



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 3, 2021 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.

VISIT: Join us after the 9:30 service for lemonade and refreshments outdoors. All are welcome!

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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified

somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26

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.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

Mr. Jonathan R. Smith

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 Michael, our bishops Ian 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 Meg Dollar, Roman Tagliarini, Leonardo Collin, and Katherine Morriss.

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, 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

OFFERTORY

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. 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.

THE BLESSING

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!**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – Mr. Jonathan R. Smith

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Bob Fawber

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, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris & Louise.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina **(C):** Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa **(D):** Alvin, Audra, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie **(E):** John & Rita, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Dave **(F):** Charlene, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Larry **(G):** Ann, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia.

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

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

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Meg Dollar, Roman Tagliarini, Leonardo Collin, and Katherine Morriss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following the 9:30 service! Coffee Hour will resume sometime in October and volunteers will be needed. A signup sheet will be available after services in the future.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Do you love to bake? We need cookies, cakes, and breads as well as jams, jellies, and pickles to sell at Fallfest 2021 on Friday, October 15! Please bring your baked goods to the church the day of Fallfest by 2:00pm. Thank you!

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

Welcome Back! Let's renew our community and fellowship! Please join us Tuesday, October 19 at noon for a meeting of the Women of St. James's in the parish dining room. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. "Let's catch up, and don't forget to bring your mask!"

NURSERY IN THE FALL

Nursery Care will be available this month on October 3 and 17. A reminder notice will be added to the weekly email as to when nursery care is offered each month. We will divide into two groups, mobile kids and non-mobile, which should work well. There will be one nursery worker in each room and a floater between the two. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

ALTAR GUILD RECRUITMENT

Are you interested in trying something new here at church? We are looking for new members of the wonderful St. James's altar guild. This is not a big commitment. Once a month, you will help set the altar for the Sunday services and clean up the altar after the service. No experience is necessary. We will train you! Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry. It is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and serve our community at the same time. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Gallegos at Elizabeth.Gallegos@Bearingstar.com or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

HOLY EUCHARIST EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7:00 in the chapel. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP: ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS! The Memorial Garden Crew needs your help in order to maintain this beautiful garden! A team of volunteers is needed on a bi-weekly basis starting in June to come in and weed and also do light pruning. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time and you get to choose the time to come in. If you are willing to help, please sign-up by pasting this link into your browser to be taken to the sign-up page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EAFAB23ABF58-stjames>. If you are unable to access the link, email Claire Burnett: claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's Church 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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith." The next meeting will be held **Saturday, October 9**. Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD BAGS

St. James's is committed to donating 30 complete bags of food every two weeks to HCW. Each bag for HCW includes:

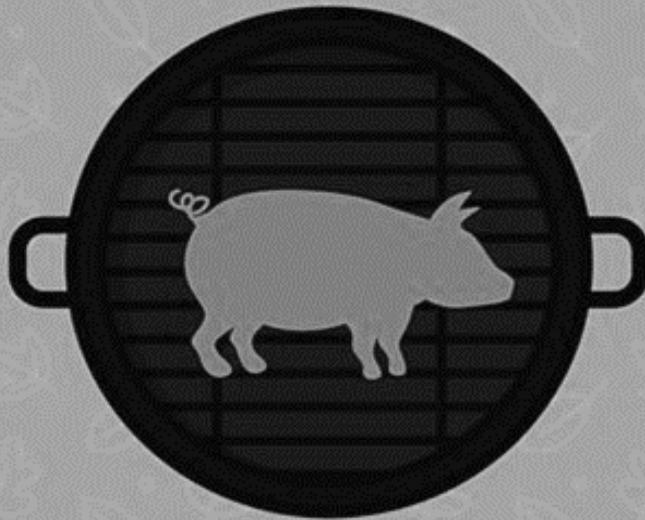
- 2 cans tuna fish, 1 jar mayo
- 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly
- 1 jar pasta sauce, 1 box/bag pasta
- 1 can soup
- 1 can beans (black, red, pinto, etc.)



Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30am-4pm. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! If a monetary donation is easier for you, please note: "HCW Food Bag donation" on your check and we will do the shopping for you!

ST. JAMES'S VOLUNTEER FAIR

The St. James's Volunteer Fair will be held on **Sunday, October 10** after the 9:30 service in the parish hall. Committee and ministry heads will provide information regarding their ministries and will be available to answer any questions. Please come to the fair and see where you might want to lend your time and talent! There is something for everyone.



FALLFEST

Friday, October 15 / 5-9PM

Pig Roast, Music, Local Craft Beers,
Food & Games for all Ages
& A Seasonal Farm Stand

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. Rite II in the chapel

9:30 a.m. Rite II in the church
with Livestream

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Barry W. Miller *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*
 The Rev'd Terry M. Wysong *Priest Associate*

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter *Parish Administrator*
 Mrs. Heidi Cotter *Financial Secretary*
 Mr. Leon Fraser *Sexton*
 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper *Director of Family Ministries*
 Mr. Jonathan Smith *Lay-Curate*

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Michael Sherrill *Assistant Treasurer*

VESTRY

Mrs. Claire Burnett *Senior Warden*
 Mr. David Dynowski *Junior Warden*
 Mrs. Kerri Raissian *Clerk*
 Mr. Harry Meyer *Treasurer*

2022	2023	2024
Doug Compton	Jerrod Bowman	Adam Fisher
Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman	Jessica Henning
Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith	Jonathan Lewis
	Loretta Waldman	Debra Morton

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