

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 29, 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—St. Francis Sunday

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Word of God

Voluntary

À Chloris

Reynaldo Hahn

*Played by Randall Wolfgang, oboe and Sean Price, piano*

(1874-1947)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Martha Boughner  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Pat & Jim Boughner**

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymn 400, Vs. 1, 3, 5, 7

**A Prayer for Children** (*Children process to their classrooms*)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Greeting & Collect for Purity

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The Song of Praise (Gloria)

Hymnal S-278 or BCP Page 356

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

*Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29*

*A reading from the Book of Numbers*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Psalm 124*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \* let Israel now say;

2 **If the LORD had not been on our side, \* when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \* in their fierce anger toward us;

4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \* and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \* have gone right over us.

6 **Blessed be the LORD! \* he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 **Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \* the maker of heaven and earth.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

## The Epistle

James 5:13-20

*A reading from the letter of James*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

O holy city, seen of John

Hymn 583

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. C. Melissa Hall**

**Pet Blessings**

**The Nicene Creed** (*Recited In Unison, standing*)

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**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

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Pet Necrology

The Confession and Absolution

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Concluding Collect

The Sharing of the Peace & Announcements

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth Andrew Carter  
*Sung by the St. James Choir with Randall Wolfgang, oboe* (b. 1939)

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. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP Page 361

Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-128

The Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God Hymnal S-164

Communion Hymn Lord, we have come at your own invitation Hymn 348

#### 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 attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

*Celebrant:* Let us pray  
*People:* Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### The Blessing & Benediction

*Please stand*

Recessional Hymn All things bright and beautiful Hymn 405

#### The Dismissal

*Coffee hour this week is sponsored by Michael Porcelli and Barbara Boehm in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* Prayer Requests: Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey and Rev. Melissa with prayer requests.
- \* Our thanks to our Teen Pasta team: Luke, Andrew, Roger, Max, Anjuli, Sastri, Oscar, Jake, Fiona, Amelia, & Naomi; Our chefs Fran, Michael P, and our adult support team: Sal T., Michael H., Richard, Allison, Tara, Barbara B., and Jim P. for raising over \$700 for the Lighthouse.
- \* **Church Office Hours:** We are open from 10am–3pm Monday–Friday
- \* **Newcomers Brunch, TODAY:** In the Guild Room following the 10:15am service. RSVP to Rev. Audrey at [ahasselbrook@gmail.com](mailto:ahasselbrook@gmail.com) or Evite.
- \* **Puzzle Project:** We are still collecting jigsaw puzzle pieces for our puzzle project. Puzzles do not need to be new or complete. Bring to church or leave at any of our doors.
- \* **St. James Preschool Enrollment:** Call Bettylou O'Dell, registrar at (973) 744-0105
- \* **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](mailto:ahasselbrook@gmail.com). We will bless our letters on October 13th.
- \* **Sunday School, Rite 13, & Nursery Care:** Children & Youth meet teachers in the church at the start of the 10:15am service. Nursey aged children go directly to classroom C before the service.
- \* **Collecting Toiletries:** The Human Needs Food Pantry is collecting toiletries. Please see Rev. Audrey for more information.
- \* **Please keep our Presiding Bishop-elect, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe in your prayers.** The service of investiture is 11 a.m. ET on Nov. 2, 2024. The service will be livestreamed with details to follow.
- \* **150th Diocesan Convention is November 8 and 9th** at the Meadowlands Hilton, Secaucus. Please keep the Bishop, her staff, and the convention delegates in your prayers as we live into our mission and ministry as a Diocese.
- \* **UPCOMING DATES:**
  - 10/1- **Christmas Pageant music practice** - all children and youth are encouraged to join the brief practice beginning at 10 am in the church in preparation for the pageant. Rehearsals are weekly, other than school holidays.
  - 10/20 & 10/27 - **Holy Communion Classes for children in grade 2 and up.** We meet at 9:30 am in the Godly Play Room (Education wing, across from the church library).
  - 10/27 - **AFPS Walk, Suicide Prevention Walk,** Verona Park

### Blessing for a Sacred Space For Our Pets

O God, whose beloved Son was laid in a tomb in the garden: Bless, we pray, this ground set aside as a final resting space for our dear pets, and grant that those buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.