

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.



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

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

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

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

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

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

HAPPENING TODAY

HEALING PRAYERS: Will be offered today during the Eucharist. 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.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Enjoy some cool lemonade and other refreshments after the service today outdoors. All are welcome. (In the event of rain, lemonade will be served in the parish hall.)

EFM INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be an EfM Informational Session in the parish room following the 9:30 service for those who would like to review course materials and discuss the program.

Organ Voluntary

Sonata #46 in A-flat Major: Allegro moderato Franz Joseph Haydn

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401 (vv 1-3)

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

A SONG OF PRAISE S-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the

angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23 (said)

Domine, probasti

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

SEQUENCE HYMN 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Priest The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of

Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

The people stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church; People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere and for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for safety in our daily lives.

Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially Louise Keesling on the anniversary of her death. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you. We greet one another in the name of Christ.

The people sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY Sonata #61 in D Major: Andante Franz Joseph Haydn

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

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

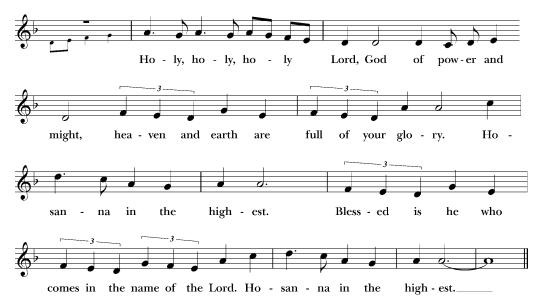
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

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

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

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



Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

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

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

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

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

AT THE COMMUNION Sonata #46 in A-flat Major: Adagio Franz Joseph Haydn All are welcome to receive the bread of Holy Communion.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Sonata #46 in A-flat Major: Presto

Franz Joseph Haydn

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT - The Rev. Joseph J. Rose
OFFICIANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
PREACHER - The. Rev. Alan C. Murchie
ORGANIST - The Rev. Alan C. Murchie
CHALICE BEARERS - John Wadsworth, Sue Powers
LECTOR - Bill Thompson
INTERCESSOR - Kim Hart-Kindelberger
USHERS - Audrey Lamy, Diane Duva
ACOLYTE - Olivia Shuey
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Jerrod Bowman
ALTAR GUILD - Kim Hart-Kindelberger

PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, 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, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Louise Keesling on the anniversary of her death. 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon. Parish office volunteers; curates; seminary interns; parish assistants and associates; missional curacies.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

The warm weather is here, and hosts are needed to serve ice-cold lemonade and snacks after the 9:30 am Sunday service. Find a date or two that works for you and go to stight-org/lemonadeonthelawn to sign up, then invite a friend, partner, spouse, or your kids to join you. Detailed instructions will be emailed to volunteers before each shift. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at leweldedgmail.com or by text at 860-966-9183. Thank you all!

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 or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org with any questions.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The 25th Annual School Supply Drive is underway! During the months of July and August, we collect school supplies and backpacks for children in the Greater Hartford area who are helped by the local shelters and pantries we serve. The items most needed: backpacks, pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, crayons, markers, and rulers. Please bring your supplies to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building no later than Sunday, August 20. You may also purchase these items through Amazon and have them delivered to the church. Stick around after the service on Sunday, August 20 and help sort and pack the supplies. All are invited to lend a hand.

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **TODAY**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. 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.

FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

We will meet Friday, July 28 at 5:15pm at Fernridge Park in West Hartford (567 Fern St.) for a pizza dinner and outside play for the kids. In the event of bad weather, we will meet in the parish hall. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraissian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On Wednesday, August 2, 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 "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

ST. JAMES'S CHORISTERS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

The St. James's Choristers have just concluded a growth-filled, successful season that included a memorable Five-Choir Evensong at Trinity College. Singing with the choristers provides a rich musical, social, and spiritual experience for young people 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. Could this be you, or perhaps a young person you know? If so, please consider joining us. Be in touch with Alan anytime for more information and encouragement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SENIOR SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

St. James's, working with the Town of West Hartford and FoodShare, distributes boxes of food to needy seniors around West Hartford on the third Thursday of each month. We are looking for more volunteers who can help with deliveries for a couple of hours each month. Please contact Bill Thompson at (860) 463-9486 for more information or to volunteer.

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 or assistant@stjameswh.org.

WEST HARTFORD FOOD BANK

The West Hartford Food Bank is currently very low on the following items: pasta, sauce, and canned fruit. Bring an item or two with you to church, if you are able, and place them in the wagon in the cloister. Thank you!



MUSIC MONDAYS AT ST. JAMES'S, SUMMER 2023

Monday Evenings 7-8 PM | July 17 - August 14

I. CLASSES

An Exploration of Musical Romanticism
July 17, 24, 31 and August 7 in the Parish Hall, 7:00 PM
LED BY ALAN MURCHIE

II. CONCERT Romantic Masterpieces for Gello and Liano

WITH BOSTON SYMPHONY CELLIST OWEN YOUNG AND PIANIST ALAN MURCHIE

AUGUST 14 IN THE SANCTUARY, 7:00 PM

MUSIC BY MENDELSSOHN, SAINT-SAËNS, AND BRAHMS INCLUDING "THE SWAN" FROM CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS



CLASSES: FREE OF CHARGE | CONCERT: \$25 GENERAL ADMISSION PARISH HALL AND SANCTUARY AIR-CONDITIONED







SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel (no 8a.m. service during the summer) 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

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III	Rector
The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose	Assistant Rector
The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie Assoc. for Ed	ducation & Music
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke	Priest Associate
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James	Priest Associate
The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman	Priest Associate
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr	Priest Associate
The Rev'd Elsa P. Walberg	Priest Associate

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter	Parish Administrator
Mrs. Heidi Cotter	Financial Secretary
Mr. Leon Fraser	Sexton
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper	Director of Family Ministries

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Harry	Meyer	Assistant	Treasurer
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VESTRY

Mr. Ted Newton	Senior Warden
Mr. Tyler Smith	Junior Warden
Mrs. Kerri Raissian	Clerk
Mr. Michael Sherrill	Treasurer

2024	2025	2026

2021	2023	2020
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Jessica Henning	Ellen Dollar	Ruth Mitman
Jonathan Lewis	Kim Hart-	Barbara Rua
Debra Morton	Kindelberger	Bill Thompson
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Judith Stahl

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