

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
& THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

April 2, 2023 at 10:00 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:** Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

**COFFEE HOUR & EASTER BAGS:** Join us in the parish hall after the service today for coffee and other refreshments. We'll also be assembling the Easter bags for our friends in need.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will meet today from 5:30 to 7pm for a meal and activity. Invite a friend to join you.

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*The congregation gathers on the front lawn at the entrance to the church.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*Matthew 21:1-11*

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*(The customary Gospel responses are omitted.)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSION

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The procession forms as all wave palms and sing the hymn.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

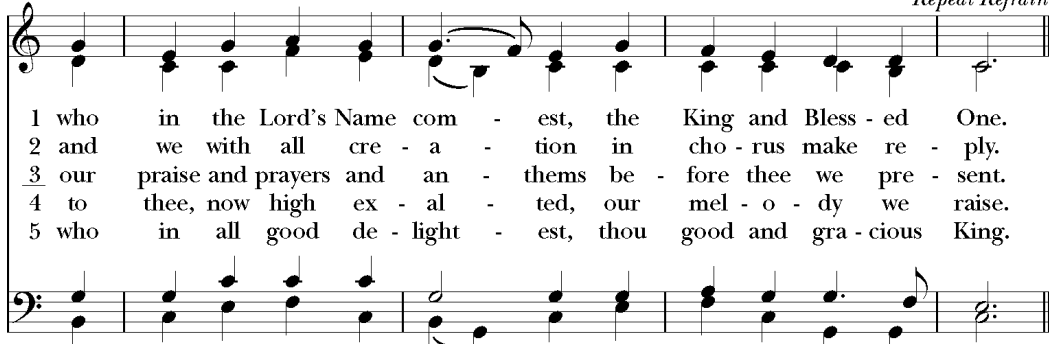


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD****HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 31:9-16 (*said*)*In te, Domine, speravi*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow,**  
**and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
**my strength fails me because of affliction,**  
**and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
**they put their heads together against me;**  
**they plot to take my life.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
**and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

SEQUENCE HYMN 474

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

Rockingham

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (27:11-54)

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*Pause and kneel awhile.*

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*A period of silence is kept.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Enliven the Church for its mission.

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those in our parish and extended parish families.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Larry Howard on the anniversary of his death, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Greta Leichsenring, Maisie Accetta, Cole Ware, and Jackson Isselee.

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives.

*Celebrant* Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

*The people sit.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### THE OFFERTORY

*The celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence from Holy Scripture. An anthem is sung while the altar is prepared. As the procession carries the oblations of bread and wine to the altar, all stand to sing the hymn.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ave verum corpus*

William Byrd

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:  
 You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
 on the cross for the sake of man.  
 From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood  
 Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.  
 O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.  
 Have mercy on me. Amen.

*The people stand*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

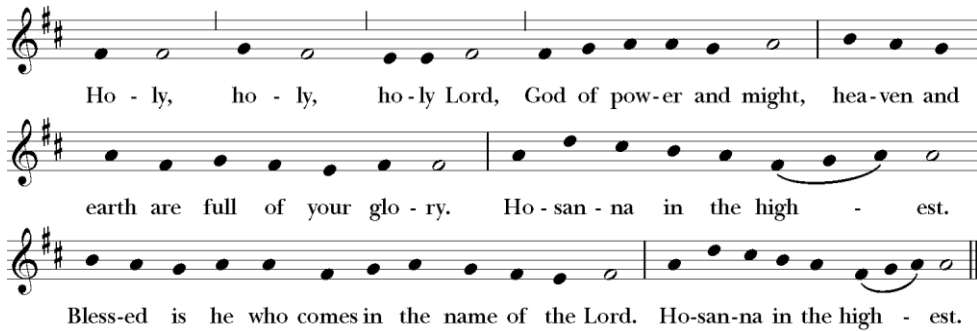
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*; Music: *From New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues:*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

<b>Our Father in heaven,</b>	<b>Forgive us our sins</b>
<b>hallowed be your name,</b>	<b>as we forgive those who sin</b>
<b>your kingdom come,</b>	<b>against us.</b>
<b>your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</b>	<b>Save us from the time of trial</b>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<b>and deliver us from evil.</b>
	<b>For the kingdom, the power and</b>

### THE FRACTION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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.

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Follow the acolytes' instructions to come forward to the altar rail. Hold out your hands to receive the bread, which you may consume or "intinct" in the wine and then consume. Gluten, wheat, dairy, and corn-free wafers are available at your request. If you do not wish to receive bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer to give you a blessing instead. If you cannot come forward to the altar rail for physical reasons, let an usher know, and the priest will bring bread and wine to you. For those unable to be present, licensed lay Eucharistic ministers will visit during the week.*

THE MOTET *My Song Is Love Unknown* John Ireland arr. Christopher Robinson

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
 love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
 Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,  
 but men made strange and none the longed-for Christ would know!  
 But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!  
 Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing,  
 resounding all the day hosannas to their King.  
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.  
 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.  
 A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from death might free.  
 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death, no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heaven was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.  
 Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine,  
 never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, 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 441 (*vv 1-4*)     *In the cross of Christ I glory*     Rathbun

## DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The Congregation departs in silence.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

**CELEBRANT** – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

**ASSISTING CLERGY** – The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

**ST. JAMES'S CHOIR**

**ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER** – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

**CHALICE BEARERS** – Tom Rouse and Sue Powers

**LECTOR** – Jonathan Lewis

**INTERCESSOR** – Kate Jackson

**USHERS** – Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan, Loretta Waldman, Ted Newton

**ACOLYTES** – Olivia Shuey, Harper Leichsenring, Wyatt Chenault

**ALTAR GUILD** – Linda Fournier, Elizabeth Gallegos, Susan Gutierrez, Diane Hunter, Chris, Keesling, Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Chris Pearson, Elizabeth Waterman

**LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR** – Jerrod Bowman

**COVER ART** – Jesus Rides into Jerusalem, artist unknown.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE HOUR & EASTER BAGS

All are invited to the parish hall today for coffee and refreshments after the service. We will also be sorting toiletries and assembling the Easter bags and could use some extra hands. Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com).

