

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 14, 2021 Livestream at 9:30 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The following Eucharist is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."

Organ Voluntary

OPENING HYMN



Title: Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus

and Andrew Broaddus.

Music: New Britain, from Virginia Harmony, 1831

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

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Presider Lord, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.
Presider Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE GOSPEL John 3:14-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John. People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Canon John L. C. Mitman

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 Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Enliven the Church for its mission.

That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those in our parish and extended parish families.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Mary Ann Coppage on the anniversary of her death, Joyce Runge who recently died, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially McAllister Raissian.

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives.

Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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.

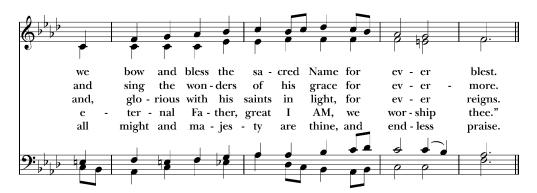
THE COMMUNION

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: The God of Abraham Praise Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: Leoni

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THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
PREACHER - The Rev. Canon John L.C. Mitman
ASSISTING CLERGY - The Rev. Timothy R. O'Leary
ORGANIST - Vaughn Mauren
LECTOR - Jonathan Lewis
INTERCESSOR - Kate Jackson
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Loretta Waldman
ON THE COVER - Moses and the Bronze Serpent, anonymous

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, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Tom, 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, Leo (G): Ann, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, and Annelise.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Mary Ann Coppage on the anniversary of her death, and Joyce Runge who recently died. 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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Grace & St. Peter's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford. Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families.

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS McAllister Raissian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER MEMORIAL/THANKSGIVING GIFTS

For as long as anyone can remember, at Easter along with the annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, there has been an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before us and to celebrate the blessings in our lives. This has been done through donations made to help pay for the flowers that adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. Since there will not be the need for the large number of flowers in the Church this year, a group of vestry members have suggested that individuals and families might like to make memorial/thanksgiving gifts for another purpose. This year you can make a gift to remember or give thanks by making a donation to the St. James's Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund is used primarily for unbudgeted and special purchases of liturgical supplies and goods, such as the new aisle candles, special altar linens and other things used during services. Who knows, with a little creativity we could use this money for something really special. One idea that has come up is the purchase of a set of timpani for the choir loft, adding some real pizzaz to our musical offerings.

The names of the people being remembered will be listed in the electronic bulletin on Easter Day and in the weekly newsletter (The Open Door) Holy Week and the week after Easter Sunday.

If this is something you would like to do, please make your donation by sending a check and a note listing names to be remembered to the parish office or use the churches PayPal link provided below and follow up with an email to Cheryl in the church office (info@stjamewh.org) with your list of names, whether memorials or thanksgivings. St. James's PayPal link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?to ken=5npmWbQe1LPyCt3diCynhL9dIGysq64zxH3f9xB21PSLYgRT0yd6mAZ2tUpn Fm5rHE0-X40ZfnfZsxkl&locale.x=US

LENTEN RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Lent is here and we have some Lenten Resources for Families. First, is a home-based Lenten curriculum by Illustrated Ministries. This will be available in the cloister for families to pick up Sunday, February 7 and beyond. Please email education@stjameswh.org if you would like to pick up this curriculum for your family. In addition, the books for Priscilla Reads will also go along with each week's

theme. As always, we will have KFC-to-go every Sunday morning at 10:30 on the Zoom Platform. As something extra, we will be recording an artistic meditation each week, some will be drawing, some painting. Please know that these will be in differing levels of ability so some may work for your family while others may not.

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.

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.

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.

MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY

Join the Rev. Tim O'Leary for 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).

ST JAMES'S LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING:

BEGINNING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18



WHAT DOES PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS MEAN FOR US TODAY?

Paul's Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential texts in Christianity. Christian theologians in every period of the church's history have wrestled with it – from Augustine in the early church, to Martin Luther in the medieval church, to Karl Barth in the twentieth century. The letter has played a significant role in key turning-points throughout the history of the church and the world. But what does it mean for us today? What does it mean for you? How can this influential text speak to your life, here and now? And what does it have to do with Lent?

Come join Tim and explore Paul's Letter to the Romans and what it means for us today and in the Lenten season. We will look at a particular theme in each of the six sessions, as we read through the letter together. We will talk about 2-3 chapters per session and you are encouraged to read those chapters throughout the week (but no requirements of course!). This is a great way to read and meditate on God's holy Word during the Lenten season – as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday invites us to do (page 265 in the BCP!). Take a little time each day to read Paul's Letter to the Romans, meditate on God's holy Word, and then join us on Zoom at 7pm on Thursdays!

6 sessions – 1 hour long each Thursdays 7-8pm starting on Thursday, February 18

Join Zoom Meeting: (Link will not change)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572504074?pwd=N0dyTitvN3ZwQkcxNkhURThZeV1XZz09

Meeting ID: 895 7250 4074

Passcode: 110220

IF IT'S LENT IT MUST BE TOILETRY TIME!

Each Lent we prepare Easter "baskets" for our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. You can donate in several ways: deliver full size toiletries to the church, have them shipped from Target or Amazon (watch your email for wish lists), or simply donate money and we will do the shopping. If Covid means you should stay home — PLEASE DO! We are happy to do the shopping for you.

The list below are the most needed items. These do not need to be huge sizes, 14-20 ounce containers are great. The dollar stores are also good sources. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced items.

- Shampoo & conditioner
- 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- Moisturizer or hand cream
- Body wash
- Deodorant for men, women or uni-sex
- Bar soap (Dove and Ivory have great fragrance-free options)
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Disposable razors for men, women or uni-sex
- Shaving cream
- Combs
- Mini Kleenex packs

Thank you for your generosity!



LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2021

ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Compline

Sunday, March 14 at 9pm Broadcast

Palm Sunday

March 28 at 9:30am

Broadcast

Passion Reading with 3 Chanters / Palms

Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm Broadcast w/ music and readings

Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7pm

Broadcast / BCP Service with Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Tim O'Leary

Good Friday

April 2 at 12 noon
Broadcast / BCP Service
Meditation by the Rev. Bob Hooper

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 at 9:30am
Broadcast indoor service
11:00 am Outdoor Service
Sermon by the Rev. Bob Hooper
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt



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		
The Rev'd Tim R. O'Leary Assistant Rector		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke		
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		
The Rev'd Terry M. Wysong		Priest Associate
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Mrs. Heidi Cotter		nancial Secretary
Mr. Leon Fraser		
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper Director of Family Ministries		
Mr. Vaughn Mauren Organist and Choirmaster		
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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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