

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 14, 2025 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

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

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

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the Parish Hall after the service today for coffee and refreshments. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP: Will meet today from 5-6:30pm for dinner and an activity. All middle and highschoolers are welcome. Invite your friends!

Introit

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Trad. arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

(vs. 1-3, & 6 only)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

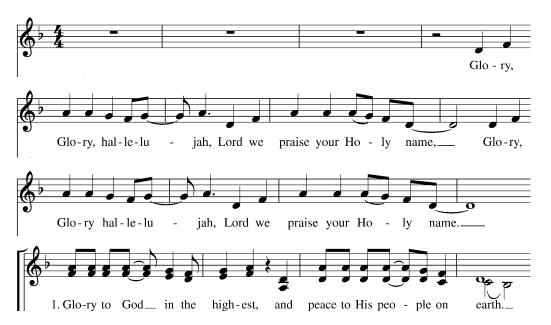
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

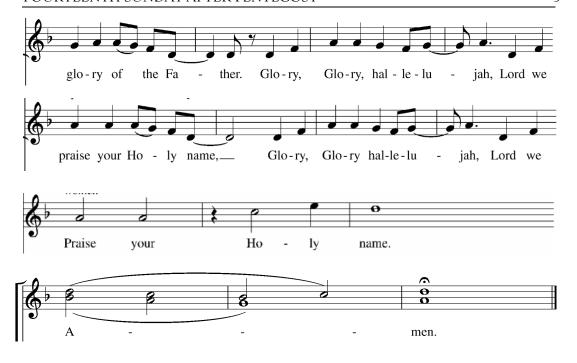
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







Title: Glory, glory, hallelujah Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from Mass for Grace
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people sit

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, `These are your gods, O Israel,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth! Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 14 (sung by the choir)

Dixit insipiens

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

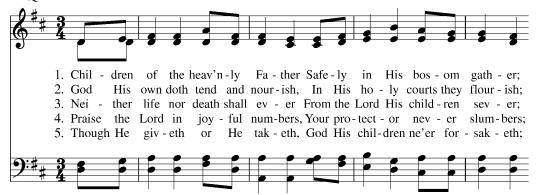
THE EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:12-17

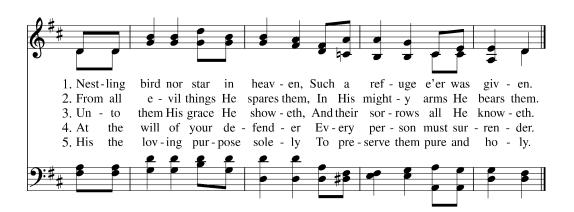
I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN





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Title: Children of the heav'nly Father Text: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1955; tr. Ernest W. Olson, 1925 Music: Swedish Folk Melody

THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

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

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 Sean 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 Donald, 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; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them. We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. 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 David Dwight Thomas in whose name the altar flowers have been given. 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.

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.

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

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Stephen Paulus was a co-founder of the American Composers Forum and a prolific composer himself, whose catalog includes over 600 works for chorus, orchestra, opera, and chamber ensembles. Among his most enduring contributions are his many choral works, which continue to be performed worldwide. The Road Home (2001), a setting of a poem by Michael Dennis Browne, is cast in the style of a hymn and speaks to themes of longing, belonging, and spiritual homecoming.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

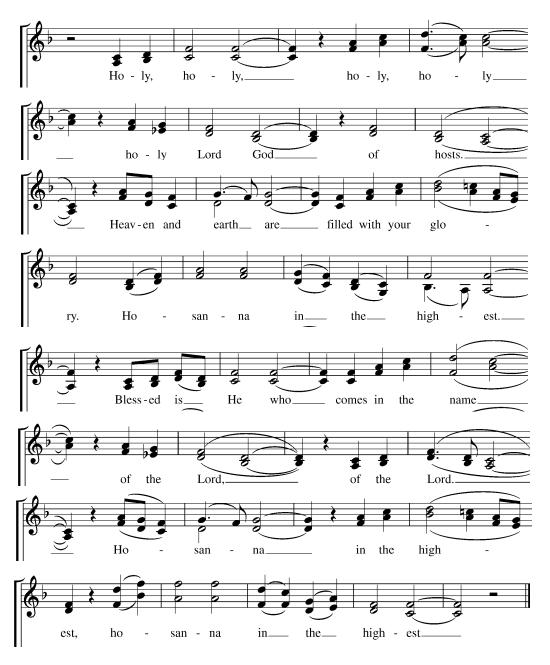
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



Title: Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Sanctus Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), A Mass for a Soulful People Copyright: © 2003, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832. All rights reserved.

