

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 26, 2023 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

HEAL: St. James's Healing Ministry will be offering healing prayers on the second and fourth Sundays of each month beginning 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.

VISIT: Join us in the parish hall following the 9:30 service for coffee and refreshments. All are welcome.

LEARN: The St. James's Good News Garden ministry is planning its 2023 crop. Come to a meeting today in the parish room after the service to learn about plans for a new greenhouse and how you can join the ministry, which harvests fresh vegetables in our parish garden for families served by Hartford Catholic Worker. See the Rev. Joe Rose with questions or for more information.

LISTEN: The St. James's Boys and Girls choir will join four other choirs in the diocese for a Five-Choir Evensong at Trinity College Chapel at 5pm TODAY. All are invited to attend.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Voluntary No. 8 in C Minor

Maurice Greene

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

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.

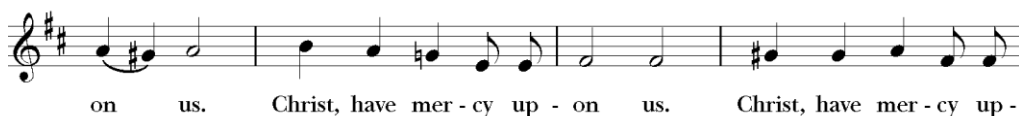
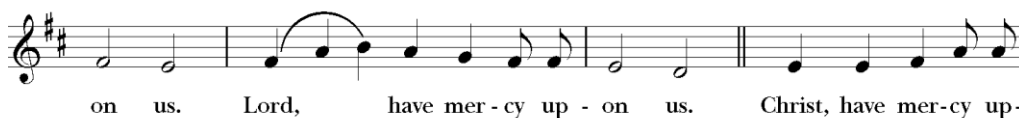
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

KYRIE



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist I, Lord have mercy upon us: Kyrie*

Music: *From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together,

bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 (*sung by the choir*)

H. Walford Davies

De profundis

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SEQUENCE HYMN 382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask

of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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.

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, 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 remember especially the people in Ukraine during this time of conflict.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially John DeLibero, Nicolette Howland, Darcy Leichsenring, Calvin Meyer, Abigail Tapley, and Halsted James.

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 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

Lord, let me know mine end

Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days,
that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long,
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;

And verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain;
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

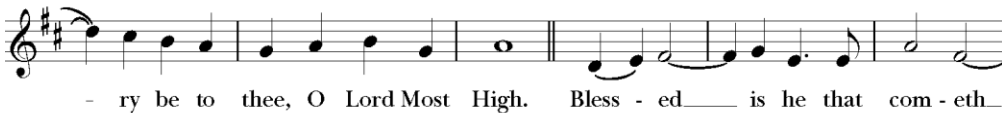
And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling;
hold not thy peace at my tears.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

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:



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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

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist I, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

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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

Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
 You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for our sake.
 From whose pierced side flowed water and blood:
 Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

COMMUNION HYMN 335

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Voluntary No. 10 in D minor

Maurice Greene

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

SOLOISTS – Lindsay Fawber, Claire Burnett

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, Priscilla Thomas

LECTOR – Mark Moyle

INTERCESSOR – Rob Duncan

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, George Keating, Harry Keating

USHERS – Cheri and Mark Evans, Marc Keating, Audrey Lamy

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD – Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Susan Gutierrez

ON THE COVER – Raising of Lazarus by Michael Kapeluck

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 (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina **(C):** Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa **(D):** Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan **(E):** Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney **(F):** Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel **(G):** Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Nicki, Denise, Trevor.

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

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam. Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark and Justin Hagemann.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS John DeLiberio, Nicolette Howland, Darcy Leichsenring, Calvin Meyer, Abigail Tapley, and Halsted James.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available today during the service. We will continue with KFC (Kids for Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org with questions.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Easter flower envelopes are at the front of the church, the narthex, on the cloister table, and in the chapel pews. Please use these envelopes to make your name requests and donation. All names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. **Deadline: Monday, April 3.**

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

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EASTER PREPARATION

Please lend a hand and help Mary Ann Haar in the preparation of the church for Easter Sunday on **Saturday morning, April 8 at 9:00**. Duties include the arranging of plants and other light work. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Join in as a reader or listener to the Gospels of Luke and John and the post Resurrection life of the church as told by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The reading begins at 1pm in the Kennedy Chapel on **Good Friday, April 7**. Reading is done in 20-minute segments. A signup sheet is posted outside the parish office during Lent. Please sign up for a slot or two. If you have questions, text or email Ron Ward: 860-463-8057 or rtwtmr@comcast.net.

ANNUAL TOILETRY COLLECTION CONTINUES!

Each Lent we prepare Easter “baskets” for approximately 200 of our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters and transitional housing. The items listed are the most needed. These do not need to be “family size” items; 14-20 ounce containers are great and allow us to fit more items into the bags. The dollar stores are a good source. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. **Items needed:** 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 fragrance-free options); toothpaste; disposable razors for men, women or uni-sex; shaving cream, dental floss, combs, lip balm, and mini Kleenex packs. Drop your donations off in the Cloister, or make a monetary donation and we will shop for you. Simply put “Easter Baskets” in the memo line. We will gather to fill the bags on **Palm Sunday, April 2** after the 10am service.

