



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 13, 2020
Livestream at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



ME

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."

WELCOME

The Rev. Robert Hooper, III

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Aria

Malcolm Archer

OPENING HYMN

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Title: *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*Words: *Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.*Music: *Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)*

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.

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

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with

the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15 *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

THE GOSPEL

*John 1:6-8, 19-28**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Leader 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Personet Hodie

Traditional

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 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Title: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

How Fair and Pleasant art Thou

Marcel Dupré

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Tim R. O’Leary

ST. JAMES’S YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

ORGANIST – Vaughn Mauren

READER – Priscilla Hooper

ON THE COVER – John the Baptist announcing the Messiah; Mosaic in Cappella Palatina di Palermo, located in Palermo, Italy

STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of December 10.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Bill & Judith Stahl, Ron Coons, Bob & Betsy Smith, David & Barbara Teed, Elizabeth Cloud,
 Chuck & Meredith Willson, Jim & Margaret Falcetta, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo,
 Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Judy Lawes, Bill & Judy Thompson, Mike Shuey,
 Robert & Lynne Holloway, Robert & Renée McCue, *Franklin & Angie Dempsey*, Sarah Bedell,
 Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Hunter & Debra Morton, *Connie Duva*, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease,
 Barbara Ulrich, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Fran Cobb, Geraldine Smalley, Judy Nellen,
 Ken & Eileen Jackson, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers,
 Joyce Runge, Colin & Heather Swales, Dave & Chris Pearson, 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 & Phoenix Gonzalez*, Mari S. Merwin,
 Betsy Tonkin, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Loretta Waldman,
 Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Barry & Nancy Miller, Eunice Heinlein, Harry Meyer,
 Betsy Curtler, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, Laura DeLaCruz,
 John & Frances Bergquist, Christopher & Christine Wilson, Curtis Roessler, Bette Kelly,
 John & Machele Rosenlieb, Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth,
 Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Tom & Linda Archambault, Carol McDermott, Mark Moyle,
 Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,
 Paul & Jo Mangiafico, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Edward & Melissa Brown,
 Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Ron Ward,
 David & Virginia Kramer, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Hugh & Jan Whelan,
 Ted & Ronnie Newton, Mark & Cheri Evans, David & Sam Dynowski, Chuck Russo,
 Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Jennifer Ferrang,
 Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Skenderian, Karen Ericson,
 Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Paul & Diane Duva,
 Mike & Linda Fournier, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Ben & Martha Parish,
 David & Jennifer Lemanski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer,
 Greg & Judy Hock, David & Priscilla Thomas, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Donna Kluciewicz,
 Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Norma Hattings, Sam & Michele Paul,
 Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Susan Ritz, Rachael Desmond, Stephen & Diane Hunter,
 Travis & Kim Lytle, Bob Fawber, Jeff & Kimberly Moore, Sandra DeCelles,
 Jeff & Janet Lankin.

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, 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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Deacon Bob Cudworth, 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. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Falkland Islands.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As expected, 2021 is proving to be a tough one when it comes to stewardship. We are falling concerningly behind in both numbers of pledges in and dollars pledged. If this continues it will put us in a very difficult position in regard to next year's budget and staffing, making it that much more difficult to sustain our ministries when things do get back to "normal."

If you have already returned your pledge card, thank you very much for your generosity and faithfulness. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. If you would prefer you can email me at rchooper3@gmail.com and let me know what you will be pledging for 2021. I am more than happy to fill a card out for you and save you a trip to the post office or the church.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of God through St. James's.

The Rev. Bob Hooper

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.

CHRISTMAS WITH GRACE

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to "Christmas with Grace." We were able to purchase everything on the kid's Christmas lists from Legos and baby dolls, soccer balls and basketballs, to warm jackets and sweaters, hats, gloves, and thermal underwear. In addition, we provided each household with a \$50 Stop & Shop gift card. Thank you again!

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

As of a couple of weeks ago, St. James's Cares feeding program expanded to provide 28 dinners for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. Between August 31 and December 7 you have provided 450 family meals = 1,800 individuals.

This week's meal was sloppy joes, carrots, chips, salad, and assorted desserts – we went super kid friendly!



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2020

We continue the long Christmas Eve tradition at St. James's! Here is just one of our little angels from the Virtual Christmas Pageant which will be part of the Christmas Eve service available at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 24. Kai and many more young members of St. James's including Christine Waterman and Nora Willson have been working hard to put together this year's pageant. You will receive an email with a link to the service on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day a stand-alone link if you would like to share it with friends and family. You do not want to miss it!

**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=VERYN29XWjJvYTh0UDNOZ3RpdllkvUT09>

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).

THE HOPE OF ADVENT

A THREE-PART MINI SERIES



We are excited to announce a 3-session, online Advent series with Tim! Tim will host three 60-minute long sessions on Zoom entitled “The Hope of Advent.” In this time of Covid, we are looking for hope that is more than human. Is there a divine hope in Advent that can bring us healing and strength in these trying times? The sessions will take place on Thursday December 3rd, Thursday December 10th, and Thursday December 17th – all sessions begin at 7pm and end promptly at 8pm. Tim will give an introduction to the theme of the week and then we will explore the appointed readings from the previous Sunday. You may come for one or all of the sessions. You are encouraged to spend time before the session reading through the appointed readings from the past Sunday – what are some themes you discover? What do you see in your imagination when you hear these words? All questions are welcome. If you are interested, please email Tim to let him know at tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com.

Here is the Zoom link for the three sessions:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85920588113?
pwd=T2w1bk4vWjlWTlFGTkFMTUVibEhwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85920588113?pwd=T2w1bk4vWjlWTlFGTkFMTUVibEhwZz09)

Meeting ID: 859 2058 8113

Passcode: 106037

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

VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We welcome suggestions, from members of the parish, of persons who they believe would be fine members of our vestry and officers (Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk).

Vestry members must be:

1. committed to Jesus Christ;
2. regular in attendance at public worship;
3. participants in the life and ministry of the congregation;
4. solid financial supporters of our ministries;
5. be willing to commit to regular attendance at monthly meetings (the 3rd Tuesday), annual vestry retreats, and to serve as liaison with committees or programs within the parish.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Bruce Adams, Amy Messinger, Thomas Rouse, and Judith Stahl. The Nominating Committee will publish its nominations in the January/February issue of *The Open Door*.

In accordance with the by-laws of the church, any member may submit a petition to include any other member for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for the vestry or as an officer. The petition must be signed by the nominating member, not less than three additional members of the parish and agreed to by the signature by the nominated member. All petitions are to be submitted to the Clerk no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting to be held virtually on **January 24, 2021**.

Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.



Sacred Ground:

A small group dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Jointly hosted by St. James's and St. John's Episcopal Churches, West Hartford.

Sacred Ground is an Episcopal Church program to promote dialogue toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Small groups, facilitated by lay people from St. James's and St. John's, will meet virtually on Zoom on Sunday afternoons twice a month, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., starting in December 2020.

To sign up, go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/SacredGroundWHsignup>

Contact with questions: assistant@stjameswh.org or
office@sjparish.net

ST JAMES'S

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

beautiful trees | wreaths | in various sizes

Dec 5-13, 2020

M-F 4-7/Sat 9-6/Sun 12-6

1018 Farmington Avenue

West Hartford Center

contactless credit card payments only.



Christmas Eve

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & SERVICE
AVAILABLE AT 4PM...

AND AGAIN ON
CHRISTMAS DAY





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

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

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 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
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