

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 28, 2024

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Grand Choeur  
*Played by Sean Price, organ*

*Théodore Salomé*  
(1834-1896)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Alexa Sahadi  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
**Theresa & Alex Sahadi**

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn

We will extol you ever-blessed Lord

*Hymn 404*

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, 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 11:1-15

*A reading from the Second Book of Samuel*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Psalm 14*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \* All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 **The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \* to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \* there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \* because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \* but the LORD is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \* when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## The Epistle

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

*A reading from the letter to the Ephesians*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn**

O Love of God, how strong and true

*Hymn 455*

## The Holy Gospel

*John 6:1-21*

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook**

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

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Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

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Concluding Collect

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

Eternal Father, strong to save

Hymn 608

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
- \* **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](mailto: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.