

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.



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

SCHOOL SUPPY DRIVE: Join us in the parish hall as we sort and pack the school supplies we have been collecting for children in need. Lemonade and other refreshments will be served. Come and lend a hand!

SERVE: Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes and prepare casseroles for South Park Inn following the service. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

PIANO VOLUNTARY

Sonata in B-flat Major, K378: Allegro moderato W. A. Mozart





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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

People Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

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

Genesis 45:1-15

loseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son loseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM 133 (said)

Ecce, quam bonum!

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

SEQUENCE HYMN 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-28

Priest The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of

David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

The people stand

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 Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church; People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere and for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for safety in our daily lives.

Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially Edwina Bosco on the anniversary of her death. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Graham Woodward.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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.

The people sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY Sonata in C Major, K330: Andante cantabile W. A. Mozart

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

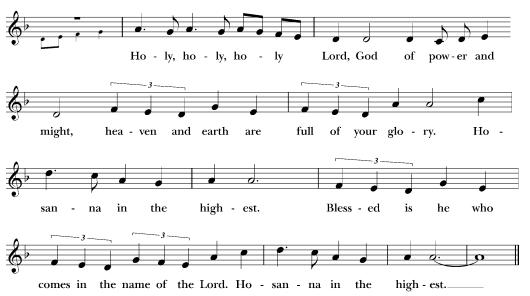
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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.

Celebrant 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:



Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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 the bread of Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION

Sonata in B-flat Major, K378:

W A Mozart

Andantino sostenuto e cantabile

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

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.

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!

PIANO VOLUNTARY Sonata in B-flat Major, K378: Rondeau (Allegro) W. A. Mozart

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
PREACHER - The Rev. Alan C. Murchie
ASSISTING CLERGY - The Rev. Joseph J. Rose
PIANIST - The Rev. Alan C. Murchie
VIOLIN - John Kramer
CHALICE BEARERS - Tom Rouse, Sue Powers
LECTOR - Kate Jackson
INTERCESSOR - Jonathan Lewis
USHERS - Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis
ACOLYTE - Olivia Shuey
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Jerrod Bowman
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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

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

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Edwina Bosco on the anniversary of her death. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of England.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington. Church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Graham Woodward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - THANK YOU!

Great News! We have filled all remaining Lemonade-on-the-Lawn hosting slots for the summer. Many thanks to those who stepped up to take multiple slots and to those who stepped outside their comfort zone to host for the first time. We appreciate everyone working together to keep our summer fellowship tradition going and for making it a success. Coffee Hour returns on **Sunday, September 17**. A new coffee hour sign-up is coming soon, so be watching for that.

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 or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org with any questions.

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **Sunday**, **August 27**. 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. All are welcome. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the main church. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

We will meet **Friday**, **August 25** at 5:15pm at Fernridge Park in West Hartford (567 Fern St.) for a pizza dinner and outside play for the kids. In the event of bad weather, we will meet in the parish hall. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraissian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.

VOLUNTEER FAIR AND FIRST COFFEE HOUR

The Volunteer Fair will be held in conjunction with our first coffee hour of the season on **Sunday, September 17** after the 9:30 service in the parish hall. Ministry leaders and committee heads will be on hand with information regarding their respective groups. Please come to the parish hall that day and see where you may like to lend your time and talent at St. James's! Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

ST. JAMES'S CHORISTERS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

The St. James's Choristers have just concluded a growth-filled, successful season that included a memorable Five-Choir Evensong at Trinity College. Singing with the choristers provides a rich musical, social, and spiritual experience for young people ages 9 and up. Rehearsals are fun and include training in vocal and sight-reading skills. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:30 and welcome all who love to sing and can match pitch. Could this be you, or perhaps a young person you know? If so, please consider joining us. Be in touch with Alan anytime for more information and encouragement.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned soup. 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 "HCW 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.

WEST HARTFORD FOOD BANK

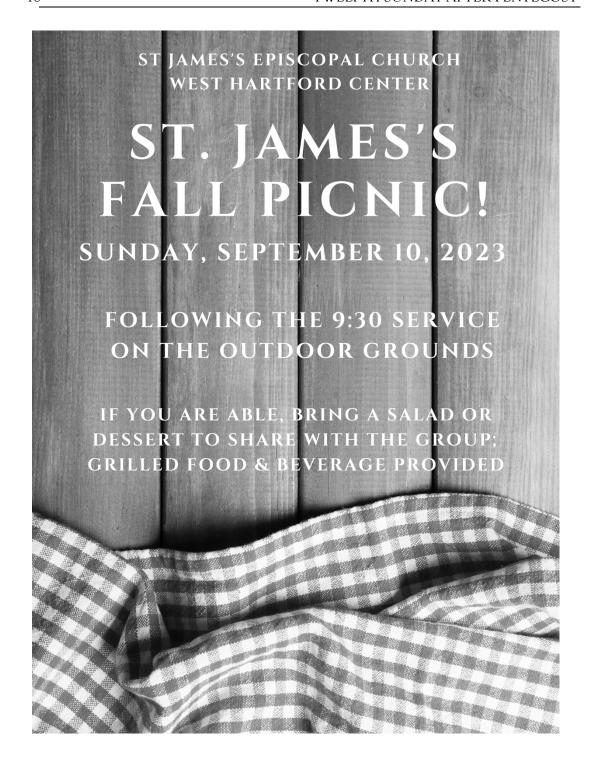
The West Hartford Food Bank is currently very low on the following items: pasta, sauce, and canned fruit. Bring an item or two with you to church, if you are able, and place them in the wagon in the cloister. Thank you!



Thank You to the St. James's Good News Garden team!

Cheryl and John Wadsworth, Chuck Russo, Vera Racine, Sue Nelson, Susan Ritz, Diane Mack, Cheri Evans, Chuck Kinney, Cindy Welch, Heidi Sweeney, Judith Stahl, Peggy McManus, Carolyn McGaughey, and everyone who has helped plant, feed and serve.

If you would like to participate in the Good News Garden ministry, contact the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org





FALLFEST

Saturday
September 30

5-8PM

Everyone is Invited

Pig Roast, Music, Local Craft Beverages, Food & Games for all Ages & A Seasonal Farm Stand

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VOLUNTEER at stjwh.org/fallfest23





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel (no 8a.m. service during the summer) 9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE 6:30 p.m. First Wednesday of

each month in the church

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III	Rector	
The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose	Assistant Rector	
The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie Assoc. for Education & Music		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke	Priest Associate	
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James	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	

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter	Parish Administrator
Mrs. Heidi Cotter	Financial Secretary
Mr. Leon Fraser	Sexton
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper	Director of Family Ministries

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Harry Meyer As.	ssistant T	Гreasurer
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VESTRY

Mr. Ted Newton	Senior Warden
Mr. Tyler Smith	Junior Warden
Mrs. Kerri Raissian	Clerk
Mr. Michael Sherrill	Treasurer

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Adam Fisher	Bob Bausmith	Chuck Kinney
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Judith Stahl

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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