



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
August 16, 2026 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.

SANDWICHES: Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes today after the service. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

SCHOOL SUPPLY SORT & PACK: Please join us after the service today in the parish hall to help sort and pack the school supplies which will go to children and families in the Greater Hartford region. Thank you to all who donated supplies and backpacks, and who helped with the organizing of this mission project. Your generosity will allow these children to begin the new school year with confidence. Lemonade and other refreshments will be served.

PRELUDE

Canticle No. 1

Daniel Gawthrop

Perhaps most known for his choral works including “Sing Me to Heaven,” Gawthrop has had premieres at the Kennedy Center, Mormon Tabernacle, and Washington National Cathedral, with commissions from the American Choral Directors Association and posts as composer-in-residence for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Renaissance Men.

The people stand

OPENING HYMN 530

Spread, O spread, thy mighty word

Gott sei Dank

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 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, S280

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**Priest* The Holy 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. Chris Leung

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. And we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our own bishops, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and victims of violence, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, and for all the departed, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those children and youth in our community celebrating birthdays this week, especially Emilie O'Sullivan, Caitlyn Harwood, and Graham Woodward, that they continue to grow in your image and spread your love to others, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant will conclude the prayers with a collect.

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

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

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. Brent Edstrom

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Title: Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *A Mass for a Soulful People*
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Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

AT THE COMMUNION *Nocturne in C# minor* Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Composed in 1830 when Frédéric Chopin was just twenty years old, the Nocturne in C-sharp Minor was dedicated to his sister, Ludwika, and wasn't published until after his death. The piece was written shortly after he moved to Vienna and is sometimes seen as a reflection of the composer's homesickness, which was surely complicated by the November Uprising, a revolution in Poland against the Russian Empire which began when officers of the military academy revolted.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and 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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* Duke Street

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!**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia alla Marcia

Denis Bédard (b.1950)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. John L.C. Mitman

PREACHER – The Rev. Chris Leung

ORGANIST & MUSIC DIRECTOR – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Susan Powers, Tom Rouse

LECTOR – Bob Smith

INTERCESSOR – Harry Meyer

ACOLYTE – Caroline Bowman

USHERS – Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis

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: info@stjameswh.org or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran, John, Karen, and Ken.

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

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church in Wales.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Wooster School, Danbury; Kent School, Kent; St. Thomas's Day School, New Haven. Students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal schools preparing to begin the school year.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark and Ed Vera.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS Emilie O'Sullivan, Caitlyn Harwood, and Graham Woodward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers on **Sunday, August 22** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. 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 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

Come and enjoy time in the Memorial Garden and pick a few weeds! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! This intrepid team of weeders rotates on a bi-weekly basis through June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up by scanning the QR code or email Claire Burnett at claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after the 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!



GRACE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford is looking for volunteers to help hand out food on Thursdays (8:30a-11:30a). Please email Kathie Rovetti at krovetti@gmail.com for more information.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We will shift our after-service fellowship to the front lawn for light refreshments and sunshine. Hosting Lemonade on the Lawn is very minimal effort & investment - whether that means time or cash for you. Simply mix up a batch of lemonade and wheel it to the front, along with a light snack-bite or two and the paper supplies

(provided). For serving, we keep a folded table in the Narthex storeroom and there's always someone headed into church willing to help pop it up! So, grab a slot that suits your summer schedule. We'll see you On the Lawn! Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirk@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/freshlemons.

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

Our team has been harvesting for several weeks now and we invite more folks to join us. See our latest harvest here! We meet Wednesday at 8:45 to 10am most weeks during growing season. We expanded this year to grow pears and a Jamaican green called callaloo. We are all learning as we go and welcome all.



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 Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next on **Saturday, August 22**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

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 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 (no pasta, canned beans, or mac & cheese, please)

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, 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. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase 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.

A black and white photograph of lemons and lemon slices. In the foreground, two lemon slices are shown, revealing their internal segments. Behind them are several whole lemons. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a table or countertop. The lighting creates soft shadows and highlights the texture of the lemons.

It's Back...
LEMONADE ON
THE LAWN

JUNE 14
THROUGH
LABOR
DAY

Inwardly Digest



ST JAMES'S SUMMER 2026
MONDAYS @ 10:30-11:30
PARISH ROOM

BIBLE STUDY

ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

Join us this summer as we continue to dive
into the book of acts.

We come as we are to understand the
establishment of the early churches within
Paul's ministry using a few resources as a
guide and our own experiences
to digest the living Word.



ALL ARE WELCOME!



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9:30 a.m. in the church (no 8:00 service in the summer)

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel followed by breakfast in the parish room

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III.....*Rector*
 The Rev'd Chris Leung..... *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke.....*Priest Associate*
 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*

STAFF

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 Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*
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 Ms. Michelle Horsley*Organist & Director of Music*
 Mrs. Stephanie Latif..... *Financial Secretary*

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Mr. Harry Meyer *Assistant Treasurer*

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Mr. Greg Jacobs.....*Senior Warden*
 Mr. Tyler Smith.....*Junior Warden*
 Mr. Chuck Kinney*Clerk*
 Mr. Michael Sherrill..... *Treasurer*

2027	2028	2029
Doug Compton	Susan Gutierrez	Mary Baier
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Marilyn Tomlinson	Susan Ritz	Rob King

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 No matter where you are on your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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