

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 6, 2020

Livestream at 9:30 a.m.

# WELCOME



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TO ST. JAMES'S

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*The following Eucharist is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."*

WELCOME

The Rev. Robert Hooper, III

ORGAN VOLUNTARY    *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*    J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



Title: *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Words: *Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.*

Music: *Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982*

## 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.

### 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

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received

from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1-8*

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

## THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Tim R. O’Leary*

## 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

*Leader* 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.***

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*An adapted version of Eucharistic Prayer B, for a time when gathering with bread and wine is not possible.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

*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.**

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, O God,

*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, not bread and wine, because we cannot share them this day, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation. We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him. Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. Unite us to your Son, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, bring all creation together with your Christ, and bring us to your heavenly country, where with James and 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 Jesus 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 INVITATION

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## THE COMMUNION

The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

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



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## THE BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Little Cornard*

Alan Bullard

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Tim R. O'Leary

ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren

READER – Tom Rouse

ON THE COVER – John the Baptist Preaches to the Crowd, anonymous

**STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!**

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of December 3.*

*Names in italics are New Pledgers!*

Bill & Judith Stahl, Ron Coons, Bob & Betsy Smith, David & Barbara Teed, Elizabeth Cloud,  
Chuck & Meredith Willson, Jim & Margaret Falcetta, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo,  
Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Judy Lawes, Bill & Judy Thompson, Mike Shuey,  
Robert & Lynne Holloway, Robert & Renée McCue, *Franklin & Angie Dempsey*, Sarah Bedell,  
Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Hunter & Debra Morton, *Connie Duva*, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease,  
Barbara Ulrich, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Fran Cobb, Geraldine Smalley, Judy Nellen,  
Ken & Eileen Jackson, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers,  
Joyce Runge, Colin & Heather Swales, Dave & Chris Pearson, Kimberly Goodrich,  
Carol Hunt, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Ian & Janet Duncan, *Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko*,  
Borden & Ann Painter, Doug Compton, Peter & Melissa Bowman, John & Ruth Mitman,  
Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bill & Nora Harris, Daphne Wilcox,  
Jocelyn Ehn, Bob & Claire Burnett, *Tim O'Leary & Phoenix Gonzalez*, Mari S. Merwin,  
Betsy Tonkin, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Loretta Waldman,  
Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Barry & Nancy Miller, Eunice Heinlein, Harry Meyer,  
Betsy Curtler, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, Laura DeLaCruz,  
John & Frances Bergquist, Christopher & Christine Wilson, Curtis Roessler, Bette Kelly,  
John & Machele Rosenlieb, Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth,  
Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Tom & Linda Archambault, Carol McDermott, Mark Moyle,  
Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,  
Paul & Jo Mangiafico, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Edward & Melissa Brown,  
Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Ron Ward,  
David & Virginia Kramer, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Hugh & Jan Whelan,  
Ted & Ronnie Newton, Mark & Cheri Evans, David & Sam Dynowski, Chuck Russo,  
Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Jennifer Ferrang,  
Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Skenderian, Karen Ericson,  
Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Paul & Diane Duva,  
Mike & Linda Fournier, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Ben & Martha Parish,  
David & Jennifer Lemanski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer,  
Greg & Judy Hock, David & Priscilla Thomas, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Donna Kluciewicz,  
Jerrold & Maureen Bowman, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Norma Hattings, Sam & Michele Paul,  
Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Susan Ritz, Rachael Desmond, Stephen & Diane Hunter.

## 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, Margaret, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Ed, Tom, Nancy, Chris & Louise.

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

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

**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 Run.

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

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Joshua Campbell and Braden Flowers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As expected, 2021 is proving to be a tough one when it comes to stewardship. We are falling concerningly behind in both numbers of pledges in and dollars pledged. If this continues it will put us in a very difficult position in regard to next year's budget and staffing, making it that much more difficult to sustain our ministries when things do get back to "normal."

