

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 15, 2020 Livestream at 9:30 a.m.



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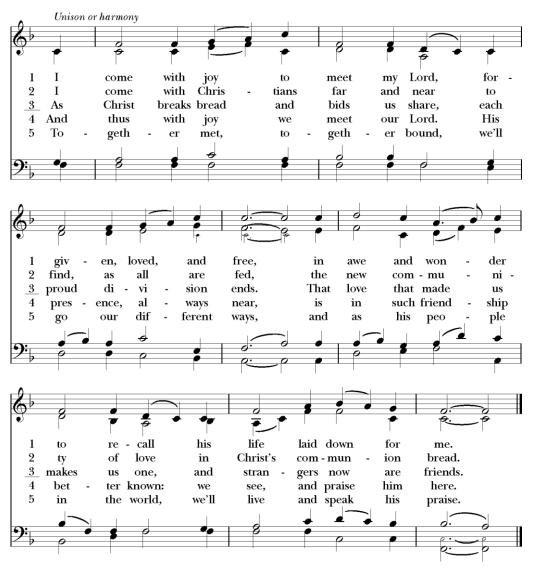
The following Eucharist is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty 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

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

OPENING HYMN



Title: I come with joy to meet my Lord Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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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.

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. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we

may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8

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.

For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same

way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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.

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

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



Title: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary

March

Herbert Sumsion

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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

ASSISTING CLERGY – The Rev. Tim R. O'Leary

ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren

READER – Priscilla Hooper

STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of November 11.

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, Fran Cobb, Geraldine Smalley, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Joyce Runge, Colin & Heather Swales, Dave & Chris Pearson, Judy Nellen, Kimberly Goodrich, Carol Hunt, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Ian & Janet Duncan, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko, Borden & Ann Painter, Doug Compton, Peter & Melissa Bowman, John & Ruth Mitman, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bill & Nora Harris, Daphne Wilcox, Jocelyn Ehn, Bob & Claire Burnett, Tim O'Leary, Mari S. Merwin, Betsy Tonkin, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Barry & Nancy Miller, Eunice Heinlein, Betsy Curtler, Loretta Waldman, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, John & Frances Bergquist, Christopher & Christine Wilson, John & Machelle Rosenlieb, Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Curtis Roessler, Tom & Linda Archambault, Laura DeLaCruz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Carol McDermott, Dean & Kathleen Bolt, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Edward & Melissa Brown, Harry Meyer, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, David & Virginia Kramer, Bette Kelly, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Mark & Cheri Evans.

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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Margaret, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Ed, Tom, Nancy, Chris & Louise.

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

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of Ceylon.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott. Ministries with older adults; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and the Daughters of the King.

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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

Exciting News about the St. James's Cares feeding program: As many of you already know, we began a new mission/outreach program a few months ago called "St. James's Cares." Through "St. James's Cares" we have teamed up with the Hartford Catholic



Worker to help those who are struggling in these very uncertain times. Each Monday, Bob Hooper (often with a helper or two) prepares meals for 26 families of 4 – totaling 104 dinner each and every week. This ministry has been made possible because of the generous financial support of so many of you. This week some parishioners received a \$250 grant through their financial advisory account with Thrivent Financial with the caveat that it would be matched by members of the St. James's community. If you would like to participate in this challenge: please mail a check to St. James's, 19 Walden St, West Hartford, CT 06107 with St. James's Cares on the memo line.

Again, thank you to everyone who already contributed to this exciting new ministry and thank you to every who will.

OUR 2020 STOCKING STUFFER MISSION IS NEARLY COMPLETE!

Thanks to the awesome generosity of the St. James's family, we've already packed 109 bags with warm socks & toiletries, for delivery to The Open Hearth Men's Shelter. Considering the challenges brought on by COVID isolation, we're so grateful for the many donations and helping hands that have made this year's mission a success. A special thanks to the girl scout troop led by Abby Williamson and Adam Fisher who filled 24 bags. And to Susan Gutierrez for managing the Pick-and-Pack effort. And to all of you who shopped our Amazon



Wish List or dropped off donations at the church. And to the dentists who generously donated toothbrushes and toothpaste. Pick-and-Pack bags were collected on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. These will be delivered to The Open Hearth the week of November 16, along with 2 big boxes of toiletries that will be kept at the shelter and distributed as needed. THANK YOU!

MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178 Passcode: 693330

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

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!

ANGEL TREE 2020!

Once again, we are partnering with the Hartford Seminary's Spiritual Center and a network of social service providers to deliver toys to area children of all ages, who would otherwise have gone without.

This year's mission offers 3 ways to help:

1. **Purchase any toy under \$20** – most needed are dolls, stuffed animals, board games, puzzles,



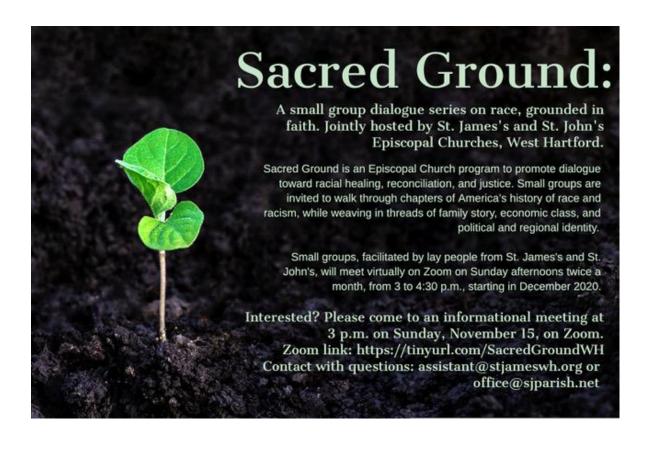
building blocks, arts & crafts, action figures, infant toys, learning toys, sports equipment. Drop off your unwrapped toy at St. James's during normal office hours by November 21 — big Angel Tree box outside of the office or bring your unwrapped toy to our Angel Tree Toy Collection on Saturday, November 21. We will be in the St. James's parking lot (fully masked) from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- 2. Shop from our Amazon Wish List before November 20 your toy will be delivered to the home of one of our mission team members. Here is the link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DBU60QS3NNBY?ref_=wl_share
- 3. Donations are always welcome, but our shopping window is very tight this year. If you would prefer to donate, please send your check as soon as possible to St. James's with ANGEL TREE in the memo line.

Please do not feel any pressure to purchase toys or make a donation! The mission team fully understands the financial pressures brought on by COVID but offering this mission just in case we can collect a few toys. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Good at 4janegood@gmail.com, or leave a message at 860-670-0950.

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.







SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

11 a.m. Sundays Outdoors (weather permitting)

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

CLERGY		
The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper IIIRector		
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. WysongPriest Associate		Priest Associate
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2021	2022	2023
Bruce Adams	Jane Good	Jerrod Bowman
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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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