



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



TO ST. JAMES'S

Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

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

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

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church.

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

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

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

HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Come to the Parish Hall after the service for coffee and refreshments. All are welcome!

MUSIC PRELUDE *Concerto in C Major: Moderato* Franz Joseph Haydn

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 *God is love, let heaven adore him* Abbot's Leigh

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *I Have the Joy* Traditional

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but

that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30 (*sung by the choir*)

C. Hubert H. Parry

Deus, Deus meus

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

SEQUENCE HYMN 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

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. 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 Ryan Kirsch.

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.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My joy, my life, my crown* Bruce Montgomery

My joy, my life, my crown! My heart was meaning all the day, Somewhat it fain would say: And still it runneth mutt'ring up and down With only this, My joy, my life, my crown.

Yet slight not these few words: If truly said, they may take part Among the best in art. The fineness which a hymn or psalm affords, Is, when the soul unto the lines accords.

So if the heart be moved, Although the verse be somewhat scant, God doth supply the want. As when the heart says (sighing to be approved) O, could I love! And stops: God writeth, Loved. ~ George Herbert (1633)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

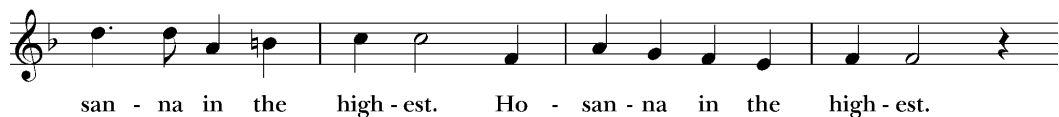
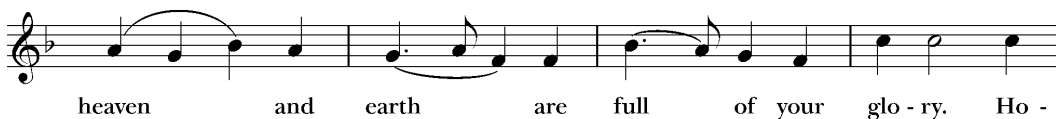
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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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.

Celebrant and People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,	as we forgive those who sin against us.
hallowed be your name,	Save us from the time of trial
your kingdom come,	and deliver us from evil.
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours now and for
Forgive us our sins	ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

This setting is not used in Lent.



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THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Set me as a seal upon thine heart* René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. (*from Song of Songs*)

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 210 *The day of resurrection* Ellacombe

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!**

MUSIC POSTLUDE *Fantasiestücke, Opus 73 III.* Robert Schumann
Rasch und mit Feuer (Quickly and with Fire)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

THE ST. JAMES'S CHORISTERS / THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

ORGANIST – Cheryl Wadsworth

CELLIST – Chris Hill

CHALICE BEARERS – Aubrey Lamy, John Wadsworth

LECTOR – Rob King

INTERCESSOR – Harry Meyer

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Doug and Ann Cooke

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Quinn Ciccone, Mack Raissian

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Diane Hunter

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

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven. Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Ryan Kirsch.

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 **TODAY**. 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

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & HELPERS STILL NEEDED

C'mon, St. James's. These coffee hour slots aren't going to fill themselves! We still have openings for hosts and helpers in May, and the first Sunday in June before wrapping up our coffee hour fellowship for the summer. Please consider signing up if you have not done so already or, for another shift, if you have. All hosts receive instructions before their assigned shift. Partnering with friends or family makes the job easier and much more fun. Many thanks to everyone who has stepped up to host or help this year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.



COFFEE HOUR BOOK GROUP

We will continue with our Sunday morning study of the book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*, during coffee hour on **May 5 and 19**. Written by Rabbi Sharon Brous, this acclaimed book makes the case that the spiritual work of our time is to find our way to one another and create deep connections in celebration, in sorrow and in solidarity. The Rev. Joe Rose, associate rector, will lead the discussions in the Parish Room at about 11 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

ROGATION SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & GARDEN BLESSING

Join us on **Rogation Sunday, May 5**, for a special “Creation care” Eucharist followed

by a procession to pray as a community for God's Blessings on the memorial garden, the greenhouse and our expanding Good News Garden, which provides fresh produce for our food ministry. Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for the harvest, earth and sea, reminding ourselves that we are the stewards of Creation.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet on **Monday, April 29** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla: education@stjameswh.org if you have questions.

FINDING MARY WITHIN MARTHA: Stilling your mind while your hands are busy

Do you find yourself saying, "Yes, I'll develop my spiritual practice further *when I have the time!*" And further, do you despair of ever "having the time"? This quiet day is for you! A retreat time for women—especially those with young children—are invited **Saturday, May 11** for a morning retreat. In addition to opening space for individual silent prayer and meditation, we will have some activities aimed at developing a spiritual practice *within* busy lives. The day will begin with coffee and fellowship from 9, we will run our activities program from 10-12, and we will end the day with lunch at 12. Childcare will be provided on-site. Lunch will also be provided.

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.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On **Wednesday, May 1** 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.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice

monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at **8:00 am in the parish room** for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. **The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

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.

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

MAY 19

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**JAZZ
EUCHARIST | 10:00**



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel

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*

*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...*

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III.....*Rector*
 The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose.....*Associate Rector*
 The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie *Assoc. for Education & Music*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke..... *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James.....*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 Joan P. Phelps..... *Priest Associate*

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2025

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 Kim Hart-
 Kindelberger
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2026

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2027

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