wood to the distressed captain for a conference. Time was passing and it was imperative that our guns open up to help out our infantry which was then advancing. The two captains with another officer, who happened to be present decided to man the guns themselves in order that our advancing troops would not be without our covering fire. While doing a splendid service, a shell struck close by and killed every man present except one, who managed to crawl away, wounded.

“This action was purely voluntary on Captain Butcher’s part; yet he was too faithful to his friends in the advance to spare himself that their task might be easier.

“I have recommended him for the Distinguished Service Cross, as my last opportunity to reward his brave and unselfish act.

“I know that no treasure in all the world can fill the great void caused by his passing; yet, kind sir and madam, what a great pride and inspiration must be yours to know that in those moments of the greatest trial in a man’s life your blood and bone stood the test of unexcelled manhood, and gave his life voluntarily that all the hideous crimes that have been imposed on the people of this land, might be eliminated.

“He was a fine fellow, a born comrade, a brave man. There have fallen often from all the officers and men who had the honor to fight beside him.

“May God, in his mercy, ease your pain, with the knowledge that only can the finest of men give up their lives for others.

“It is the wish of myself and the other officers and men who are left that this letter be published that his friends and townspeople may get a glimpse of his noble act.”

The Last Role Call

The “Last Roll Call” is a military custom at memorial services and funerals. The last roll call is done to commemorate the life of the fallen soldier with the conviction that all unit members will be accounted for and none will ever be forgotten.

WW I The Fallen of Saint James Parish

Chapin C. Barr, Lieutenant , Marine Aviation Force, died in service, September 29, 1918

George Stanley Butcher, Captain, 111th Machine Gun Battalion, died in service, October 27, 1918

Howard Martin Cook, Jr., Apprentice Seaman, Navy, died in service, December 17, 1918

Maurice P. Niven, Lieutenant , 318th Infantry, 80th Division, died in service, November 3, 1918

Louis Frank Pfingstag, Army Aviation Service, died in service, October 8, 1918

Edward H. Roehr, 104th M.P., Troop 8, 29th Division, died in service, October 8, 1918

Richard W.P. Rose, Corporal , Marine Corps, died in service, June 1918

WWII

Kenneth Brown, Pfc, Marine Corps, died in service, June 16 1944

Vietnam

Robert Edward Rocky, Captain, U.S. Air Force, died in service, September 17, 1971

Iraq

Katrina L. Bell-Johnson, Army Specialist, died in service, February 15, 2005

Afghanistan

Tara R. Brown, Master Sargent, Air Force, died in service, April 27, 2011

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
- Volunteer for the August 26th Soup Kitchen
- 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 about outreach opportunities
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * A warm welcome to visitors and newcomers.
Please make yourself known to the clergy and sign the guest book to stay in touch.
- * **Little Free Pantry:** We are currently running VERY LOW on supplies to keep the pantry stocked. Donations can be put in the Little Pantry itself or brought into the tower and put on the shelves.
- * **Sock Ministry:** Prison Ministry is collecting 1900 for distribution at the Essex County Jail on Father's Day. We need your help to reach our goal. Socks must be: Men's crew style and all white (NO markings of any kind). Donations can be brought to St. James Church by **June 11**, in time for delivery at the Jail on June 12.
- * **June 4 - High School Senior Preachers, Thank you to our Teachers:** On Sunday June 4 our high school seniors, Sam Acevedo and Henry Goodrich, will preach at both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. During the 10:15 a.m. service we thank our Sunday School Teachers and Nursery Caregivers for their ministry to our children and youth. Sunday School and Nursery Care resume in September. Please come to support our teens and our teachers. At this service we will also celebrate and recognize our St. James acolytes.
- * **Juneteenth Pilgrimage 2023 - June 17 & 19.** Join Bishop Hughes for two half-day trips that will visit sites in Bergen County with a history linked to slavery. Gather at St. Mark's Church, Teaneck, 9 a.m. Register by June 9 with the Diocese. See Rev. Audrey for more info.
- * **Sunday School Teaspoon Prayers:** Our third and fourth grade classes wrote their own Teaspoon Prayers, prayers which thank God for the good things that happened today, to express sorrow for things we should not have done, and to ask God to bless us tomorrow and help us to learn something new. The prayers are between the children and God, so as a group they will be brought to the altar during the offertory by children of the class.
- * **Compline:** Offered on Zoom Thursday Evenings at 6:30pm. This service will be suspended until September, beginning in June.
- * Women's, Men's, and Rooster Bible Study: Offered weekly. Details on the website or speak to the Clergy
- * **Steinway Piano Restoration:** Our Steinway grand piano, which has served the parish for many years, is on its last legs. We have sent it out for a full restoration because it is a fine and valuable instrument. 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.