



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM
August 17, 2025 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. 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.

HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

SCHOOL SUPPLY SORT & PACK DAY: Join us in the Parish Hall to help sort and pack up the school supplies for school children and families in need. Thank you to all who donated supplies and backpacks and helped with this most appreciated mission project. All are encouraged to lend a hand today after the service. Lemonade and refreshments will be served.

PRELUDE

In Paradisum

Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 484 *Praise the Lord through every nation* Wachet auf

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;***Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism*People* **One God and Father of all.***People* **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*People* **Amen.***The people sit*

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own

heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82 (*said*)

Deus stetit

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;


Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

SEQUENCE HYMN



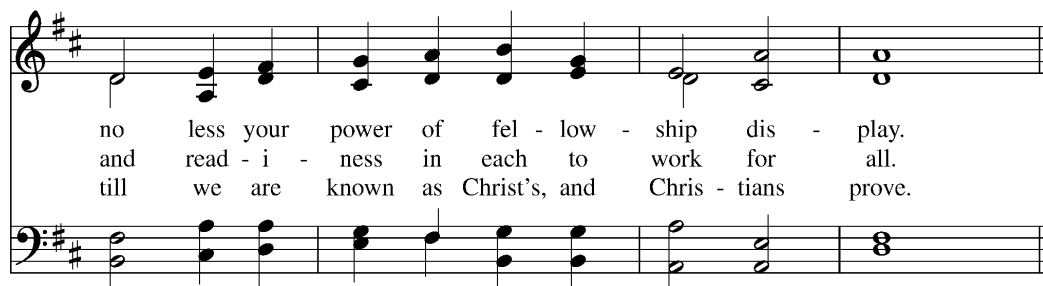
1. Filled with the Spir - it's power, with one ac - cord
 2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
 3. Wid - en our love, good Spir - it, to em - brace



the in - fant church con - fessed its ris - en Lord.
 that u - ni - ty may be our great de - sire.
 in your strong care all those of ev - ery race.



O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day
 Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
 Like wind and fire with life a - mong us move,



no less your power of fel - low - ship dis - play.
 and read - i - ness in each to work for all.
 till we are known as Christ's, and Chris - tians prove.

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49-56**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.***The people sit*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 297

*Descend, O Spirit**Erhalt uns, Herr*

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Oliver James Hagedorn**The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support their life
in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew
our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is
to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his

death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says

Oliver James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

Oliver James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

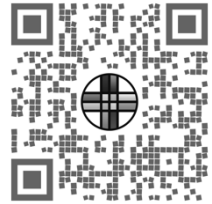
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY *Just a Little Walk with Jesus* Cleavant Derricks (1910-1977)

Derricks was a prolific African-American composer, pastor, and gospel music pioneer whose work helped shape 20th-century church music. Best known for penning the beloved hymn "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," Derricks brought spiritual depth and infectious melodic energy to his compositions. A graduate of the Cadek Conservatory of Music in Chattanooga and a minister by calling, he blended classical training with the heartfelt expression of the Black gospel tradition.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

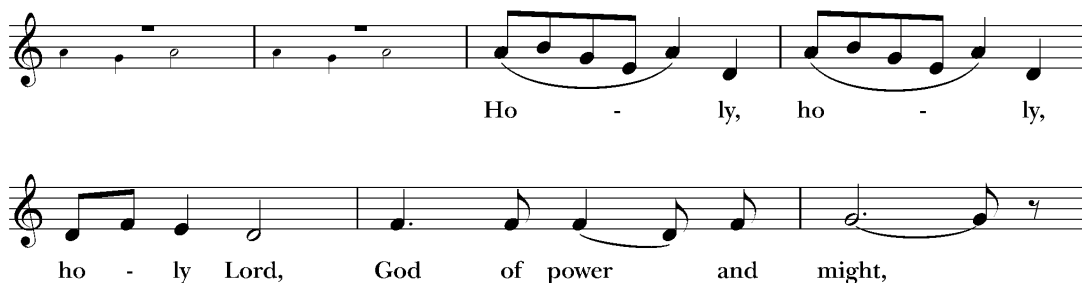
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

