

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 27, 2020 Livestream at 9:30 a.m.



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The following Eucharist is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."

WELCOME

The Rev. Robert Hooper, III

Organ Voluntary

The Holy Boy

John Ireland

OPENING HYMN





Title: Angels we have heard on high

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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**.

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

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21

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!

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, Lord Christ.

The people sit
THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

An adapted version of Eucharistic Prayer B, for a time when gathering with bread and wine is not possible.

THE OFFERTORY

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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, O God,

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, not bread and wine, because we cannot share them this day, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation. We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him. Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. Unite us to your Son, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, bring all creation together with your Christ, and bring us to your heavenly country, where with James and 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 Jesus 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 INVITATION

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

THE COMMUNION

The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

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.**



Title: Angels, from the realms of glory Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren
READER – Kimberly Lytle

STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of December 18. Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Bill & Judith Stahl, Ron Coons, Bob & Betsy Smith, David & Barbara Teed, Elizabeth Cloud, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Jim & Margaret Falcetta, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Judy Lawes, Bill & Judy Thompson, Mike Shuey, Robert & Lynne Holloway, Robert & Renée McCue, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Sarah Bedell, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Hunter & Debra Morton, Connie Duva, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease, Barbara Ulrich, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Fran Cobb, Geraldine Smalley, Judy Nellen, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Joyce Runge, Colin & Heather Swales, Dave & Chris Pearson, Kimberly Goodrich, Carol Hunt, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Ian & Janet Duncan, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko, Jocelyn Ehn, Borden & Ann Painter, Doug Compton, Peter & Melissa Bowman, John & Ruth Mitman, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bill & Nora Harris, Daphne Wilcox, Bob & Claire Burnett, Tim O'Leary & Phoenix Gonzalez, Mari S. Merwin, Betsy Tonkin, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Loretta Waldman, Barry & Nancy Miller, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Eunice Heinlein, Harry Meyer, Betsy Curtler, Laura DeLaCruz, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, John & Frances Bergquist, Curtis Roessler, Christopher & Christine Wilson, Bette Kelly, John & Machelle Rosenlieb, Mark Moyle, Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Carol McDermott, Tom & Linda Archambault, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Dean & Kathleen Bolt, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ron Ward, Edward & Melissa Brown, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, David & Virginia Kramer, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Mark & Cheri Evans, David & Sam Dynowski, Chuck Russo, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Jennifer Ferrang, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Skenderian, Karen Ericson, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Paul & Diane Duva, Mike & Linda Fournier, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Ben & Martha Parish, Susan Ritz, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer, Greg & Judy Hock, David & Priscilla Thomas, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Donna Klucewicz, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Norma Hattings, Sam & Michele Paul, Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Rachael Desmond, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Bob Fawber, Travis & Kim Lytle, Jeff & Kimberly Moore, Sandra DeCelles, Deirdre Penland, Eleanor Brazell, Jeff & Janet Lankin, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Mary Ann Haar, Mayrita Trojanowski, David Marshall.

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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

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

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

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

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As expected, 2021 is proving to be a tough one when it comes to stewardship. We are falling concerningly behind in both numbers of pledges in and dollars pledged. If this continues it will put us in a very difficult position in regard to next year's budget and staffing, making it that much more difficult to sustain our ministries when things do get back to "normal."

If you have already returned your pledge card, thank you very much for your generosity and faithfulness. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. If you would prefer you can email me at rchooper3@gmail.com and let me know what you will be pledging for 2021. I am more than happy to fill a card out for you and save you a trip to the post office or the church.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of God through St. James's.

The Rev. Bob Hooper

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 for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. Our recent discussion centered on "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith" by Marcus Borg. The group currently meets through Zoom because of the Pandemic.

David Thomas chairs the group. If you are interested, contact Bob Hoffman for further information and to receive the Zoom link at 860.614.3861.

ST. JAMES'S CARES

Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" - John 21:17

With 1 in every 6 households currently suffering from food insecurity – for children the statistics are far worse – we at St. James's feel called to do our part to address this suffering. It is impossible to feed folks spiritually without considering their physical hunger as well.