LIVESTREAMING GUILD

The Livestreaming Guild is looking for new members! No experience required, and the time commitment is flexible. Please consider joining us in this ministry to bring our community into the lives of those who cannot attend services in person. Contact Christine Waterman (christinewaterman@gmail.com) to schedule a service to shadow one of our current members and learn the ropes!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

If you are older than 70 and ½, did you know that you can make donations directly from your IRA to St. James’s – and not pay taxes on those donations? Further, you can use these qualified charitable distributions (or QCD for short) to help meet your required minimum distributions (RMDs) once you reach age 73. Because RMDs represent income, they can sometimes push people into a higher tax bracket than they would otherwise be in, potentially triggering more income tax, a Medicare surtax, an increase in Medicare Part B and D premiums and taxation of Social

Security benefits. So re-directing some or all of your RMDs to St. James's and/or other charitable organizations may be a smart tax strategy while helping you support the church. If you're interested in exploring QCDs and how they can help you and the organizations you support, please check with your financial advisor or institution that holds your IRA account(s), and/or your tax advisor. **NOTE:** If you're of any age, you also can donate to St. James's or another charity any appreciated stock with embedded capital gains, take a tax-deduction (if you itemized your deductions) and not have to pay capital gains taxes! If you'd like to do this, there are directions in the 'Donate Stock' page (under the Resources tab) on our website.

COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY CROSS

On **Saturday, April 1 at 10am**, the Companions of the Holy Cross will have a book discussion on *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers. This meeting will be hybrid and in person at Trinity Episcopal Hartford. For more information contact Cheri Evans: CheriEv98@gmail.com. Rides provided by meeting at St. James's.

THE WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The WOSJ invite you to a Lenten soup luncheon on **Tuesday, April 4** at 12:00 in the dining room. All are welcome!

HEALING PRAYER: NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK 'NIGHT PRAYER'

On **Wednesday, April 5**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the St. James's Chapel. The April service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Night Prayer" liturgy from A New Zealand Prayer Book. 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.

EFM OPEN HOUSE

Looking for an open and supportive place to delve more deeply into scripture, learn about church history, and ponder the difficult questions surrounding your faith? Consider

Education for Ministry (EfM), a program of lay theological education that combines worship, group and individual study, and spiritual reflection. The St. James's EfM group meets once a week from September to May and is open to interested



individuals from congregations throughout the Greater Hartford region. Want to learn more? Come to our Open House on **Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Room at St. James's. To hear what past participants have to say, watch this video (www.stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm) featuring St. James's EfM alumni. Questions? Contact Ron Ward at 860-463-8057 or rtwtmr@comcast.net. Or learn more by going to: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program>

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

A fun program for children ages 3 to third grade every Monday from 4 to 5:15pm. Organist and Choirmaster, the Rev. Alan Murchie, along with Director of Family Ministries, Priscilla Hooper, will guide the children in an exploration of different themes each week through singing, art, games, and movement. Questions or to register your children, contact Alan Murchie: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla Hooper: education@stjameswh.org.

BOYS & GIRLS CHOIR

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm! St. James's Boys and Girls Choir provides a rich musical, social, and spiritual experience for choristers ages 9 and up. Rehearsals are fun and include training in vocal and sight-reading skills. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:30 and welcome all who love to sing and can match pitch. Boys sing with us until their voices change, and then join the adult choir as tenors or basses.

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 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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith." **The next meeting will be held Saturday, April 8.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further information.

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 soup.** Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30a-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.

Liturgies & Holy Week

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2 | 10AM
EUCHARIST & SUNG PASSION (NO 8AM SERVICE)

HOLY WEDNESDAY | APRIL 5 | 7AM
EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST
HEALING PRAYER SERVICE IN CHAPEL | 6:30PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 6 | 7PM
HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF ALTAR IN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 7
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY | 12PM
NEW TESTAMENT READING & VIGIL IN CHAPEL | 1PM
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY W/CHOIR | 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 8
EASTER PREPARATIONS AT ST JAMES'S | 9AM
EASTER VIGIL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9
FESTAL EUCHARIST | 10AM (NO 8AM SERVICE)
FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT & MIMOSAS

St. James's West Hartford



Easter

EGG HUNT

&

MIMOSAS

Following the 10am Festal Eucharist
on Easter Sunday

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE
WEST HARTFORD

All are welcome! Please invite someone to church on
Easter Sunday!





ST. JAMES'S CHOIR
PRESENTS

PIANO MAN

AN EVENING
OF BILLY JOEL'S MUSIC
WITH DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 22ND
@ 6:00PM
TICKETS \$35



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 a.m. Rite II in the chapel
 9:30 a.m. Rite II in the church
 with Livestream

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

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

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

6:30 p.m. First Wednesday of
 each month in the chapel



*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...*

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 The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose..... *Assistant 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 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 *Priest Associate*

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