



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
October 25, 2020

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."

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Come thou fount of every blessing


Traditional

OPENING HYMN

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Title: A mighty fortress is our God

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46

Musical: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love

what you command; 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 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

Leader Lord, you have been our refuge *

People **from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially

Tom Desmond who died this past week.

Concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Médiation

Louis Vierne

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 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Title: Alleluia! sing to Jesus Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon du Longpont

Louis Vierne

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Tim R. O’Leary

ST. JAMES’S HANDBELL CHOIR

ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Bob Burnett

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

Pledge cards for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign have been mailed out! Please return pledge cards no later than **Sunday, November 1** if possible. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity during these unusual times.

STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of October 21.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Bill & Judith Stahl, Ron Coons, Bob & Betsy Smith, David & Barbara Teed,
Chuck & Meredith Willson, Elizabeth Cloud, Jim & Margaret Falcetta,
David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Judy Lawes,
Bill & Judy Thompson, Robert & Lynne Holloway, Robert & Renée McCue,
Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Mike Shuey, Sarah Bedell,
Hunter & Debra Morton, Connie Duva, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease,
Barbara Ulrich, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez.

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, David, 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.

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

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church in Wales.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER All Saint's, West Cornwall; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford. Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild, local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Penelope Collin and Rory Raissian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

We are excited to announce that St. James's has created a new program in this time of great need. We will be partnering with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker to provide meals to 20 families (4 people each = 80 dinners) in the North End of Hartford each week for the foreseeable future.

We have named this program "St. James's Cares." Thank you to those of you who have already donated. If you would like to help support this new and important ministry, please send a check to St. James's with "St. James's Cares" in the memo or donate through PayPal on our website and designate the same. We are also looking for bakers to make dessert to be added to the meals. Items that work best are individual portions, such as cookies and brownies. If you would like to bake something, please contact Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org.



STOCKING STUFFER UPDATE!

Thanks to your generosity, we are all set with socks and many toiletries! But we're still short on travel-sized shaving cream, travel-sized hand lotion, deodorant and chapstick. Please check out our Amazon Wish List before November 6th:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3R20MQT3G8R2H?ref=wl_share

If you do not like to shop Amazon, you may purchase the above needed items elsewhere and drop them off at the church before November 13. If you have any questions, please email Jane Good (4janegood@gmail.com) or call at 860-670-0950 and leave a voicemail.

If you'd prefer to send in a donation, simply send a check to St. James's and write "STOCKING STUFFER" in the memo line. Our mission team will do the rest.

Thanks, as always, for your continuing generosity!

WEST 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

Looking ahead to the holiday season, and as a reminder, they do not need typical Thanksgiving food items (pumpkin, stuffing, cranberry, gravy, etc.), only the staple items. Thank you!

IT'S BACK! 2020 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The St. James's Christmas Sale will be held this year from **Saturday, December 5 through Sunday, December 13** or until trees are sold. We are excited to be able to continue this St. James's tradition after a small bump in the road. You may call the parish office to reserve a tree or wreath any time after November 15.

ST. JAMES'S HALLOWEEN PARADE

Please join us for a Halloween
Parade for Young Families!



We will parade through the church
parking lot so everyone can see our
costumes. Each Child will receive a
halloween goodie bag at the end of the
parade



When: Friday, October 30 at 6 pm
Where: St. James's Episcopal Church
parking lot

**RSVP to education@stjameswh.org
by October 26.**





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OUTDOOR
WORSHIP
10 a.m. Walden Street Lawn
(weather permitting)

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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