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,

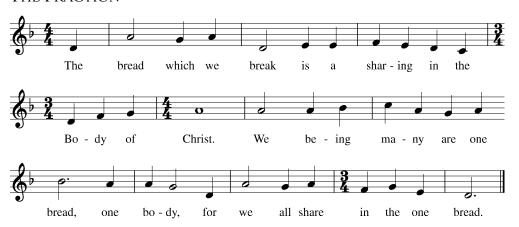
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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



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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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

In gratitude for Rob's leadership this past year, the adult choir offers this prayer:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you

To shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace.

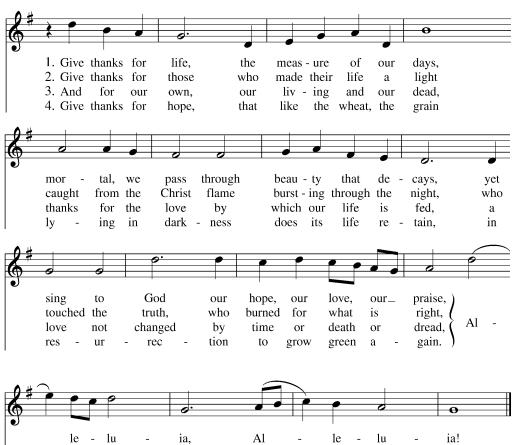
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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



Title: Give thanks for life Text: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931) Music: R.V. Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928), Sine nomine Copyright: © 2003, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832. All rights reserved.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Althea & Playing in the Band The Grateful Dead, adpt. M. Horsley In honor of Rob's deep and abiding love for The Grateful Dead - this one's for you, dear colleague!

"I can tell your future; look what's in your hand. But I can't stop for nothing; I'm just playing in the band"

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
PREACHER - The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg
THE ST. JAMES'S ADULT CHOIR
SOLOIST - Anya Fisher
ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Michelle Horsley
CHALICE BEARERS - Maureen Bowman, Matt Schott
LECTOR - Rob King
INTERCESSOR - Harry Meyer
ACOLYTES - Walter Bowman, George Keating, Harry Keating
USHERS - Diane Duva, Steve Hunter, Mike Shuey, Ted Newton
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Jonathan Lewis
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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> 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 ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of David Dwight Thomas. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let perpetual light shine upon them.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford. The Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service today 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 <u>education@stjameswh.org</u> with any questions.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS TODAY

Come to the Parish Hall after the 9:30 service today for coffee and refreshments. Volunteers are needed throughout the school year 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. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked good, fruit, or other food item. 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. Any questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

COFFEE HOUR FORUM

Come to the Parish Hall on **Sunday, September 21** for the first Coffee Hour Forum of the season after the 9:30 service. The Rev. Bob Hooper and the youth who participated in this summer's youth mission trip will give "Reflections from Ecuador." Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will celebrate St. Francis **Sunday on October 5** at the 9:30 service with the blessing of the animals. Bring your beloved pets with you to church that day for a

blessing from the clergy. The 8:00 service in the chapel will be without pets. Refreshments will be served following the service. Invite someone to join you!

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.



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 an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 27**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

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.





Voces8





7:00pm Saturday, Oct 11

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tickets available online \$40-55



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel 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

CLERGY		
The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III		
The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg Assistant Rector		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke		
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James		
The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman		
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		
Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter	Par	rish Administrator
Mr. Leon Fraser		Sexton
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper Director of Family Ministries		
Ms. Michelle HorsleyOrganist & Director of Music		
Mrs. Stephanie LatifFinancial Secretary		
VOLUNTEER STAFF		
Mr. Harry Meyer		
HILLIAM PROGRAM		
VESTRY		
Mr. Greg Jacobs		Senior Warden
Mr. Tyler Smith		Junior Warden
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Bill Thompson	Liz Normand	Jonathan Lewis
	Marilyn Tomlinson	Susan Ritz

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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