

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 4, 2024

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Trois Improvisations: Prélude (1911)
Played by Kevin Cummines, Guest Organist

Nadia Boulanger
(1887-1979)

The flowers this Sunday are given by the Kenrick Family
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Margaret and John Bruce Kime Kenrick

Please stand

Processional Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

Hymn 296

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:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

The First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

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

Psalm 51: 1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 **Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 **Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

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

The Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday 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 BCP Page 361

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

Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah

Hymn 690

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
- * **Guest Organist:** We welcome Kevin Cummines to the organ bench this morning, while Sean off. Please stop by the organ and say hello!
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **Prison Ministry July Back-to-School Drive:** Prison Ministry is collecting both new backpacks and school supplies and funds to help our PATCH families (children with incarcerated parents) purchase required school uniforms. Backpack donations and school supplies can be brought to the church. Drive ends July 28. Donations towards uniform vouchers are made payable to the Diocese of Newark, with “Prison Ministry” on the memo line. Checks can be sent to the church office, attention Rev. Audrey. Thank you for your on-going support of this important ministry.