



ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 8, 2023 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.

CONFIRMATION: Classes begin today at 5pm!

SACRED GROUND: Program begins today from 5-6:30pm in the parish room. It's not too late to sign up! See the Rev. Joe Rose if you are interested in joining the group.

CONCERT TICKETS: Tickets on sale for the upcoming "Music of Remembrance" concert, **Sunday, October 29** at 5pm featuring the music of Gabriel Fauré to be sung by the St. James's Choir; Alan Murchie, piano with Christopher Hill, cello. Tickets: \$25. Tickets can also be purchased in the parish office during office hours.

The people stand

OPENING HYMN

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

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 Michael, 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, Charlotte Burns, Theodore Serpi, Wyatt Chenault, and Ivan Garrow-Cooke.

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 Denton and Ruth Gallup in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, 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.

CLOSING HYMN

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!

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!

All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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. Joseph J. Rose

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

CHALICE BEARERS – Matt Schott, Priscilla Thomas

LECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

INTERCESSOR – Kate Jackson

USHERS – Kate Jackson, Loretta Waldman, Mike Shuey, Ted Newton

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Delilah Tweedie, Wyatt Chenault, Odin Bergsbaken

ON THE COVER – St. Francis, by Brian Kavanagh

PRAYER LIST

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom & Chris.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the lives of Ruth and Denton Gallup.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington. Convention planning committee, Convention worship committee.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Charlotte Burns, Theodore Serpi, Wyatt Chenault, and Ivan Garrow-Cooke.

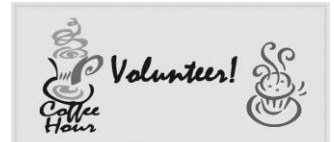
ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR FORUMS – JESUS IN ART & MUSIC

Join Alan Murchie for a two-part Coffee Hour Forum on Jesus in Art & Music on **Sundays, October 15 and 22** after the 9:30 service. We will reflect on images created by visual and musical artists that show us something of who Jesus was and is. What is our own portrait of Jesus and how might it be enriched and informed by these images? Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

TWO WAYS TO VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR!

Hey, have you heard? There are now two ways you can help out with coffee hour. The first is to sign up for the Brew Crew, the team that oversees brewing the coffee, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. The other is to be a Baker or Buyer by contributing homemade or store-bought baked goods or other food items, such as grapes, clementines, or juice. Good dates are going fast, so go to stjwh.org/coffee TODAY to reserve your spot. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Coffee Hour fellowship. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@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 or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org with any questions.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to their next luncheon on **Tuesday, October 17** at 12:00 in the dining room. Please bring a bag lunch with you. The program is still to be decided. All are welcome!

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

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

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

A fun program for children ages 3 to third grade every Monday from 4 to 5:15pm. Organist and Choirmaster, the Rev. Alan Murchie, along with Director of Family Ministries, Priscilla Hooper, will guide the children in an exploration of different themes each week through singing, art, games, and movement. To register your children, contact Alan: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla: education@stjameswh.org.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On **Wednesday, November 1** at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the main church. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic “Iona Healing” liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

SACRED GROUND SERIES AT ST. JAMES’S

Sacred Ground begins today, and registration is about to close. The 11-part program is a film and readings-based dialogue series on racial justice that is grounded in our journey as followers of Jesus. If you would like to commit to this journey over the coming months, see the Rev. Joe Rose today after the service. Part of “Becoming Beloved Community,” the Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society, this series is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. Starting **October 8**, the sessions will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm on the first and third Sundays each month through March with a meal following the discussion. **Dates: Oct 8 & 22; Nov 5 & 19; Dec 3; Jan 7 & 21; Feb 4 & 18; Mar 3 & 17.**

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.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned soup.** Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.

Reconciliation. Healing. Justice. Becoming Beloved Community.

Sacred Ground

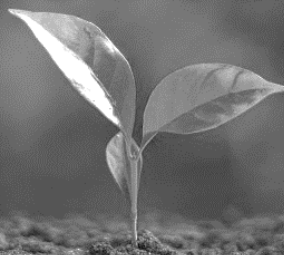
at St. James's

Every other Sunday
starting

Oct. 8 5 pm

**A Film-Based Dialogue
Series on Race and Faith**

**Register at
stjwh.org/sacredground**



St. James's Episcopal Church West Hartford
presents

MUSIC OF REMEMBRANCE

The Choir of St. James's Episcopal Church
Alan Murchie, Piano, and Christopher Hill, Cello
performing

Gabriel Fauré

REQUIEM, Opus 48
CANTIQUE de JEAN RACINE, Opus 11
SONG WITHOUT WORDS for piano
ELEGY and PAVANE for cello and piano

Sunday
OCTOBER 29
5 PM

St. James's
Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave
West Hartford

TICKETS \$25



Buy tickets at
stjwh.org/musicofremembrance
by phone 860-521-9620, at St. James's, or at the door.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

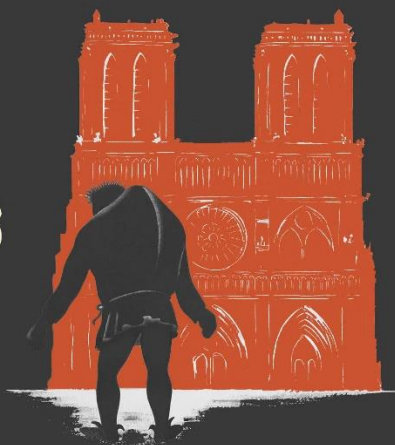
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The HUNCHBACK *of* NOTRE DAME

WITH **LON CHANEY**

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3
7PM**

ADMISSION IS FREE



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WEST HARTFORD**

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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

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of
each month in the church

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose.....*Assistant Rector*
The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie *Assoc. for Education & Music*
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James.....*Priest Associate*
The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman..... *Priest Associate*
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
The Rev'd Elsa P. Walberg..... *Priest Associate*

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Mrs. Priscilla Hooper..... *Director of Family Ministries*

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2024

Adam Fisher
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2025

Bob Bausmith
Ellen Dollar
Kim Hart-
Kindelberger
Judith Stahl

2026

Chuck Kinney
Ruth Mitman
Barbara Rua
Bill Thompson

*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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