



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WEST HARTFORD, CT

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with  
ROGATION SUNDAY PROCESSION

May 14, 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

**VISIT:** Join us in the parish hall following the 9:30 service for the Mother's Day Coffee Hour with refreshments. All are welcome!

**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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

*The people stand*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 292    *O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown*    Kingsfold

## 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.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

### 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 time 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

*Deuteronomy 11:10-15*

For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a

vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys watered by rain from the sky, a land that the LORD your God looks after. The eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. “If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the LORD your God and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul — then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil, and he will give grass in your field for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-13 (*said*)

*Laudate Dominuum*

Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,\*  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted\*  
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;\*  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;\*  
make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,\*  
 and prepares rain for the earth,  
 makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food\*  
 and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse\*  
 nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,\*  
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem!\*  
 Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;\*  
 he blesses your children within you.

SEQUENCE HYMN 8

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 4:26-32*

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

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

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

*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

*Sing, choirs of Heaven!*

Richard Shepard

Sing choirs of heaven. Let saints and angels sing.  
 Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
 Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.  
 Salute your king in glorious symphony.

Sing choir of earth. Behold your light has come.  
 The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.  
 Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.  
 The night is past, the day of life is here.

Sing church of God. Exult with joy outpoured.  
 The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
 Your Saviour lives, he's with you evermore.  
 Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

*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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff continues with 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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

*Title:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might *Music:* From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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*Celebrant continues:*

And so, God, 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, 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.

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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

*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*

### 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.**

*Priest* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. 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

CHALICE BEARERS – John Wadsworth, Bob Hoffman

LECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

INTERCESSOR – Kate Jackson

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Maryn Bowman, Caroline Bowman

USHERS – Ted Newton, Mike Shuey, Jonathan Lewis, Kate Jackson

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Olivia Shuey

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](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org)

May 28

# PENTECOST

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE

## JAZZ EUCHARIST 10AM

Followed by Coffee Hour  
in the Parish Hall

## 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](mailto: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 Church of the Province of West Africa.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** St. Thomas, New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London. Clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** Andrew Clark and Justin Hagemann.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Wesson Bowman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE HOUR

We have just two coffee hour hosting slots to fill before transitioning outdoors for Lemonade on the Lawn. If you have not already hosted this year, please consider signing up. If you've already hosted once this year, please consider signing up again. It's not hard, comes with instructions and the satisfaction of supporting our community and Sunday fellowship. Many thanks to everyone who has stepped up so far this year. Our collective contributions make St. James's the vibrant community of faith that it is. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com). Thank you!

### LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

The warm weather is around the corner and so is the return of Lemonade on the Lawn after the 9:00 Sunday service. Beginning June 18, hosts will be needed to serve up ice-cold lemonade and snacks. Pick a Sunday or two that works for you and sign up at [stjwh.org/lemonadeonthelawn](http://stjwh.org/lemonadeonthelawn). Then add to your fun by recruiting your kids, spouse, or friend to host with you. Please consider supporting this summer fellowship tradition at St. James's by signing up today. Thank you all! Got questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@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](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) or Bob Hooper at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org) with any questions.

### 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 and Pentecost Sunday, May 28**. 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](mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com).

### PENTECOST SUNDAY JAZZ EUCHARIST

We are delighted that drummer Michael Blancaflor and bassist Roy Wiseman of Wesleyan University will return to join the choir for our annual Jazz Mass on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28 at 10:00am**. There is no 8:00 service on this day. Pentecost commemorates the great day on which the Spirit commissioned us all as disciples, equipping us each to speak in unique tongues so that all might come to hear and know Jesus in spirit, truth and love. On this day, we speak in the potent musical language of jazz, a uniquely communicative musical idiom, captured by composer Will Todd in his Missa Brevis. Don't miss it!

### ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

We kick off the unofficial start to summer with lots of strawberries during the Memorial Day Parade in the town of West Hartford on **Monday, May 29** beginning

at 9:30am. The festival will be held on the front lawn of St. James's Church, and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy delicious strawberries piled high on tasty shortcake. Hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and bottled water will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs. Extra hands are appreciated in helping with setup, sale, and cleanup. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please phone the parish office at 860.521.9620 or email: [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org).

### **HEALING PRAYER: NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK 'NIGHT PRAYER'**

On **Wednesday, June 7**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the main church. The 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](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

### **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 this, 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! Go to our 'Donate Stock' page (under the Resources tab) on our website for more information.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH PODCAST HIGHLIGHTS/GOOD NEWS GARDEN**

The Rev. Joseph Rose, our assistant rector, and St. James's parishioner Vera Racine are the featured guests on this month's SpadeSpoonSoul podcast of the Episcopal Church. Listen at [stjwh.org/gardenpodcast](http://stjwh.org/gardenpodcast).

**VOICES OF HOPE COFFEE HOUR ON YOUTUBE**

Last Sunday's Voices of Hope coffee-hour presentation by Sharone Kornman, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors whose mother was hidden by the family's Christian nanny in Nazi-occupied Poland, can be viewed at [stjwh.org/voicesofhope](http://stjwh.org/voicesofhope).

**THE MEMORIAL GARDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Attention all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew needs your help! To maintain this beautiful and sacred garden, we need a team of weeders on a bi-weekly basis from June through September to weed and do some light pruning. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign up online at: [www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden](http://www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden). If you are unable to access the link, kindly see or email Claire Burnett at [claireburnett@comcast.net](mailto:claireburnett@comcast.net). Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after a 9:30am service. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

**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. To register your children, contact Alan: [acmurchie@gmail.com](mailto:acmurchie@gmail.com) or Priscilla: [education@stjameswh.org](mailto: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. **The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 27.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto: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 soup.** 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](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org) or [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

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8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

### HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

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

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