

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. 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: Join us for Lemonade and other refreshments outdoors after the service today. All are welcome.

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

KFC/NURSERY: There is no nursery or KFC today during the service.

Organ Voluntary

Symphony No. 4 in F minor:

Charles-Marie Widor

Andante Cantabile

Sonata No. 5 in D Major: Andante; Andante con moto

Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cams't to earth

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people sit

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself

will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM 92:1-4,11-14 (said)

Bonum est confiteri

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; * and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord * shall flourish in the courts of our God;

They shall still bear fruit in old age; * they shall be green and succulent;

That they may show how upright the Lord is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

SEQUENCE HYMN 615

Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

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

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

The people stand

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 Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them, and for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially Ann D. Painter and David Thomas on the anniversaries of their deaths, and Bruce Beeghly who recently died. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Bowden Swales.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY Choral Prelude: Herzlich tut mich Johannes Brahms erfreuen (Opus 122 #4)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

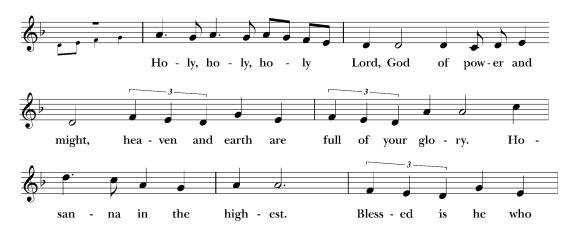
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:





Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)
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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

THE COMMUNION

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 525 (vv 1-3)

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

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

Sonata No. 5 in D Major: Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - The Rev. Joseph J. Rose
ORGANIST - Mary Pan
CHALICE BEARERS - Ted Newton, Priscilla Thomas
LECTOR - Ted Newton
INTERCESSOR - Bill Thompson
USHERS - Doug and Ann Cooke
ACOLYTE - George Keating
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Adam Fisher
ALTAR GUILD - Elizabeth Gallegos, Chris Pearson

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 Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Gerry, Rachael.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Ann D. Painter and David Thomas on the anniversaries of their deaths, and Bruce Beeghly 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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich. Students of all ages who are graduating.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Bowden Swales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **Sunday**, **June 23**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

There will be no nursery care on Sunday, June 16, and no KFC on June 16 and 23. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If being a chalice bearer is something you think you might like to experience yourself, or you have questions about what it entails, please contact Tom Rouse at thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

On the second Monday of each month, a team of volunteers from St. James's serves a hot lunch for clients at the Loaves and Fishes Ministries soup kitchen on Woodland Street in Hartford. The team is small in number and presently is in urgent need of at least a couple of additional volunteers. The time commitment is from about 10:45am to 1:00pm, on 2nd Mondays (i.e., July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, etc.), and is a very satisfying activity. If you are interested and/or seek more information, please contact Nora Harris at billharrisct@gmail.com. The July and August service, in particular, might be a fine activity for a high school teen.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On Wednesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona

community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at associate@stjameswh.org.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Summer is back and so is Lemonade-on-the-Lawn. We need your help hosting this summertime Sunday fellowship, which begins **TODAY**. This is a family-friendly ministry in which kids and adults can participate, and an easy, fun way to support our parish community and serve others. Signing up is as simple as going to



www.stjwh.org/lemonade, choosing a date and adding your name - and the names of friends and family members helping you - to the schedule. Instructions will be provided before your assigned shift. Whether you've hosted in the past or are thinking about trying it for the first time, thank you. Your contributions are appreciated. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

THE ARBOR SOCIETY

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We often hear this passage from Matthew 6:21 during our stewardship drives, as it reminds us to count our blessings and give of our treasure. Yet the principle of stewardship calls us also to look beyond our yearly pledges and be lifelong caretakers of God's blessings here at St. James's. One way to exercise perpetual stewardship is through the Arbor Society. The Society recognizes parishioners who give – or plan to give – to the St. James's Endowment Fund. Parishioners may donate money, transfer stock, or name the Fund or St. James's in their will or as a beneficiary of their IRA or life insurance policy. Because the Fund is designed to benefit St. James's both today and every year in the future, it allows you to make a lasting impact on the parish now and in years to come. No matter the size of the donation, it's a way to give "a gift that keeps on giving." Sound like something you'd like to explore? Check out the Arbor Society section on the church's website (www.stjameswh.org) under the Resource tab.

COME ENIOY TIME IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & PICK A FEW

WEEDS! Attention all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! A team of weeders rotates on a bi-weekly basis through June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up online by going to www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden. If you are unable to access the link,

kindly see or email Claire Burnett at <u>claireburnett@comcast.net</u>. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after a 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!

THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

The St. James Good News Garden greenhouse has been producing food throughout the winter and we have begun planting the outdoor beds! Please pray for an abundant harvest to share with those who don't have access to fresh vegetables and consider joining the garden team. 'Green thumb' not required!" Please contact Cheryl Wadsworth, cherw173@gmail.com, 860.810.4357, if you are interested.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at associate@stjameswh.org.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST 9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel (Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of each month in the parish room



Make a pledge to St. James's

CLERGY The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie Assoc. for Education & Music The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. JamesPriest Associate The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman Priest Associate The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. Priest Associate STAFF Mrs. Heidi Cotter Financial Secretary Mrs. Priscilla Hooper Director of Family Ministries VOLUNTEER STAFF Mr. Harry Meyer Assistant Treasurer VESTRY 2025 2026 2027 Doug Compton Bob Bausmith Chuck Kinney Ellen Dollar Ruth Mitman Ioev Mever Kim Hart-Barbara Rua Liz Normand Bill Thompson Marilyn Tomlinson Kindelberger **Judith Stahl**

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