If you have already returned your pledge card, thank you very much for your generosity and faithfulness. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. If you would prefer you can email me at [rchooper3@gmail.com](mailto:rchooper3@gmail.com) and let me know what you will be pledging for 2021. I am more than happy to fill a card out for you and save you a trip to the post office or the church.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of God through St. James's.

The Rev. Bob Hooper

### 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 for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. Our recent discussion centered on "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith" by Marcus Borg. The group currently meets through Zoom because of the Pandemic.

David Thomas chairs the group. If you are interested, contact Bob Hoffman for further information and to receive the Zoom link at 860.614.3861.

### CHRISTMAS WITH GRACE

For many years now the parishioners of St. James's have provided the folks at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford with unwrapped toys at Christmas to help out some of the families they serve through their food pantry. As with most things this program will be different this year.

We have been asked to “sponsor” 4 kids. All four of these kids are an only-child so this represents 4 different households. Their Christmas lists range from soccer balls, Legos, and baby dolls, to long underwear, hats, and gloves. All 4 kids have requested warm winter coats. If you would like to help us fulfill these Christmas wish lists, please mail a check to St. James’s made out to “*St. James’s Rector’s Discretionary Account.*” In addition to filling the lists we will be purchasing Stop and Shop Gift cards for the parents to help them out this Christmas season.

### ST. JAMES’S CARES

*Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep” - John 21:17*

Another successful Monday delivery to our friends in The North End of Hartford. St. James's through "St. James's Cares" has teamed up with the Hartford Catholic Worker to help those who are struggling in these very uncertain times. We are now making 26 meals for 4 (104 dinners) each week. This week’s meal was BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, rolls, Memphis style sauce, pickles, green beans, and assorted desserts. Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry with their financial donations.



**As of three weeks ago we have prepared and delivered, since the end of August, 312 family dinners = 1352 meals.**

I am excited to announce that we have a new partner in this important effort. The Empty Bowls Club of Hall High School is now providing baked goods that they will prepare in their homes on a weekly basis. Empty Bowls is a community service student-led club dedicated to fighting hunger in West Hartford and Connecticut. Students raise awareness, educate the school community, organize events around various food insecurity and hunger awareness issues, organize school-wide food drives, sponsor an annual Empty Bowls Banquet Fundraiser, and provide baked goods for local organizations in need of donations. There are also club activities such as making sandwiches for soup kitchens and bake sales to support local food-oriented charities.

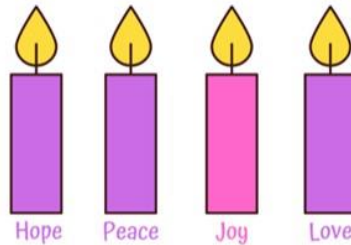


**KFC ADVENT!**

For Advent this year, which begins on Sunday, November 29, Priscilla is putting together a packet of resources for young families. Each of the

four weeks of Advent will have a theme. Week One- Hope, Week Two-Peace, Week Three-Joy and Week Four-Love. For each of the four weeks, there will be several resources including, coloring and writing activities for each member of your family, a link to a YouTube story that supports the theme, and prayer cards to pray together as a family. She will also email you a link to an opening session recording explains the resources.

If you would like a set made for your specific family, please email Priscilla at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org). These resources will also be available in the plastic bin outside the cloister by Sunday, November 22.

**KFC Advent**

(Kids for Christ)  
Brought to you  
by St. James's Department of  
Youth and Family Ministries

**VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

To continue the long tradition of a wonderful Christmas Pageant, we are putting together a virtual pageant this year. With the help of Christine Waterman and Nora Willson, the pageant premieres on our website at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve as a part of our Christmas Eve service. You will receive an email with a link to the service on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day a stand-alone link if you would like to share it with friends and family. Parishioners are participating with some live recordings, photos, and Zoom recordings. If your child is interested in participating in the pageant, please email Priscilla at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) by December 1.



