



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 25, 2024 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

HEAL: A healing prayer team is ready to pray with you at the back of the church.

LEARN: Join us in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 for part one of a Lenten Forum with the Rev. Alan Murchie on "The Way of the Cross." Coffee and refreshments served, and all are encouraged to attend.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chaconne in F Minor

Johann Pachelbel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

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.**

TRISAGION

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

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

Title: *The Holy Eucharist I, Holy God, Holy and Mighty: Trisagion*

Music: *Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)*

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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 people sit

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 (*sung by the choir*)

John Goss

Deus, Deus meus

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

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, O Christ.**

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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 Margaret Brown, Ed Cape, Joyce Runge, and Canon Kennedy on the anniversaries of their deaths, 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 the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lillian Tagliavini and George Keating.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, But the night is as clear as the day:

The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.

Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

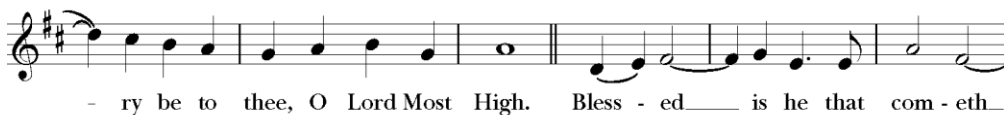
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



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 your 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





God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist I, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

Music: *From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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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 ANTHEM

Call to remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
 Thy tender mercies
 and Thy loving kindness,
 which hath been ever of old,
 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
 but according to Thy mercy
 think Thou on me, O Lord,
 for Thy goodness.

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

Jesus in the Morning

Traditional

Jesus, Jesus; Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime.

Jesus, Jesus; Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love Him, Love Him; Love Him in the morning, Love Him at the noontime.

Love Him, Love Him; Love Him when the sun goes down.

Praise Him, Praise Him; Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him at the noontime.

Praise Him, Praise Him; Praise Him when the sun goes down.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

My Lord, What a Morning

Charles Callahan

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

THE ST. JAMES'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

ORGANIST – Cheryl Wadsworth

CHALICE BEARERS – Priscilla Thomas

LECTOR – Harry Meyer

INTERCESSOR – Ellen Dollar

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Loretta Waldman, Rob Healy

ACOLYTES – Odin Bergsbaken, Wyatt Chenault

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Elizabeth Waterman

ON THE COVER – Christ Rebuking Peter, Flemish School, National Trust, Kingston Lacy

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, Will, Tom, & Chris.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Margaret Brown, Ed Cape, Joyce Runge, and Canon Kennedy 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 the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich. The Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Lillian Tagliavini and George Keating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **today**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. 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 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Questions? Contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org.

ANNUAL TOILETRY COLLECTION

Each Lent we prepare Easter “baskets” for approximately 200 of our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters and transitional housing. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. Please help these most at risk members of our community. The items listed are the most needed. These do not need to be “family size” items; 14-20 ounce containers are great and allow us to fit more items into the bags. The dollar stores are a good source for these sizes. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced products. Items needed: shampoo & conditioner; 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/condition/body wash; moisturizer or hand cream; body wash; deodorant for men, women or uni-sex; bar soap (Dove and Ivory have fragrance-free options); toothpaste; disposable razors for men, women or uni-sex; shaving cream, dental floss, combs, lip balm, and mini Kleenex packs. Drop your donations off in the Cloister, or make a monetary donation and we will shop for you. Simply put “Easter Baskets” in the memo line. We will gather to fill the bags on **Palm Sunday, March 24** after the 10am service in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN FORUM SERIES “THE WAY OF THE CROSS”

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie on **Sundays, February 25 and March 3** after the 9:30 service for reflection and discussion on Jesus’ Way of the Cross. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

HOSTS NEEDED

Hey there, St. James's! We have hosting slots in March and beyond that need filling. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so. Teaming up with a friend or family member(s) doubles your fun. Hosting not your thing? Then sign up to contribute home-baked or store-bought goodies. Find a date that works for you and go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered, especially those who have signed up for more



than one date. If you have questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Doug Compton is once again collecting winter coats throughout the winter season. Bring your gently used or new coats to the church during office hours or on Sundays and drop them off in the Parish Office or in the Cloister. Thank you!

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet on **Monday, February 26** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla: education@stjameswh.org if you have questions.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a soup luncheon on **Tuesday, March 5** at 12:00 in the Dining Room. The Rev. Curtis Farr will be the guest speaker. His topic: "Sabbatical in the South: A Pilgrimage to Understand Our Legacy of Slavery." All are welcome.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On **Wednesday, March 6** at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG

The St. James's Choir will sing evensong on **Sunday, March 10** at 5pm in the church. The event is open to all, so invite someone to join you.

LENTEN/ST. PATRICK'S DAY HYMN SING & POTLUCK

Join us for a night of Lenten hymns, Celtic prayers, and Irish poetry at the "St. Patrick's Day Lenten Hymn Sing and Potluck" at St. James's on **Sunday, March 17** at 5pm. The main course of the potluck will be provided. Please bring a salad or a dessert for the potluck, if you wish. Everyone is welcome.

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 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. **The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

CLERGY VISITATION

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

**St. Patrick's Day
Lenten
Hymn Sing**

Hymns, Poetry, Prayer and
Potluck

MARCH 17, 5PM

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD

MAIN COURSE PROVIDED. BRING A DESSERT OR SALAD.



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)

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

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



*Make a pledge
to St. James's*

*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...*

CLERGY

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

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2025

Bob Bausmith
 Ellen Dollar
 Kim Hart-
 Kindelberger
 Judith Stahl

2026

Chuck Kinney
 Ruth Mitman
 Barbara Rua
 Bill Thompson

2027

Doug Compton
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