



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 5, 2021 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 on first and third Sunday of the month. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

**KFC: Kids for Christ!** Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

**Parking** is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

**Hearing devices** are available at both entrances to the church.

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

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

### HAPPENING TODAY

**VISIT:** Come to the parish room after the service for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. All are welcome!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Erbarm dich mein,  
O Herre Gott BWV 721*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The people stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59

Merton

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* Our Lord and Savior draws near:*People* **Come, let us adore him.***Celebrant* Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.

### KYRIE

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*People* **Amen.***The people sit*

## THE LESSON

*Malachi 3:1-4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

## CANTICLE 16 (THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH)

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## SEQUENCE HYMN 65

Bereden väg för Herran

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1-6*

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah

in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

*The people sit*

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Canon John L.C. Mitman*

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Today, we pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray for all who have died.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Ethan Sheldon and Joshua Campbell.

In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

***God of the prophets, hear us and help us!***

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

***God of the angels, hear us and help us!***

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

***God of our mothers, hear us and help us!***

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

***God of our fathers, hear us and help us!***

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

***God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!***

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

***God of the magi, hear us and help us!***

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

***God of the victim, hear us and help us!***

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Rejoice in the Lord*

Anonymous

*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:

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Title:      *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial**

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power**

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

### THE FRACTION

*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.*

COMMUNION MOTET *This is the Truth Sent from Above* Ralph Vaughan Williams

### 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

CLOSING HYMN 657

Hyfrydol

## 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

*The Lord has Done Great Things*

Emma L. Diemer

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Canon John L.C. Mitman

ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

ORGANIST – Cheryl Wadsworth

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Claire Burnett

LECTOR &amp; INTERCESSOR – Jonathan R. Smith

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Christine Waterman

## STEWARDSHIP 2022 THANK YOU!

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2022 as of December 1.*

*Names in italics are New Pledgers!*

Fran Cobb, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Ron Coons, John & Brenda Barrows, Jocelyn Ehn,  
Doug Compton, Mark & Cindy Welch, Rachael Desmond, Bob & Lynne Holloway,  
David & Jennifer Lemanski, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson,  
Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Paul & Diane Duva, Judith Lawes, Kimberly Goodrich,  
Bob & Claire Burnett, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee,  
John & Elizabeth Waterman, Bill & Judith Thompson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin,  
Bob & Betsy Smith, Ron Ward, Hunter & Debra Morton, Carol Hunt,  
Norman & Joan Kayser, Laura DelaCruz, Charles Russo, Tyler & Courtney Smith,  
Borden & Ann Painter, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ben & Martha Parish,  
Bette Kelly, Bill & Nora Harris, Bernie Wilbur, Jr., Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson,  
Mari S. Merwin, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Michael & Linda Fournier,  
David & Virginia Kramer, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Mark Moyle, Mike Shuey,  
Donna Klucwicz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Eleanor Brazell, Sue Nelson,  
David & Christine Pearson, Gregory & Judy Hock, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,  
Steve & Diane Hunter, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Joseph & Jennifer Long,  
Chuck & Meredith Willson, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Doug & Ann Cooke,  
Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Elizabeth Cloud, Loretta Waldman,  
Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Mayrita Trojanowski.

## 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](mailto: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, Barbara.

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

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** The Anglican Church of Burundi.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield. Ministries to the homeless, for parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries. For the ministry of the Midnight Runs.

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

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Ethan Sheldon and Joshua Campbell.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE HOUR

Join us for coffee and other refreshments following the 9:30 service! Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee, contribute homemade or store-bought baked goods, and clean up. Two volunteers are needed each week. If you would like to host coffee hour, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44a5ac28a3f85-coffee> and sign up. For more information, contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com).

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care is available today and on Sundays, December 12 and 19. There is no nursery on December 26. Thank you to all the parents of nursery-age children for your patience this fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Priscilla at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) or Bob Hooper at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org). Thanks in advance for your consideration!

### FLOWER ENVELOPES

Flower envelopes can be found in the chapel pews, in the church narthex, front of church, and on the table in the cloister. Please use these to make your donations in memory or in honor of loved ones. Names will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Place your envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. **Deadline: Monday, December 20.**

### WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

Please join us Tuesday, December 14 at noon for a meeting of the Women of St. James's in the parish dining room. This is a potluck meal so bring something to share with the group. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Invite someone to join you!

### HOLY EUCHARIST EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

### **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, December 11**. 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!

### **THE WEST HARTFORD WOMEN'S CHORALE**

The WHWC will present "Joy" a Winter Concert at St. James's on Friday, December 10 at 7:30pm. Admission is \$15 and tickets can be purchased at the door. The Chorale will sing Haydn's Dixit Dominus, three pieces by contemporary composer, Sarah Quartel, and several holiday selections expressing joy through music. Covid protocols will be followed. The Chorale requests proof of vaccination and masks are required. Seating will be socially distanced.

### **ST. JOHN'S LESSONS & CAROLS**

The St. John's Choir of Youth and Adults present a Candelight Festival of Lessons & Carols in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, England on Sunday, December 12 at 3pm. Admission is free - donations welcome.



ST JAMES'S

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Dec 4-12, 2021

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# Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas Caroling  
in the neighborhood!

When: Sunday, December 19  
at 5:00 pm

We will meet at church and carol around the  
neighborhood. Weather permitting,  
we will have hot chocolate  
on the Walden St. porch after caroling

*This event is sponsored by the youth group, but  
open to the entire congregation.*



# Christmas

AT ST JAMES'S

CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DEC 24

HOLY EUCHARIST, 5PM

MUSIC PRELUDE, 10:30PM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, 11PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DEC 25

HOLY EUCHARIST W/CAROLS, 10AM

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DEC 26

HOLY EUCHARIST, 9:30AM





## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. 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*  
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 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper ..... *Director of Family Ministries*  
 Mr. Jonathan Smith ..... *Lay-Curate*

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Mrs. Claire Burnett ..... *Senior Warden*  
 Mr. David Dynowski ..... *Junior Warden*  
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#### 2022

Doug Compton  
 Greg Jacobs  
 Chris Keesling

#### 2023

Jerrod Bowman  
 Ruth Mitman  
 Tyler Smith  
 Loretta Waldman

#### 2024

Adam Fisher  
 Jessica Henning  
 Jonathan Lewis  
 Debra Morton

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