



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
April 12, 2026 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. 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: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the Parish Hall after the service today for coffee and other refreshments. All are welcome!

GOOD NEWS GARDEN MEETING: Today in the parish room to continue to plan the spring planting. The Good News Garden team needs more volunteers. If you would like to help provide the joy of a fresh picked tomato, nutrient rich greens and such to those who live in 'food deserts' please join us. No experience necessary.

PRELUDE *Selections from Mass of the Convents* Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210 *The day of resurrection!* Ellacombe

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 (THE SEWANEE SERVICE)

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re - cieve our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er, A - men, A -
 men!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be

found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16: (*said*)

Conserve me, Domine

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SEQUENCE HYMN

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, with my soul,
 It is well with my soul, with my soul.

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said

to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Leung

The people stand

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 Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Enliven the Church for its mission.

That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those in our parish and extended parish families.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Tina Merz and Hugh MacGillis, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. We pray for all who live in places of war, and the protection of innocent life everywhere.

We give thanks for those youth and children who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Liam Jacovino, David Daniels, and Bruce Szymanski.

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives.

Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

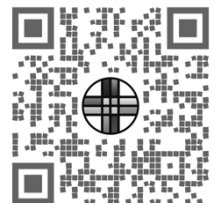
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *At Easter-tide (Opus 182, No. 3)* Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Composed in 1918 near the end of his life, Charles Villiers Stanford's Six Occasional Preludes, Op. 182, are intimate reflections of a composer long associated with the height of the English organ tradition. Each prelude corresponds to a specific liturgical or seasonal moment, and At Eastertide captures the spirit of resurrection with both restraint and tender.

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:





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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of you Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

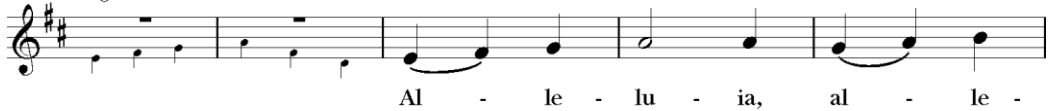
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

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

THE FRACTION

This setting is not used in Lent.



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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 MUSIC *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1952)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 199 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* St. Kevin

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Alleluias* Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

Margaret Sandresky, currently 104 years old, is a pioneering composer and educator, who was one of the founding members of the Society for Music Theory as well as its first female contributor. She has taught at Oberlin Conservatory, North Carolina School for the Arts, and University of Texas - Austin. According to her local newspaper, on her 100th birthday, she was still composing.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
PREACHER – The Rev. Chris Leung
ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley
CHALICE BEARERS – John Wadsworth, Priscilla Thomas
LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Rob Duncan
ACOLYTES – Julia Jane Bowman, Walter Bowman
USHERS – Mike Shuey, Ted Newton, Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Daniel Dollar
ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Chris Pearson

PRAYER LIST

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran, John.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Linda, Tom, Peg, Sharon, and Margaret.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Tina Merz and Hugh MacGillis on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Todos Los Santos/All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden. Hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministries, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, wellness programs & recovery ministries.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers today and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available today during the service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

COFFEE HOUR FORUM

On Sunday, April 19, following the 9:30am service, St. James's will host a coffee hour forum on environmental justice and faith. Abby Fisher Williamson is working on the Hartford Environmental Justice Research Partnership with faculty at Trinity College and Hartford partner organizations. At the coffee hour forum, you'll have the opportunity to view a pop-up exhibit on the subject, followed by a facilitated discussion led by Trinity students. We hope you'll join us for the discussion, and if you have any questions, please reach out to Abby at Abigail.Williamson@trincoll.edu.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

The WOSJ invite you to a luncheon on **Tuesday, April 14** at 12:00 in the dining room. The guest speaker is Michelle Horsley, our organist and director of music. If you cannot make it for lunch, just come for the program. All are welcome!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are still needed to prepare coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite someone to join you! Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked good, fruit, or other food item. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in

advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirk@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next on **Saturday, April 25**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

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 the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (no pasta, canned beans, or mac & cheese, please)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

CLERGY VISITATION

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

THE ANNUAL CHOIR DINNER

FEATURING

SHELF LIFE

a very silly I-act children's musical
about the race against time inside a refrigerator
conceptualized by the St. James's Choristers
written by Michelle Horsley



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AND SONGS FROM THE ST. JAMES'S ADULT CHOIR

6:00PM
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

\$20 admission includes dinner & a show
tickets available online soon

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1018 FARMINGTON AVE, WEST HARTFORD





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



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No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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2027	2028	2029
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