

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 4, 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

LEARN: Join the Rev. Alan Murchie after the service for part two of his three-part forum reflecting "On the Trinity." Part three will be held Sunday, February 11. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend!

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

TICKETS ON SALE: Today after services for the Doug Williams concert on Thursday, February 22 at 7pm. Tickets also available in the parish office during office hours.

Organ Voluntary

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE, S236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in

power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

PSALM 147:1-12, 21C (sung by the choir)

C. Hubert H. Parry

Laudate Dominum

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

Hallelujah!

SEQUENCE HYMN 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

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

People Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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, especially Meg Smith on the anniversary of her death. 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 Lauren Howland, James O'Sullivan, Bryson Tagliavini, Carol Conca, Henry Chenault, and Virginia Collin.

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.

The people sit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

We cannot measure how You heal

Scottish melody, arr. Malcolm Archer

We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn. The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind. So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.

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.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

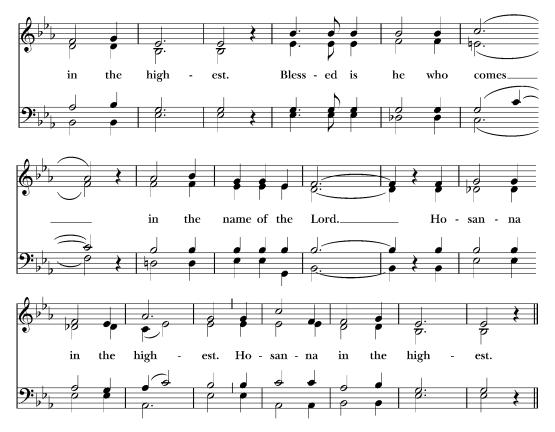
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





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Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:

You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.

From whose pierced side flowed water and blood:

Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

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

Voluntary in D Minor,

Charles Villiers Stanford

Opus 105 #6

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

OFFICIANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
CELEBRANT - The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

PREACHER - The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER - The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

CHALICE BEARERS - Priscilla Thomas, Marilyn Tomlinson

LECTOR - Mark Moyle

INTERCESSOR - Rob Duncan

ACOLYTES - Harper Leichsenring, George Keating, Harry Keating

USHERS - Mark and Cheri Evans, Audrey Lamy, Diane Duva

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD - Elizabeth Gallegos, 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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, & Chris.

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, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Meg Smith on the anniversary of her death. May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.

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

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield. Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Lauren Howland, James O'Sullivan, Bryson Tagliavini, Carol Conca, Henry Chenault, and Virginia Collin.

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 on **Sunday**, **February 11.** 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. All are welcome. 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. Questions? Contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org.

COFFEE HOUR FORUM: "ON THE TRINITY"

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie after the 9:30 a.m. service **today** for part two of a three-part forum reflecting "On the Trinity," Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the writings of Paul. Part three will be held on Sunday, February 11. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

HOSTS NEEDED (but you knew that)

Hey there, St. James's! We still have hosting slots in February and beyond that need

filling. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so. Better yet, team up with a friend or family member(s) and make it a group effort. Hosting not your thing? Then sign up to contribute home-baked or store-



bought goodies. Find a date that works for you and go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered, especially those who have signed up for more than one date. Coffee Hour could not happen without your help! If you have questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Doug Compton is once again collecting winter coats throughout the winter season. Bring your gently used or new coats to the church during office hours or on Sundays and drop them off in the Parish Office or in the Cloister. Thank you!

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet on **Monday, February 5** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla: education@stjameswh.org if you have questions.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a Valentine Buffet luncheon on **Tuesday**, **February 6.** Please bring something to share with the group. All are welcome.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On Wednesday, February 7 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 assistant@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, February 10. 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 rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.

SAVE THE DATE!ST. JAMES'S FOURTH ANNUAL



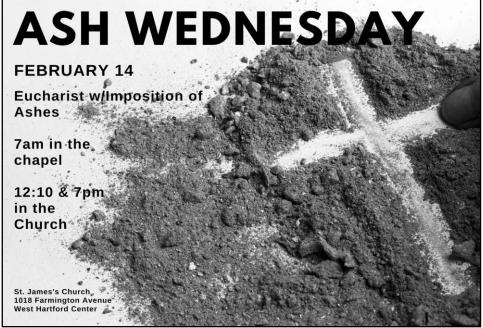
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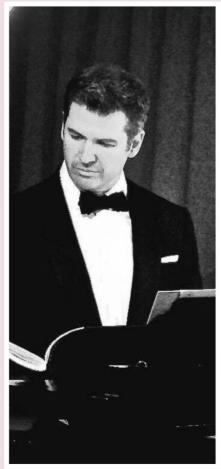
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SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. Priest Associate **STAFF** Mrs. Heidi Cotter Financial Secretary **VOLUNTEER STAFF** Mr. Harry MeyerAssistant Treasurer VESTRY Mr. Ted Newton Senior Warden Mr. Michael Sherrill Treasurer 2025 2026 2027 **Bob Bausmith** Chuck Kinney Doug Compton Ellen Dollar Ruth Mitman Joey Meyer Kim Hart-Barbara Rua Liz Normand Kindelberger Bill Thompson Marilyn Tomlinson **Judith Stahl**

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