



ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



TO ST. JAMES'S

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The clergy will bless your beloved pets during today's service. Refreshment will be served afterwards.

HAPPENING MONDAY

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: Please join us on **Monday, October 6** from 10:30 to 11:30am in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of various portions of scripture led by the Rev. Bob Hooper. Bring a snack if you like and come ready for compelling conversation. If you would like to facilitate a 1-3 week session, please sign up at www.stjwh.org/biblestudy. All are welcome!

PRELUDE *Variations on "Ash Grove" (Let All Things Now Living)* Welsh folksong
arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

The people stand

OPENING HYMN *All things bright and beautiful* Royal Oak

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Bless the Lord, all you creatures.

People **Bless the Lord, in heaven and on earth.**

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

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest!

People **And peace to God's creatures on earth.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

Job 39:1-18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

PSALM 121 (*said*)*Levavi oculos*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I

will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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

Intercessor The God who yearns for us calls us to come as a people. Let us not turn away but go toward God with our needs, saying, Forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For Presiding Bishop Sean, our bishops Jeff and Laura, and all lay and ordained church leaders, that we may be faithful ministers of your love, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those in the grip of addiction, and for those needing release from what enslaves us, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For patience with those who incite war, and wisdom to move into God's reign of peace, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For fearless ones who uphold human rights in every land, and for all whose liberty is diminished by unjust uses of power, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, as we serve those among us and as we work outside church doors, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Katherine Morriss and Theodore Serpi.

For your wild creatures which delight us by their variety and beauty. Be with them, and shelter them from the dangers surrounding them. Forget us not, O holy one:

Hear our prayer.

For companion animals who share our homes and lives and show us a love and loyalty few surpass. Bless them for the pleasure and companionship they give, and protect all those who suffer neglect and cruelty. Forget them not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Francesca Haar Nixon in whose memory the altar flowers have been given in thanksgiving for her life and work in rescuing dogs, cats, and horses, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

For our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray either silently or aloud for those who are in our hearts and minds.

[Please offer your own intercessions here.]

People God of light and life, strip us of selfishness and the loneliness it brings.
Help us to accept the gift of mutual love, with its shared pleasures and pain. Tear down all our fences, that we can run to you as one family, one people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Spiritual
Original lyrics were written earlier this morning by the children in attendance.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth winds and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

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

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth / This is My Father's World
arr. Bill Wolaver

POST COMMUNION 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.

CLOSING HYMN *All creatures of our God and King (verses 1-4, 7)* Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia,
alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "All Creatures"

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PIANIST – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Maureen Bowman, Ted Newton

LECTOR – Carolee Ziegenhagen

INTERCESSOR – Rob King

USHERS – Judy Hock, Marc Keating, Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis

ACOLYTES – George Keating, Harry Keating, Trey Keating

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Susan Gutierrez

ON THE COVER – St. Francis, by Brian Kavanagh



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OF
HARTFORD
CHAPTER
presents the 34th annual

free admission!

PIPESCREAMS
a wild, family-friendly Halloween
organ concert
Friday, October 24th
6pm ghost stories • 7pm concert
St. James's Episcopal Church - 1018 Farmington Ave, West Hartford

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, 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 Francesca Haar Nixon and her work in rescuing dogs, cats, and horses. *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 Tanzania.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull. For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

BIRTHDAYS Katherine Morriss and Theodore Serpi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 12** 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 education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

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.

CHRISTMAS BAG MISSION PROJECT

Our collection of men's boot socks and toiletries begins in October and will run through Sunday, November 30. **Items needed:** Men's heavy boot socks (no dress socks, please), travel-size shaving cream (3 oz), travel-size shampoo (3 oz), travel-size deodorant, small combs, chapstick, travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, and bars of soap. Drop items off at the church during office hours or on Sundays. Join us on **Sunday, November 30** after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall to help sort and fill the bags. This is a much appreciated mission outreach project as most often the Christmas Bags are the only gifts these men will receive. Candy canes are welcome!

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

There's still time to join Good News Gardeners on Wednesdays at 9am. We're managing a good harvest each week (9/10 photo) to send to Hartford Catholic Worker's food pantry. If you'd like to drop off extra produce, please either put in Parish Room fridge or our picnic table on Wednesday by 9am. Contributions of clean, used produce bags, plastic bags and sturdy plastic/cloth/paper grocery bags are appreciated to help divide and transport produce to the Catholic Worker. Please place near bench in the Cloister. More info: cherw173@gmail.com.



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, October 11**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

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.



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

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...

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *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

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter *Parish Administrator*
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Ms. Michelle Horsley *Organist & Director of Music*
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Mr. Tyler Smith *Junior Warden*
Mr. Chuck Kinney *Clerk*
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