

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 9, 2024

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Carillon de Longpont, Op. 31, No. 21

Played by Sean Price, organ

*Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)*

The flowers this Sunday are given by Nina Steadman
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

James Steadman

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymn 408

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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymn 530

The Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

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 & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

O How Amiable
Sung by the St. James Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

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!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymn 334

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

O praise ye the Lord!

Hymn 432

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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.
- * **Volunteers Needed:** The Thrift store has a wealth of excellent men's clothing that we want to share with the larger community. We are in need of people to box up the clothing and a volunteer to deliver it to the Men's Shelter Thrift Store in Morristown. Please see Joanne Torrisi, Barbara Boehm, or Rev. Audrey for details or to help.
- * **David Hegg Awards:** Sunday, June 9th at 3:00pm at St. Peter's Church, Morristown. Come honor St. James recipient, Pat Piermatti
- * **Music Appreciation Sunday:** NEXT Sunday, June 16th we honor our choir, music director, and all musicians of the church. Special music, prayers, and readings.
- * **Summer Hours:** Beginning, Sunday, June 23rd through the second Sunday of September service times are at **8:15am and 9:30am**

Pride Month Activities

-Mondays June 10, 17, and 24 Pride Month Matinees at the Montclair Public Library

-June 13 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Claudia Cravens in conversation with Laurie Lico Albanese, Montclair Public Library - Main Building

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.