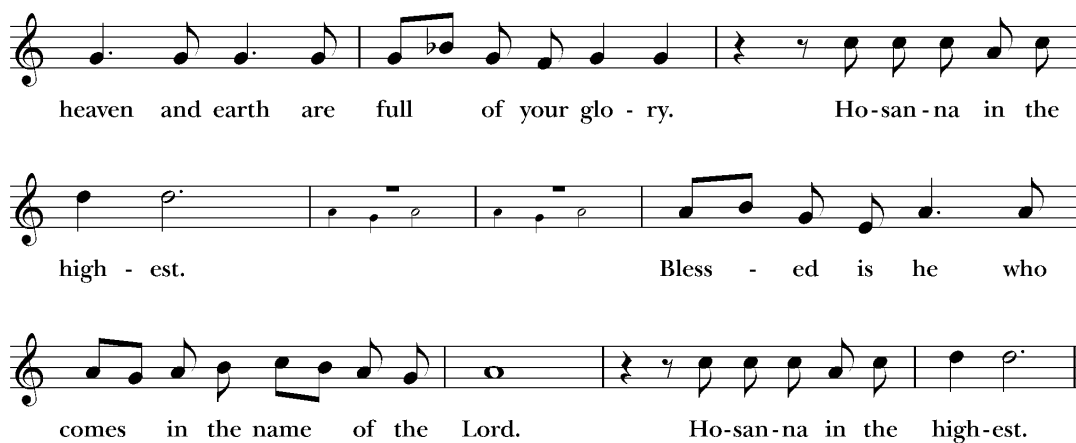
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:





heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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Celebrant continues:

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Scriven/Converse,
arr. David Angerman (b. 1955)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus was originally written in 1855 by Irish-born poet Joseph Medlicott Scriven to comfort his mother, whose health was failing. The text was later discovered and set to music in 1868 by American composer Charles Crozat Converse, eventually making it into countless hymns around the world.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 477 (vs. 1,2,&5 only) *All praise to thee, for thou* Engelberg

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (excerpt)* William Bolcom (b. 1938)

Bolcom is a Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer whose music weaves together classical forms with jazz, ragtime, cabaret, and American popular song. A student of Darius Milhaud and Olivier Messiaen, he has written prolifically across genres—from operas and symphonies to solo piano works and art songs. Especially evident in this setting of a the tune, Bolcom playfully embraces the combination of lilting gospel rhythms and thick, rousing organ texture, in a style that is unapologetically American.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

VOCALISTS – Lindsay Fawber, soprano; Claire Burnett, alto

John Waterman, tenor; Bob Burnett, baritone

CHALICE BEARERS – Tom Rouse, Susan Powers

LECTOR – Bob Sedivy

INTERCESSOR – Ellen Dollar

ACOLYTE – George Keating

USHERS – Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling

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 Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Don.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments. Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

BIRTHDAYS Caitlyn Harwood and Graham Woodward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service on **Sunday, August 24** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Lemonade-on-the-Lawn continues throughout the summer after the 9:30 service and we could use your help. Please find a Sunday or two on your calendar to host! Whether you've hosted in the past or are thinking about signing up for the first time, thank you. Your contributions are appreciated. Any questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. To sign up go to www.stjwh.org/lemons.

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

Good news garden team has been affected by surgeries and travel plans and really needs more volunteers for both 9 am Wednesday harvest/weeding and Sunday checking water systems/light harvesting before or after church. Please contact Cheryl Wadsworth at (860) 810-4357 if you're available.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tom Rouse, thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193).

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (please notice additions)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar.** Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door. Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.

The Rt. Rev.

**JEFF
MELLO**

Visits St. James's

**7th September
9:30am**

**Followed by brunch in
the Parish Hall**

**No 8:00
service**

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel (no 8:00 in the summer)

9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



Make a pledge
to St. James's

*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...*

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg..... *Assistant Rector*
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 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James..... *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Jean R. Smith. *Priest Associate*

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