



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD, CT

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with ROGATION SUNDAY
PROCESSION

May 5, 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: Join us in the parish hall following the 9:30 service for Coffee Hour with refreshments. All are welcome!

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

ROGATION SUNDAY: Today's service will conclude with a Rogation Sunday procession through our Good News Garden, where we will offer prayers for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food to help feed the hungry in our community.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Sonata in C Major, K330

W. A. Mozart

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 8

Morning has broken

Bunessan

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 S-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.*People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant. Let us pray. Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 (*sung by the choir*)

Ivor Algernon Atkins

Cantate Domino

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SEQUENCE HYMN 593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace* Dickinson College

THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially Joe, our president, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of James and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

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.

The people sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth; for the beauty of the skies;
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night;
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r; sun and Moon and stars of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love; brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given;
Graces human and divine; flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, *Refrain*

Celebrant God 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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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.

Celebrant and People



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

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 *The Lord bless you and keep you* John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light Of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

IN PROCESSION TO THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

HYMN 405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Royal Oak

Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*
 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
 the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky; *Refrain*
 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one. *Refrain*
 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
 how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

As we sing, join the procession to the St. James's Good News Garden on the Walden Street side of the church. We will offer Rogation Day prayers as a community for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food to help feed our neighbors.

Gather at the Good News Garden's new vegetable beds and pollinator garden.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

St. James's acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Connecticut, the Tunxis and Poquonocks, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of these tribes.

BLESSING OF THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

Priest Blessed be the God of all creation:

People **For in your goodness you make all things new.**

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Priest Holy God, you have blessed our preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest and people

Holy One: Bless and protect these vegetable beds and this pollinator garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that this soil and the plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ROGATION PROCESSION

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

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Priest Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For the procession, sing between stations.

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

STATION ONE: GREENHOUSE SITE

Reading Genesis 1:11-12

Priest Let us pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruitfulness of the earth that nourishes our life and the life of all creatures. Bless those who work and play in fields, gardens and greenhouses. Send them seasonable and temperate weather, and grant that the fruits of the earth may be shared justly with all having need of them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STATION TWO: THE TOOL SHED

Reading Isaiah 2:4

Priest. Let us pray. Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect those who use these tools and protect what we plant, and bring it to maturity, that we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Sustainer. **Amen.**

STATION THREE: MEMORIAL GARDEN

Reading Matthew 27:57-61

Priest Let us pray. God of the living and of the dead, renew the face of the ground by your life-giving Spirit; grant that all who rest here may be renewed in the joy of your eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, who is resurrection and life.

Amen.

STATION FOUR: COMPOST BED

Reading Luke 13:6-9

Priest Let us pray. Renewing God: Bless all whose labor at the Compost Bed supports the well-being of our community. Strengthen and encourage them in their service, and make us mindful of their contribution to the stewardship of the earth, that all may be ministers of your new creation; in the name of Jesus our Redeemer.

Amen.

STATION FIVE: WATER SOURCE

Reading Isaiah 41:17-20

Priest Let us pray. God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water—the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. **Amen.**

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon our ministry of stewardship, feeding and renewal, and grant that it may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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!**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

ORGANIST – Cheryl Wadsworth

CHALICE BEARERS – Priscilla Thomas, Ted Newton

LECTOR – Mark Moyle

INTERCESSOR – Rob Duncan

ACOLYTES – James O'Sullivan, Emilie O'Sullivan, Caroline Bowman

USHERS – Daniel and Ellen Dollar, Judy Hock, Marc Keating

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Elizabeth Waterman



Thank You to the St. James's Good News Garden team!

Cheryl and John Wadsworth, Chuck Russo, Vera Racine,
Sue Nelson, Susan Ritz, Diane Mack, Cheri Evans,
Chuck Kinney, Cindy Welch, Heidi Sweeney, Judith Stahl,
Peggy McManus, Carolyn McGaughey, and
everyone who has helped plant, feed and serve.

If you would like to participate in the Good News
Garden ministry, contact the Rev. Joe Rose at
assistant@stjameswh.org

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, 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, Francesca.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Betsy Curtler who recently died. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*
AMEN.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven. Retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Addison Leonard, Cole Gallagher, Wesley Regan, Jane Waterman, Owen Wills, and Frances O'Sullivan.

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, May 12**. 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.

JUST TWO MORE SUNDAYS TO FILL

Home stretch, St. James’s! We have only two more Sundays to fill before our weekly coffee hour takes a break for the summer. Both hosts and helpers are needed on May 12 and June 2. Please consider signing up if you have not done so already or, for another shift, if you have. Of course, May 12 is Mother’s Day. Men, maybe some of you can team up to host and help that day so moms can take the day off. All hosts receive



instructions before their assigned shift. Thanks a million to everyone who has signed up this year. Your contributions big and small are deeply 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 **today and May 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.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet on **Monday, May 6** 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. Please RSVP to stjameswhquietday@pm.me, including the names and ages of children who will be taking advantage of childcare, and any dietary requirements for all.

WHAT'S EFM?

Come to our Open House on May 13th and find out! Looking to delve more deeply into scripture, learn about church history, and ponder 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. Led by Ron Ward, the EfM group at St. James's meets once a week from September to May and is open to interested individuals from congregations throughout Greater



Hartford. Our weekly meetings feature lively discussions around assigned readings and a break for socializing and snacks. We also take occasional fieldtrips, such as our recent retreat to an Anglican monastery in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New York. Want to learn more? Come to our Open House on **Monday, May 13**, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ron Ward at 860-463-8057 or rtwtmr@comcast.net with any questions or to let him know you're coming. Go to: www.stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm for more information.

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, June 5** 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 25.** 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.

St. James's Spring Concert
Thursday, May 23 at 7 PM

Ben Dollar and Brian Joy, vocalists
John and Samantha Kramer, Maggie Slap, Thomas Tarutin & Mindy Zhao,
strings
Alan Murchie, piano

music by Rachmaninov, Fauré, Schumann and more

\$10 General Admission



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

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...

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