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today, April 2 and Easter Sunday, April 9** during the 10:00 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 10:00 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.

### EASTER PREPARATION

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

### HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

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

### THE WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

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

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

On **Wednesday, April 5**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the St. James's Chapel. The April service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Night Prayer" liturgy from A New Zealand Prayer Book. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to



attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

### **CHEF MINISTRY**

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

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

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

### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

If you are older than 70 and ½, did you know that you can make donations directly from your IRA to St. James's – and not pay taxes on those donations? Further, you can use these qualified charitable distributions (or QCD for short) to help meet your required minimum distributions (RMDs) once you reach age 73. Because RMDs represent income, they can sometimes push people into a higher tax bracket than they would otherwise be in, potentially triggering more income tax, a Medicare surtax, an increase in Medicare Part B and D premiums and taxation of Social Security benefits. So re-directing some or all of your RMDs to St. James's and/or other charitable organizations may be a smart tax strategy while helping you support the church. If you're interested in exploring QCDs and how they can help you and the organizations you support, please check with your financial advisor or institution that holds your IRA account(s), and/or your tax advisor. **NOTE:** If you're of any age, you also can donate to St. James's or another charity any appreciated stock with embedded capital gains, take a tax-deduction (if you itemized your deductions) and not have to pay capital gains taxes! If you'd like to do this, there are directions in the 'Donate Stock' page (under the Resources tab) on our website.

## EfM OPEN HOUSE

Looking for an open and supportive place to delve more deeply into scripture, learn about church history, and ponder the difficult questions surrounding your faith? Consider Education for Ministry (EfM), a program of lay theological education that combines worship, group and individual study, and spiritual reflection. The St. James's EfM group meets once a week from September to May and is open to interested individuals from congregations throughout the Greater Hartford region. Want to learn more? Come to our Open House on **Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Room at St. James's. To hear what past participants have to say, watch this video ([www.stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm](http://www.stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm)) featuring St. James's EfM alumni. Questions? Contact Ron Ward at 860-463-8057 or [rtwtmr@comcast.net](mailto:rtwtmr@comcast.net). Or learn more by going to: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program>



## VOICES OF HOPE COFFEE HOUR CLASS

Join Sharone Kornman, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, at coffee hour after the 9:30 service in the parish hall on **Sunday, May 7** as she shares the story of how her mother, Irene, was hidden for over two years and eventually saved in Nazi-occupied Poland by the family nanny, Frania Sobkowa. Frania acted out of kindness, love, and her deep Christian faith, at great risk of being put to death for her actions. This story was recently highlighted in the Hartford Courant and is being presented in collaboration with Voices of Hope, a CT nonprofit that promotes a culture of courage to stand up against hatred through Holocaust and genocide education and remembrance.

## CALLING ALL GARDNERS! JOIN THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN NETWORK

Do you plant and harvest fruits and vegetables at home? Consider joining St. James's new Good News Garden network. If you're planting vegetables at home this year, consider planting a little extra or donating your extra harvest to St. James's for distribution to feeding programs in the greater Hartford area, where many disadvantaged populations live in food deserts and one in ten families still experience food insecurity. Our primary partner is the Hartford Catholic Worker, but we are also exploring additional partnerships with other feeding programs in the region. If you would like to participate and become a member of our Good News

Garden network, contact assistant rector Joe Rose at [revjoerose@gmail.com](mailto:revjoerose@gmail.com) or [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

### LIVESTREAMING GUILD

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

### 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, April 8.** 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 at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are

also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

### **CLERGY VISITATION**

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org) or [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto: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](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.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** Remembering especially Larry Howard on the anniversary of his 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 Anglican Church of South America.

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

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

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

# *Liturgies & Holy Week*

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# EASTER EGG HUNT & MIMOSAS

Following the 10am Festal Eucharist on  
Easter Sunday

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**APRIL 9 • SUNDAY • 11:30 AM**  
**ST. JAMES'S CHURCH**  
**1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE**  
**WEST HARTFORD**

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

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated. A prominent blue light beam shines down from the top center of the image, passing through the text.

ST. JAMES'S CHOIR  
PRESENTS  
**PIANO MAN**  
AN EVENING  
OF BILLY JOEL'S MUSIC  
WITH DINNER  
**SATURDAY APRIL 22ND**  
**@ 6:00PM**  
**TICKETS \$35**



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 a.m. Rite II in the chapel

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

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

*(Breakfast served in the parish room  
following the service)*

### HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

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

#### 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 Education & Music*  
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke..... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James.....*Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Barry W. Miller ..... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman ..... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. .... *Priest Associate*  
 The Rev'd Elsa P. Walberg..... *Priest Associate*

#### STAFF

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 Mr. Tyler Smith.....*Junior Warden*  
 Mrs. Kerri Raissian ..... *Clerk*  
 Mr. Michael Sherrill..... *Treasurer*

#### 2024

Adam Fisher  
 Jessica Henning  
 Jonathan Lewis  
 Debra Morton

#### 2025

Bob Bausmith  
 Ellen Dollar  
 Kim Hart-  
 Kindelberger  
 Judith Stahl

#### 2026

Chuck Kinney  
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