

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 7, 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Voluntary

Metti una Sera a Cena

Ennio Morricone

Played by Randall Wolfgang, oboe and Sean Price, organ

(1928-2020)

Arr. Sean Price

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

Barbara & Frank Patierno

Please stand

Processional Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymn 636

The Greeting & Collect for Purity

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The Song of Praise

Hymnal S-100

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us (*Sung thrice*)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 48

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 **Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the world
and the city of the great King.**

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 **Behold, the kings of the earth assembled * and marched forward together.**

5 They looked and were astounded; * they retreated and fled in terror.

6 **Trembling seized them there; * they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea
when the east wind shatters them.**

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; * God
has established her for ever.

8 **We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of your temple.**

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; * your right hand is full of justice.

10 **Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments.**

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; * count the number of her towers.

12 **Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.**

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

Jesus, thou divine Companion

Hymn 586

The Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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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Concluding Collect

The Sharing of the Peace & Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

Doxology

Hymn 380, Vs. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

The Fraction Anthem Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Hymnal S-161

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.

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 & Benediction

Please stand

Recessional Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

Hymn 680

The Dismissal

Organ Voluntary

The Washington Post March
Played by Sean Price, organ

John Philip Sousa
(1854-1932)

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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
- * **Summer Refreshments:** In support of our good neighbors across the street: Beyond the Bagel, St. James Church is offering a cup of coffee and a bagel on the church's tab on Sunday mornings after services. Vouchers are available at the church. See the clergy.
- * **July Back-to-School Drive** We're collecting filled back packs for the Lighthouse. In addition, Prison Ministry will be providing school uniform vouchers to our PATCH families. For more information see Rev. Audrey. Checks towards uniforms made payable to Diocese of Newark with Prison Ministry on the memo line. Our drive ends Sunday, July 30 for the backpacks.
- * **The New Sousa Concert Band** will present their annual concert on July 10 on the lawn at St. James Episcopal Church, Upper Montclair. Beginning at 7:30 the old-fashioned "Concert in the Park" style event will feature Sousa marches, Broadway and movie themes, a sing-along and some surprises! Come enjoy an hour of live music, under the direction of Martha Boughner. Concert will take place inside the church in case of bad weather.
- * **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.
- * **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
- * **Civil Discourse Training** - online (free), three sessions August 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30-8:30 for civil discourse online training. Save the dates - Registration to follow. The training will cover tenets for civil discourse, values-based conversations, the messiness of policymaking, and the importance of maintaining a sacred space for debate.