"St. James's Cares" feeding program has now expanded to provide 28 full dinners (protein, starch, vegetables, salad, and dessert) for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. We will keep this going as long as we can – with no end in sight.





MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY

We will now be offering Morning Prayer at 8 o'clock every Wednesday morning on Zoom! Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjJvYTh0UDNOZ3RpdlkvUT09

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178 Passcode: 693330

You will find the text of Morning Prayer on the website by clicking the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. The link will also be included in the weekly emails. Please let Tim know ahead of time if you would like to be a reader for any service. (tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We welcome suggestions, from members of the parish, of persons who they believe would be fine members of our vestry and officers (Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk).

Vestry members must be:

- 1. committed to Jesus Christ;
- 2. regular in attendance at public worship;
- 3. participants in the life and ministry of the congregation;
- 4. solid financial supporters of our ministries;
- 5. be willing to commit to regular attendance at monthly meetings (the 3rd Tuesday), annual vestry retreats, and to serve as liaison with committees or programs within the parish.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Bruce Adams, Amy Messinger, Thomas Rouse, and Judith Stahl. The Nominating Committee will publish its nominations in the March/April issue of *The Open Door*.

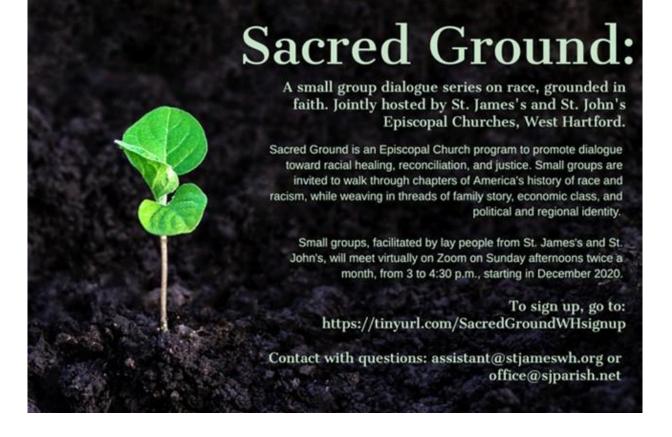
In accordance with the by-laws of the church, any member may submit a petition to include any other member for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for the vestry or as an officer. The petition must be signed by the nominating member, not less than three additional members of the parish and agreed to by the signature by the nominated member. All petitions are to be submitted to the Clerk no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting to be held virtually on **January 24, 2021**.

Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.

HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY

The West Hartford Food Pantry continues to give out an unprecedented amount of food. They expect this trend to continue throughout the year and into 2021. They are most in need of staple items:

Cold cereal, Pasta and sauce, Canned fruit/applesauce
Peanut butter - 16-18 oz. jars, Rice - 1 lb. packages
Soup - especially vegetarian options
Canned Tuna, Baked beans, Canned vegetables, Macaroni and cheese
Granola bars and cookies





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

8 a.m. Wednesdays via Zoom (link provided in bulletin, weekly email, newsletter, & on website)

CLERGY		
The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper IIIRector		
The Rev'd Tim R. O'Leary Assistant Rector		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke Priest Associate		
The Rev'd Barry W. Miller Priest Associate		
The Rev'd Nancy 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
STAFF		
Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter		
Mrs. Heidi Cotter Financial Secretary		
Mr. Leon Fraser		
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper		
Mr. Vaughn Mauren Organist and Choirmaster		
VOLUNTEER STAFF		
Mr. David ThomasFacilities Manager		
Mr. Michael Sherrill		-
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VESTRY		
Mrs. Claire Burnett		Senior Warden
Mr. David Dynowski		Junior Warden
Mrs. Kerri Raissian		Clerk
Mr. Harry Meyer		Treasurer
2021	2022	2023
Bruce Adams	Jane Good	Jerrod Bowman
Amy Messinger	Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman
Thomas Rouse	Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith
Iudith Stahl		Loretta Waldman
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We are 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...

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