

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 16, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Music Appreciation Sunday

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in a-minor, BWV 543a

Johann Sebastian Bach

Played by Sean Price, organ

(1685-1750)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Barbara & Robert Meyer  
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

**The St. James Choir**

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn

When the Morning Stars Together

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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:

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Choirs and Church Musicians

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

*A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** (*Read responsively by the whole verse [8:15am]  
and Sung by the Choir [10:15am]*)

*Psalm 150*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \* praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 **Praise him for his mighty acts; \* praise him for his excellent greatness.**
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \* praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 **Praise him with timbrel and dance; \* praise him with strings and pipe.**
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \* praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 **Let everything that has breath \* praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

*A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

Lord, makes us servants of your peace

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**The Holy Gospel**

*Mark 4:26-34*

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. C. Melissa Hall**

**The Nicene Creed** (*Recited In Unison, standing*)

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**Prayers of the People**

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**The Confession and Absolution**

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**Concluding Collect**

**The Sharing of the Peace**

**Blessing of the Choir and Church Musicians**

## The Holy Communion

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	Five Mystical Songs: Antiphon <i>Sung by the St. James Choir</i>	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i> (1872-1958)
<b>Doxology</b>		<i>Sung to Hymn 400</i>
	<p>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!</p>	
<b>Eucharistic Prayer A</b>		<b>BCP Page 361</b>
<b>Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		<i>Hymnal S-125</i>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b> ( <i>Sung by all at 10:15am</i> )		<i>Hymnal S-119</i>
<b>The Fraction Anthem</b>	Alleluia: Christ our Passover	<i>Hymnal S-155</i>
<b>The Invitation</b>		
<i>Celebrant:</i>	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.	
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	And now, O Father, mindful of the love	<i>Hymn 337</i>
<b>Communion Motet</b>	O Sing Joyfully <i>Sung by the St. James Choir</i>	<i>Adrian Batten</i> (1591-1637)
<b>A Prayer for Spiritual Communion</b>		
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>Post-Communion Prayer</b>		
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Let us pray	
<i>People:</i>	<p>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.</p>	
<b>The Blessing &amp; Benediction</b>		
<i>Please stand</i>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	On our way rejoicing!	<i>See back of this bulletin</i>
<i>Please be seated</i>		
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Fugue in a-minor, BWV 543b <i>Played by Sean Price, organ</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750)
<b>The Dismissal</b>		

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey and Rev. Melissa 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.
- \* **Youth Convo -** Youth in grade 9-12 are invited to an active part of this November 7-9th Diocesan Convention held at the Hilton Meadowlands. Details in the e-news or see Rev. Audrey.
- \* **Summer Sunday Service times:** beginning June 23 services will be at 8:15 a.m. (in person) and 9:30 a.m. (in person and on Zoom)
- \* **Vote Faithfully:** *"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."* -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Participating in our country's political life is more than voting yourself, it also means encouraging others to vote, too. We can all play a role in getting "souls to the polls!" Sending personal notes to potential voters is an effective way to increase election turnout. Vote Forward is a nonpartisan tool that makes it easy to encourage people to vote by telling them why you do. To learn more or to sign up contact Rev. Audrey. [ahasselbrook@gmail.com](mailto:ahasselbrook@gmail.com)

## Pride Month Activities

Mondays June 17, and 24 Pride Month Matinees at the Montclair Public Library