# THE HOPE OF ADVENT

A THREE-PART MINI SERIES



We are excited to announce a 3-session, online Advent series with Tim! Tim will host three 60-minute long sessions on Zoom entitled “The Hope of Advent.” In this time of Covid, we are looking for hope that is more than human. Is there a divine hope in Advent that can bring us healing and strength in these trying times? The sessions will take place on Thursday December 3rd, Thursday December 10th, and Thursday December 17th – all sessions begin at 7pm and end promptly at 8pm. Tim will give an introduction to the theme of the week and then we will explore the appointed readings from the previous Sunday. You may come for one or all of the sessions. You are encouraged to spend time before the session reading through the appointed readings from the past Sunday – what are some themes you discover? What do you see in your imagination when you hear these words? All questions are welcome. If you are interested, please email Tim to let him know at [tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

Here is the Zoom link for the three sessions:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85920588113?  
pwd=T2w1bk4vWjIWTlFGTkFMTUVibEhwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85920588113?pwd=T2w1bk4vWjIWTlFGTkFMTUVibEhwZz09)

Meeting ID: 859 2058 8113

Passcode: 106037

**ANGEL TREE MISSION: IT'S A WRAP!**

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the St. James's family, we made a joyous delivery today of over 240 toys and gift certificates to the Hartford Seminary's Spiritual Center. Once again, they are working with a network of social service providers to deliver toys to area children of all ages, who would otherwise have gone without.

In spite of COVID complications, we saw record-breaking participation this year. Here's just a small glimpse of the totals: 31 dolls, 26 sets of blocks, 29 activity sets, 24 pre-school toys, 18 board games, 12 puzzles, 14 trucks, and 34 stuffed animals, including 8 adorable Baby Yoda's :-)



THANK YOU to everyone who shopped our Amazon Wish List, dropped off a toy at the church, or sent in a monetary donation. Each of you has helped to bring some happiness to a family in need.

**MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY**

We will now be offering Morning Prayer at 8 o'clock every Wednesday morning on Zoom! Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjJvYTh0UDNOZ3RpdlkvUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178    Passcode: 693330

You will find the text of Morning Prayer on the website by clicking the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. The link will also be included in the weekly emails. Please let Tim know ahead of time if you would like to be a reader for any service. (tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

## HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY

The West Hartford Food Pantry continues to give out an unprecedented amount of food. They expect this trend to continue throughout the year and into 2021. They are most in need of staple items:

Cold cereal, Pasta and sauce, Canned fruit/applesauce

Peanut butter - 16-18 oz. jars, Rice - 1 lb. packages

Soup - especially vegetarian options

Canned Tuna, Baked beans, Canned vegetables, Macaroni and cheese

Granola bars and cookies



# Sacred Ground:

A small group dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Jointly hosted by St. James's and St. John's Episcopal Churches, West Hartford.

Sacred Ground is an Episcopal Church program to promote dialogue toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Small groups, facilitated by lay people from St. James's and St. John's, will meet virtually on Zoom on Sunday afternoons twice a month, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., starting in December 2020.

To sign up, go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SacredGroundWHsignup>

Contact with questions: [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org) or  
[office@sjparish.net](mailto:office@sjparish.net)



ST JAMES'S

# Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

beautiful trees | wreaths | in various sizes

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Dec 5-13, 2020

M-F 4-7/Sat 9-6/Sun 12-6

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West Hartford Center

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# Christmas Eve

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24  
VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & SERVICE  
AVAILABLE AT 4PM...

AND AGAIN ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY





## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

### MORNING PRAYER

8 a.m. Wednesdays via Zoom  
(link provided in bulletin, weekly  
email, newsletter, & on website)

#### CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III ..... *Rector*  
 The Rev'd Tim R. O'Leary ..... *Assistant Rector*  
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke ..... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Barry W. Miller ..... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Nancy 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. Vaughn Mauren ..... *Organist and Choirmaster*

#### VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. David Thomas ..... *Facilities Manager*  
 Mr. Michael Sherrill ..... *Assistant Treasurer*

#### VESTRY

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

2021	2022	2023
Bruce Adams	Jane Good	Jerrold Bowman
Amy Messinger	Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman
Thomas Rouse	Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith
Judith Stahl		Loretta Waldman

*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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