



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM

September 1, 2024 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

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us outdoors after the service today for cool lemonade and other refreshments. All are welcome!

HAPPENING NEXT SUNDAY

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE: We return to the regular service schedule on **Sunday, September 8** with services at 8:00 in the chapel and 9:30 in the church. The choir also returns. Join us after the 9:30 service on September 8 for the annual fall picnic outdoors. If you are able, bring something to share with the group. Beverage and grilled items provided. All are welcome!

does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10 (*said*)

Eructavit cor meum

My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

SEQUENCE HYMN 641

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Southwell

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 488

Be thou my vision

Slane

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Charlotte Rose Cote & Chloe Ann Cote**The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying*

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

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

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

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY *Chromhorne sur la Taille* Francois Couperin (1668-1733)
(*Mass of the Convents*)

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION

Be Thou My Vision

Zsolt Gárdonyi (b. 1946)

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 556

Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart

Marion

THE 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

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Tom Rouse and Sue Powers

LECTOR – Eddie Jacovino

INTERCESSOR – Marilyn Tomlinson

USHERS – Daniel and Ellen Dollar

ACOLYTE – Wyatt Chenault

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Susan Gutierrez

PRAYER LIST

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Gerry, Rachael, Eileen, Tom.

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Norman C. Kayser on the anniversary of his 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 Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School; New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Colette Barber, Graham Horowitz, Luke Lemanski, Vera Millium, and Jack Adams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have

questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Join the Rev. Robert Lofberg on **Mondays, September 16, 23 and 30** at 12:15 in the Parish Room for a study on Mark's Gospel. Bring a bag lunch with you. See flyer on page 19 for more information. All are welcome.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

The Rev. Bob Hooper will lead a small group discussion, "*The Spirituality and Struggles of Being Busy*," for parents of small children on **Sunday, September 29** at 11am in the Parish Room. Grab some refreshments and join in the discussion. Childcare will be provided.

ATTEND THE AGO FESTIVAL!

Want to attend the 27th Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival at Trinity College? Want to attend with your St. James's community? Join us! We are working to coordinate a group of parishioners to attend the **Sunday, September 22nd** at 3pm concert. How it works: **Step 1:** You buy your own ticket and use code TRINCOLL to save 10%.

Tickets are available on the HSO website or at the following link:

<https://hartfordsymphony.org/portfolio-items/27th-annual-albert-schweitzer-organ-festival-hartford/>

Step 2: You fill out the Google form so that we know how many people are coming. We are also asking if you need a ride or can offer a ride so that transportation doesn't pose a barrier to anyone's attendance. If you are unable to fill out the Google form, please call Cheryl in the office and she will fill it out for you. Please note, Cheryl can only help with the Google form, not ticket purchase. To fill out Google form go to: <https://forms.gle/yXfkkpYKfstBJji78>.

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 being a chalice bearer is something you think you might like to experience yourself, or you have questions about what it entails, please contact Tom Rouse at thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

On the second Monday of each month, a team of volunteers from St. James's serves a hot lunch for clients at the Loaves and Fishes Ministries soup kitchen on Woodland Street in Hartford. The team is small in number and presently is in urgent need of at least a couple of additional volunteers. The time commitment is from about 10:45am to 1:00pm, on 2nd Mondays (i.e., July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, etc.), and is a very satisfying activity. If you are interested and/or seek more information, please contact Nora Harris at billharrisct@gmail.com. The July and August service, in particular, might be a fine activity for a high school teen.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

We are starting a new ministry and looking for volunteers to provide pastoral support to members of our church family. Please consider joining the Embrace Ministry to invite 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. Contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

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.

COME ENJOY TIME IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & PICK A FEW

WEEDS! Attention all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! A 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 online by going to www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden. If you are unable to access the link, kindly see 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 a 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!



THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

All are welcome in the Good News garden and greenhouse and to help harvest either Sundays after church or Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am. We could use more helpers! If Wednesday doesn't work, meet up with us to weed after the service on Sunday. The photo shows a recent donation that went to Hartford Catholic Worker pantry. We also have sent some produce to Grace Episcopal this spring and summer.



Donations from your gardens are most welcome and should be dropped off in the cloister, Wednesdays by 9am. Questions or to join the team, please contact Cheryl Wadsworth, cherw173@gmail.com.

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 hearty stews.** 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.

ST JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD CENTER

ST. JAMES'S FALL PICNIC!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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





FOOD TRUCKS - ZIP LINE - DJ

SEPT. 14-15

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AGES 12-17

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Email khandlong@campwashington.org with any questions!
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ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us for a three-week exploration of Mark. Themes will include:

- What is a 'Gospel?'
- Mark's unique perspective on Jesus's identity.
- The contemplation of suffering and glory in the life of Jesus and his followers.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 23RD, 30TH FROM
12:15-1PM

PARISH ROOM - BRING A BAG LUNCH!



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST
7 a.m. in the chapel
(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



*Make a pledge
to St. James's*

*We are a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith.
No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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CLERGY

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 The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg..... *Assistant Rector*
 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 Joan P. Phelps..... *Priest Associate*

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2025

Bob Bausmith
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 Kim Hart-
 Kindelberger
 Judith Stahl

2026

Chuck Kinney
 Ruth Mitman
 Barbara Rua
 Bill Thompson

2027

Doug Compton
 Joey Meyer
 Liz Normand
 Marilyn Tomlinson