

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Piano Voluntary

Piano Concerto No. 1 (II. Andante)

Sean Price

Played by Sean Price, piano

(b. 1986)

The flowers this Sunday are given by John Rollo
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

Katherine Rollo

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Come Labour on

Hymn 541

The Greeting & Collect for Purity

BCP Page 355

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:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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*)

BCP Page 815

Collect for Peace (*Read in unison*)

BCP Page 815

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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A reading from the Song of Solomon

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 **You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.**

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

The Epistle

James 1:17-27

A reading from the letter of James

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 435

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook

The Nicene Creed (<i>Recited In Unison, standing</i>)	BCP Page 358
Prayers of the People	Form III BCP Page 387
The Confession and Absolution	BCP Page 360
Concluding Collect	
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	
<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.	

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

<i>Please stand</i>	
Recessional Hymn	Take my life, and let it be Hymn 707

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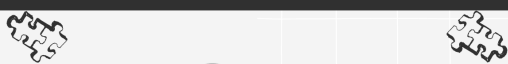
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Prayer Requests:** Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey and Rev. Melissa with prayer requests.
- * **Church Services resume regular hours starting NEXT September 8th at 8:15am & 10:15am**
- * **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am–3pm Monday–Friday
- * **St. James Preschool Enrollment:** Call Bettylou O’Dell, registrar at (973) 744-0105
- * **St. James Players presents Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost”:** September 13 & 14 at 7pm, September 15 at 3pm and September 20 & 21 at 7pm in the church.
- * **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.
- * **Women’s Bible Study:** Resumes September 18th via Zoom at 10am
- * **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* 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

ST. JAMES JIGSAW PUZZLE DRIVE

**NOW COLLECTING JIGSAW PUZZLES!
PUZZLES DO NOT NEED TO BE NEW
OR COMPLETE! BRING TO CHURCH OR
LEAVE AT ANY ONE OF OUR DOORS!**



ST. JAMES CHURCH MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS HONORING OUR 40TH YEAR AS A PRESCHOOL AND OTHER MINISTRIES

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
AT THE MONTCLAIR SIDEWALK SALE
10:00AM-2:00PM**

Variety of activities, including:
Thrift Store Sale
Environmental Awareness
Puzzle Challenge
Lawn Games & Activities
Preschool Tours
Petting Zoo & Pony Rides (11:00-12:00pm only)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:15AM & 10:15AM
MINISTRY SUNDAY**



Get involved in one of our St. James ministries
The Rev. Deacon Jill Singleton, preacher
Youth Group Pasta Lunch Fundraiser for The
Lighthouse for Asylum-Seekers