



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 20, 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

*Wachet auf, die ruft uns Stimme*

J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!"      A      voice      a - stounds      us,      the  
 2 Zi - on hears      the      watch - men sing - ing;      her  
 3 Lamb of God,      the      heavens a - dore      you;      let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Title: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Wacht auf, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## 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. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,  
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for  
himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit*

### THE LESSON

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel

and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

"I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations."

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit*

## THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Tim R. O'Leary*

## 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

*I wonder as I wander*

*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 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Title: Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

## THE BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in C minor*

J. S. Bach

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****CELEBRANT** – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III**PREACHER** – The Rev. Tim R. O'Leary**ST. JAMES'S ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR****ORGANIST** – Vaughn Mauren**READER** – Mark Moyle**ON THE COVER** – Annunciation to Mary, by Conrad von Soest (fl. 1370-1420)

**STEWARDSHIP 2020 THANK YOU!**

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2021 as of December 14.*

*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*, Jocelyn Ehn,  
Borden & Ann Painter, Doug Compton, Peter & Melissa Bowman, John & Ruth Mitman,  
Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bill & Nora Harris, Daphne Wilcox,  
Bob & Claire Burnett, *Tim O'Leary & Phoenix Gonzalez*, Mari S. Merwin, Betsy Tonkin,  
Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Loretta Waldman, Barry & Nancy Miller,  
Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Eunice Heinlein, Harry Meyer, Betsy Curtler, Laura DeLaCruz,  
Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, John & Frances Bergquist, Curtis Roessler,  
Christopher & Christine Wilson, Bette Kelly, John & Machele Rosenlieb, Mark Moyle,  
Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Carol McDermott,  
Tom & Linda Archambault, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger,  
Dean & Kathleen Bolt, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ron Ward,  
Edward & Melissa Brown, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, David & Virginia Kramer,  
Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, 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, Susan Ritz,  
David & Jennifer Lemanski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer,  
Greg & Judy Hock, David & Priscilla Thomas, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Donna Klucewicz,  
Jerrold & Maureen Bowman, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Norma Hattings, Sam & Michele Paul,  
Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Rachael Desmond, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Bob Fawber,  
Travis & Kim Lytle, Jeff & Kimberly Moore, Sandra DeCelles, Deirdre Penland, Eleanor Brazell,  
Jeff & Janet Lankin, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Bruce & Donna Tompkins,  
Mary Ann Haar, Mayrita Trojanowski.

## 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](mailto: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.

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; 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** Rowan Guerraz, Andrew Stafford, and Emily Lemanski.

## 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](mailto: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*

With 1 in every 6 households currently suffering from food insecurity – for children the statistics are far worse – we at St. James's feel called to do our part to address this suffering. It is impossible to feed folks spiritually without considering their physical hunger as well.

"St. James's Cares" feeding program has now expanded to provide 28 full dinners (protein, starch, vegetables, salad, and dessert) for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. We will keep this going as long as we can – with no end in sight.



**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=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).

## 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 March/April 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](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org) or  
[office@sjparish.net](mailto:office@sjparish.net)

# 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*  
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