



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 12, 2021 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 on first and third Sunday of the month. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

KFC: Kids for Christ! Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

Parking is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Come to the parish room after the service for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. All are welcome!

SERVE: Help make sandwiches after the service. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Psalm 136

Emma L. Diemer

*For his steadfast love endures**The people stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 74

Valet will ich dir geben

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant Our Lord and Savior draws near:

People **Come, let us adore him.**

Celebrant Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.

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, Holy God: Trisagion

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after 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. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9 (THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH)

Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SEQUENCE HYMN 678

College of Preachers

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat

into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Today, we pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray for all who have died, especially Jane Borden and Stephen Cobb on the anniversaries of their deaths.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Zoe Pinckney, Jacob Ciccone, and James DeLibero.

In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

God of the angels, hear us and help us!

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

God of the magi, hear us and help us!

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

God of the victim, hear us and help us!

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers
from St. Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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,

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, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 MOTET

Adam Lay Ybounden

arr. Phillip Ledger

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 529

McKee

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Day of Peace

Charles Callahan

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**CELEBRANT & PREACHER** – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III**ASSISTING LAY-CURATE** – Mr. Jonathan R. Smith**ST. JAMES'S CHOIR****ORGANIST** – Cheryl Wadsworth**CHOIR DIRECTOR** – Claire Burnett**LECTOR & INTERCESSOR** – Jonathan Lewis**LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR** – Jerrod Bowman**ON THE COVER** – Preaching of St. John the Baptist, Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494)

STEWARDSHIP 2022 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2022 as of December 8.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Fran Cobb, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Ron Coons, John & Brenda Barrows, Jocelyn Ehn,
Doug Compton, Mark & Cindy Welch, Rachael Desmond, Bob & Lynne Holloway,
David & Jennifer Lemanski, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson,
Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Paul & Diane Duva, Judith Lawes, Kimberly Goodrich,
Bob & Claire Burnett, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee,
John & Elizabeth Waterman, Bill & Judith Thompson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin,
Bob & Betsy Smith, Ron Ward, Hunter & Debra Morton, Carol Hunt,
Norman & Joan Kayser, Laura DelaCruz, Charles Russo, Tyler & Courtney Smith,
Borden & Ann Painter, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ben & Martha Parish,
Bette Kelly, Bill & Nora Harris, Bernie Wilbur, Jr., Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson,
Mari S. Merwin, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Michael & Linda Fournier,
David & Virginia Kramer, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Mark Moyle, Mike Shuey,
Donna Kluczewicz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Eleanor Brazell, Sue Nelson,
David & Christine Pearson, Gregory & Judy Hock, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,
Steve & Diane Hunter, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Joseph & Jennifer Long,
Chuck & Meredith Willson, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Doug & Ann Cooke,
Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Elizabeth Cloud, Loretta Waldman,
Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Mayrita Trojanowski,
Betsy Curtler & Robert Sedivy, Priscilla H. Thomas, Judith Nellen, Bob Skenderian,
Brad & Liz Normand, Richard M. Wenner, *Linda Vastano*, Steve & Lois Schneeberger,
Dean & Ann Uphoff, Ian & Janet Duncan, Michael McMahan & Ann Wood,
Sandra DeCelles, Geraldine Smalley, Harry Meyer, Mark & Cheri Evans,
Christopher & Christina Wilson, John & Ruth Mitman, Alex Smith & Christine Pina,
Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua.

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, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris & Louise, Barbara.

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Jane Borden and Stephen Cobb on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER The Anglican Church of Canada.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford. Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Zoe Pinckney, Jacob Ciccone, and James DeLibero.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for coffee and other refreshments following the 9:30 service! Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee, contribute homemade or store-bought baked goods, and clean up. Two volunteers are needed each week. If you would like to host coffee hour, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44a5ac28a3f85-coffee> and sign up. For more information, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care is available today and on Sunday, December 19. There is no nursery on December 26. Thank you to all the parents of nursery-age children for your patience this fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

FLOWER ENVELOPES

Flower envelopes can be found in the chapel pews, in the church narthex, front of church, and on the table in the cloister. Please use these to make your donations in memory or in honor of loved ones. Names will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Place your envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. **Deadline: Monday, December 20.**

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

Please join us Tuesday, December 14 at noon for a meeting of the Women of St. James's in the parish dining room. This is a potluck meal so bring something to share with the group. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Invite someone to join you!

HOLY EUCHARIST EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7:00 in the chapel.

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 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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith." The next meeting will be held **Saturday, January 8 (no meeting on December 25)**. Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD BAGS

St. James's is committed to donating 30 complete bags of food every two weeks to HCW. Each bag for HCW includes:

- 2 cans tuna fish, 1 jar mayo
- 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly
- 1 jar pasta sauce, 1 box/bag pasta, 1 can soup
- 1 can beans (black, red, pinto, etc.)



Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30am-4pm. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! If a monetary donation is easier for you, please note: "HCW Food Bag donation" on your check and we will do the shopping for you!

ST. JOHN'S CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

The St. John's Choir of Youth and Adults present a Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, England **TODAY**, December 12 at 3pm. Admission is free - donations welcome.



Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas Caroling
in the neighborhood!

When: Sunday, December 19
at 5:00 pm

We will meet at church and carol around the
neighborhood. Weather permitting,
we will have hot chocolate
on the Walden St. porch after caroling

*This event is sponsored by the youth group, but
open to the entire congregation.*



Christmas

AT ST JAMES'S

CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DEC 24
HOLY EUCHARIST, 5PM
MUSIC PRELUDE, 10:30PM
CHORAL EUCHARIST, 11PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DEC 25
HOLY EUCHARIST W/CAROLS, 10AM

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DEC 26
HOLY EUCHARIST, 9:30AM





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church with
Livestream

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Barry W. 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*

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2022	2023	2024
Doug Compton	Jerrod Bowman	Adam Fisher
Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman	Jessica Henning
Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith	Jonathan Lewis
	Loretta Waldman	Debra Morton

*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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