



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 28, 2021
Livestream at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



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."

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

OPENING HYMN

Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord,
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed;
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety
we cause your name to be betrayed.

Title: Now let us all with one accord

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. Praise the Lord, 1972, alt.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

KYRIE

Presider Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever

People **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Timothy 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 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 Cynthia Clifford who died this past week, 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 give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially George Keating, Charlie Lewis, and Margaret Adams.

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 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.

AT 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

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
So daily living to our way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,
Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
So in he Father's glory shall we wake.

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THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Timothy R. O’Leary

ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren

ADULT & YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIRS

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Jerrod Bowman

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ON THE COVER – Christ Rebuking St. Peter, anonymous

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, Margaret, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Ed, Tom, 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, Leo **(G):** Ann, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, and Annelise.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Cynthia Clifford who died this past week. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. David’s, Gales Ferry; St. James’, Glastonbury; St. Luke’s, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich.

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS George Keating, Charlie Lewis, and Margaret Adams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECTOR'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's Rector's Appeal was like that of no other in previous years – like just about everything else in 2020/21. We began the appeal with a \$95,600 deficit which in a typical St. James's way was quickly and generously responded to. We still have quite a way to go, but I feel much more confident today than I did when the letter went out that we will meet this moment because of your generosity and faithfulness.

If you have already responded to this year's appeal – thank you. If you have not yet responded please consider doing so. Every contribution helps: big gifts or small. If you have not yet pledged for 2021 – please do so. If you have already pledged, thank you, and please consider an additional gift or an increase in your pledge for 2021. You can do all of these by emailing me at rchooper3@gmail.com and letting me know what you would like to contribute and how. Again, thank you.

The Rev. Bob Hooper

LENTEN RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Lent is here and we have some Lenten Resources for Families. First, is a home-based Lenten curriculum by Illustrated Ministries. This will be available in the cloister for families to pick up Sunday, February 7 and beyond. Please email education@stjameswh.org if you would like to pick up this curriculum for your family. In addition, the books for Priscilla Reads will also go along with each week's theme. As always, we will have KFC-to-go every Sunday morning at 10:30 on the Zoom Platform. As something extra, we will be recording an artistic meditation each week, some will be drawing, some painting. Please know that these will be in differing levels of ability so some may work for your family while others may not.

CELTIC WORSHIP

Join with others for worship in the Celtic tradition on Sunday, March 7 at 4:30pm using Zoom. This month we will celebrate the theme "Healing" with a reflection, prayers, poetry, music, and community sharing afterwards! Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980746424> or join by phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID 869 8074 6424.

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.

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.

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

With 1 in every 6 households currently suffering from food insecurity – for children the statistics are far worse – we at St. James's feel called to do our part to address this suffering. It is impossible to feed folks spiritually without considering their physical hunger as well.



"St. James's Cares" feeding program has now expanded to provide 28 full dinners (protein, starch, vegetables, salad, and dessert) for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing

dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. We will keep this going as long as we can – with no end in sight.



MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY

Join the Rev. Tim O'Leary for 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).

ST JAMES'S LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING:

BEGINNING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18



WHAT DOES PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS MEAN FOR US TODAY?

Paul's Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential texts in Christianity. Christian theologians in every period of the church's history have wrestled with it – from Augustine in the early church, to Martin Luther in the medieval church, to Karl Barth in the twentieth century. The letter has played a significant role in key turning-points throughout the history of the church and the world. But what does it mean for us today? What does it mean for you? How can this influential text speak to your life, here and now? And what does it have to do with Lent?

Come join Tim and explore Paul's Letter to the Romans and what it means for us today and in the Lenten season. We will look at a particular theme in each of the six sessions, as we read through the letter together. We will talk about 2-3 chapters per session and you are encouraged to read those chapters throughout the week (but no requirements of course!). This is a great way to read and meditate on God's holy Word during the Lenten season – as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday invites us to do (page 265 in the BCP!). Take a little time each day to read Paul's Letter to the Romans, meditate on God's holy Word, and then join us on Zoom at 7pm on Thursdays!

6 sessions – 1 hour long each

Thursdays 7-8pm

starting on Thursday, February 18

Join Zoom Meeting: (Link will not change)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572504074?pwd=N0dyTitvN3ZwQkcxNkhURThZeVlXZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 7250 4074

Passcode: 110220

IF IT'S LENT IT MUST BE TOILETRY TIME!

Each Lent we prepare Easter "baskets" for our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. You can donate in several ways: deliver full size toiletries to the church, have them shipped from Target or Amazon (watch your email for wish lists), or simply donate money and we will do the shopping. If Covid means you should stay home — PLEASE DO! We are happy to do the shopping for you.

The list below are the most needed items. These do not need to be huge sizes, 14-20 ounce containers are great. The dollar stores are also good sources. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced items.

- Shampoo & conditioner
- 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- Moisturizer or hand cream
- Body wash
- Deodorant — for men, women or uni-sex
- Bar soap (Dove and Ivory have great fragrance-free options)
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Disposable razors — for men, women or uni-sex
- Shaving cream
- Combs
- Mini Kleenex packs

Thank you for your generosity!



LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2021

ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Compline

Sunday, March 14 at 9pm
Live-Streamed

Palm Sunday

March 28 at 9:30am
Live-streamed
Passion Reading with 3 Chanters / Palms

Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm
Live-streamed w/ music and readings

Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7pm
Live-streamed / BCP Service with Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Tim O'Leary

Good Friday

April 2 at 12 noon
Live-streamed / BCP Service
Meditation by the Rev. Bob Hooper

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 at 9:30am
Live-streamed indoor service
11:00 am Outdoor Service
Sermon by the Rev. Bob Hooper
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt



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

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