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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
December 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



TO ST. JAMES'S

Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building on selected Sundays of the month. Check the bulletin and ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

KFC: Kids for Christ! Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

Parking is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet Auf

J. S. Bach

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 93

Regent Square

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

SEQUENCE HYMN 115

Greensleeves

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The people sit

THE SERMON

Mr. Jonathan R. Smith

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Today, we pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray for all who have died, Joan Melvin, Sara Barroll, and Ray Payne on the anniversaries of their deaths.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Ethan McCue.

In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

God of the angels, hear us and help us!

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

God of the magi, hear us and help us!

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

God of the victim, hear us and help us!

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into

truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. 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

CLOSING HYMN 438

Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Canon Douglas T. Cooke

PREACHER – Mr. Jonathan R. Smith

ORGANIST – Ted Babbitt

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Jonathan R. Smith

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Olivia Shuey

PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: info@stjameswh.org or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris & Louise, Barbara.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina **(C):** Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa **(D):** Audra, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan **(E):** Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark **(F):** Sydney, Clare, Leo, Larry, Cathleen, Denise, Javier **(G):** Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Gretchen, Nicki.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Joan Melvin, Sara Barroll, and Ray Payne on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Mark's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville. For soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Ethan McCue.

STEWARDSHIP 2022 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2022 as of December 21.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Fran Cobb, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Ron Coons, John & Brenda Barrows, Jocelyn Ehn,
Doug Compton, Mark & Cindy Welch, Rachael Desmond, Bob & Lynne Holloway,
David & Jennifer Lemanski, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson,
Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Paul & Diane Duva, Judith Lawes, Kimberly Goodrich,
Bob & Claire Burnett, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee,
John & Elizabeth Waterman, Bill & Judith Thompson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin,
Bob & Betsy Smith, Ron Ward, Hunter & Debra Morton, Carol Hunt,
Norman & Joan Kayser, Laura DelaCruz, Charles Russo, Tyler & Courtney Smith,
Borden & Ann Painter, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ben & Martha Parish,
Bette Kelly, Bill & Nora Harris, Bernie Wilbur, Jr., Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson,
Mari S. Merwin, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Michael & Linda Fournier,
David & Virginia Kramer, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Mark Moyle, Mike Shuey,
Donna Kluczewicz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Eleanor Brazell, Sue Nelson,
David & Christine Pearson, Gregory & Judy Hock, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,
Steve & Diane Hunter, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Joseph & Jennifer Long,
Chuck & Meredith Willson, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Doug & Ann Cooke,
Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Elizabeth Cloud, Loretta Waldman,
Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Mayrita Trojanowski,
Betsy Curtler & Robert Sedivy, Priscilla H. Thomas, Judith Nellen, Bob Skenderian,
Brad & Liz Normand, Richard M. Wenner, *Linda Vastano*, Steve & Lois Schneeberger,
Dean & Ann Uphoff, Ian & Janet Duncan, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood,
Sandra DeCelles, Geraldine Smalley, Harry Meyer, Mark & Cheri Evans,
Christopher & Christina Wilson, John & Ruth Mitman, Alex Smith & Christine Pina,
Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo,
Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs,
John & Mabelle Rosenlieb, Bill & Judith Stahl, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson,
Franklin & Angelique Dempsey, David Marshall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for coffee and other refreshments following the 9:30 service! Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee, contribute homemade or store-bought baked goods, and clean up. Two volunteers are needed each week. If you would like to host coffee hour, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44a5ac28a3f85-coffee> and sign up. For more information, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

There is no nursery on December 26 and January 2. Nursery will be available on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

HOLY EUCHARIST EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7:00 in the chapel.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's Church and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at **8:00 AM in the parish room** for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith." The next meeting will be held **Saturday, January 8**. Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD BAGS

St. James's is committed to donating 30 complete bags of food every two weeks to HCW. Each bag for HCW includes:

- 2 cans tuna fish, 1 jar mayo
- 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly
- 1 jar pasta sauce, 1 box/bag pasta, 1 can soup
- 1 can beans (black, red, pinto, etc.)



Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30am-4pm. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! If a monetary donation is easier for you, please note: "HCW Food Bag donation" on your check and we will do the shopping for you!



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church with
Livestream

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Barry W. Miller *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Elsa P. Walberg *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Terry M. Wysong *Priest Associate*

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 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper *Director of Family Ministries*
 Mr. Jonathan Smith *Lay-Curate*

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Mrs. Claire Burnett *Senior Warden*
 Mr. David Dynowski *Junior Warden*
 Mrs. Kerri Raissian *Clerk*
 Mr. Harry Meyer *Treasurer*

2022	2023	2024
Doug Compton	Jerrod Bowman	Adam Fisher
Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman	Jessica Henning
Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith	Jonathan Lewis
	Loretta Waldman	Debra Morton

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