

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 11, 2024

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism

## The Word of God

Piano Voluntary

Résolue (2023)

Sean Price

*Played by Sean Price, piano*

(b. 1986)

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

**Virginia Wisniewski**

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Hymn 393

The Greeting

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Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Collect for the Human Family (*Read in unison*)

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Collect for Peace (*Read in unison*)

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*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 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*

*A reading from the Second Book of Samuel*

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Psalm 130*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \* let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \* more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \* for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Epistle

*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

*A reading from the letter to the Ephesians*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

I am the bread of life

*Hymn 335*

## The Holy Gospel

*John 6:35, 41-51*

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. C. Melissa Hall**

## The Baptism

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*We welcome into the family of God:  
Ledger Keating Alli & Brooklyn Aarya Alli*

## The Sharing of the Peace

## Announcements

## 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 day of radiant gladness

Hymn 48

### The Dismissal

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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
- \* **St. James Preschool is now enrolling for the upcoming school year.** Call Bettylou O’Dell, registrar at (973) 744-0105
- \* **Summer Pledging:** Be good stewards. We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church, especially during the slower Summer months.
- \* **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.
- \* **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.
- \* **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)

