



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
September 3, 2023 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: Join us outdoors for cool refreshing lemonade and other refreshments after the service. All are welcome.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Suite in G, BWV 816:
Allemande-Sarabande-Gavotte*

J. S. Bach

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 518

Holy Father, great Creator

Regent Square

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-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*People* **Amen.***The people sit*

THE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless

those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8 (*said*)

Judica me, Domine

Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

SEQUENCE HYMN 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

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 Norman Kayser and Petra Shearer on the anniversaries of their deaths. 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 Jack Adams and Riley Morriss.

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

Suite in E-flat, BWV 815: Allemande

J. S. Bach

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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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 the bread of Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION *Sonata in E-flat Major, BWV 1031: Siciliano* J. S. Bach

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Nettleton

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Suite in G, BWV 816: Bourrée* J. S. Bach

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The. Rev. Joseph J. Rose

ORGANIST – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

CHALICE BEARERS – Matt Schott, Ted Newton

LECTOR – Mark Moyle

INTERCESSOR – Kerri Raissian

USHERS – Marc Keating, Audrey Lamy

ACOLYTE – Caroline Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos

PRAYER LIST

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, 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 Norman Kayser and Petra Shearer on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs. Those involved in the ministry in Christian Formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; for adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students and those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Jack Adams and Riley Morriss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR RESUMES!

Coffee Hour will be returning on Sunday, September 17. Volunteers are needed each Sunday to prepare the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite a spouse, partner, or friend to join you and make it a team effort. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift.

Can't host but want to contribute a baked good, fruit, or other food item? We welcome your participation! We've added a third sign-up slot this year just for that. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

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 on **Sunday, September 10**. 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.

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.

SACRED GROUND SERIES AT ST. JAMES'S

Registration is open for the 11-part Sacred Ground program, a film and readings-based dialogue series on racial justice that is grounded in our journey as followers of Jesus. If you would like to commit to this journey over the coming months, visit stjwh.org/sacredground to register. Part of "Becoming Beloved Community," the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society, this series is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. Starting **October 8**, the sessions will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm on the first and third Sundays each month through March with a meal following the discussion.

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.

ST. JAMES'S CHORISTERS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

The St. James's Choristers had 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!

ST JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD CENTER

ST. JAMES'S FALL PICNIC!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

FOLLOWING THE 9:30 SERVICE
ON THE OUTDOOR GROUNDS

IF YOU ARE ABLE, BRING A SALAD OR
DESSERT TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP;
GRILLED FOOD & BEVERAGE PROVIDED





FALLFEST

Saturday
September 30

5 - 8 PM

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



SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

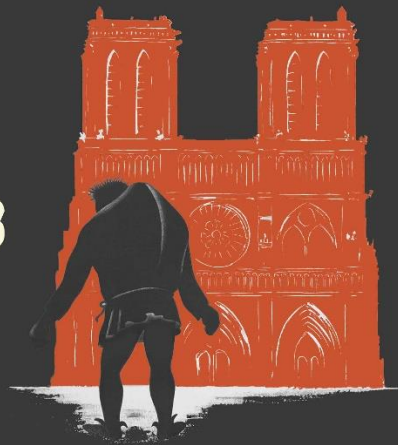
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The HUNCHBACK *of* NOTRE DAME

WITH **LON CHANEY**

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3
7PM**

ADMISSION IS FREE



**ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD**

1018 Farmington Avenue
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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*

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 Mrs. Heidi Cotter *Financial Secretary*
 Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*
 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper *Director of Family Ministries*

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Mr. Ted Newton *Senior Warden*
 Mr. Tyler Smith..... *Junior Warden*
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2024

Adam Fisher
 Jessica Henning
 Jonathan Lewis
 Debra Morton

2025

Bob Bausmith
 Ellen Dollar
 Kim Hart-
 Kindelberger
 Judith Stahl

2026

Chuck Kinney
 Ruth Mitman
 Barbara Rua
 Bill Thompson

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

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