



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
& THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

April 13, 2025 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: 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. **We'll also be making sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes.**

TICKETS ON SALE: For this year's Annual Choir Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 10 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased after Sunday services and in the parish office during office hours.

SIGNUP FOR VIGIL READING: Join in as a reader or listener to the Gospels of St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. The reading begins at 1 pm in the Kennedy Chapel on Good Friday, April 18. Readings are done in 20-minute segments. Time slots needing to be filled: 6:20, 6:40, 7:20, 7:40 and 8. Please email Ron Ward or text him if interested at 860.463.8057; rtwtmr@comcast.net.

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

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 LUKE

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

(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 (*sung by the choir*)*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 158

*Ah, Holy Jesus**Herzliebster Jesu*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (23:1-49)

(cantors Bob Bausmith, Dale Smith, Lindsay Fawber, Brian Joy)

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Pause and kneel awhile

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all

his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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 Tina Merz on the anniversary of her 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 pray for the people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine during this time of conflict, and the protection of innocent life everywhere.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially David Daniels, Bruce Szymanski, and Charlotte Meehan.

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 *Hosanna to the Son of David* Daniel Moe (1926-2012)

American composer, conductor, and pedagogue, Daniel Moe taught choral conducting for 20 years at Oberlin Conservatory of Music and later founded the Key Chorale in Sarasota, FL. His compositional style emphasizes mixed meter, quasi-tonality, and quartal/quintal harmony (based on 4ths and 5ths). This piece utilizes a short, repeated motif to create an insistent choral texture which is punctuated by the organ with increasing intensity. Perhaps one can hear the anxious shouts of the crowd as Jesus enters Jerusalem and the foreshadowing of the Passion to come.

The people stand

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

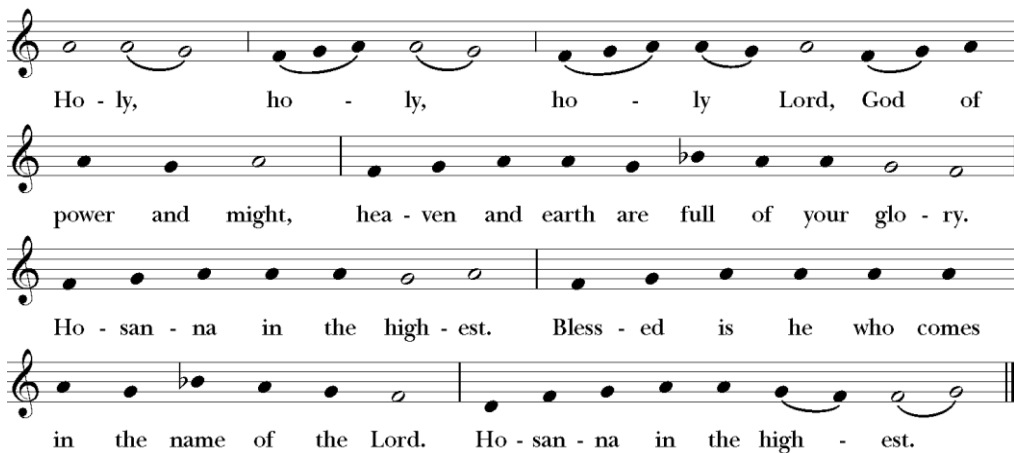
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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
power 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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The People remain standing as the Celebrant continues:

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:

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.

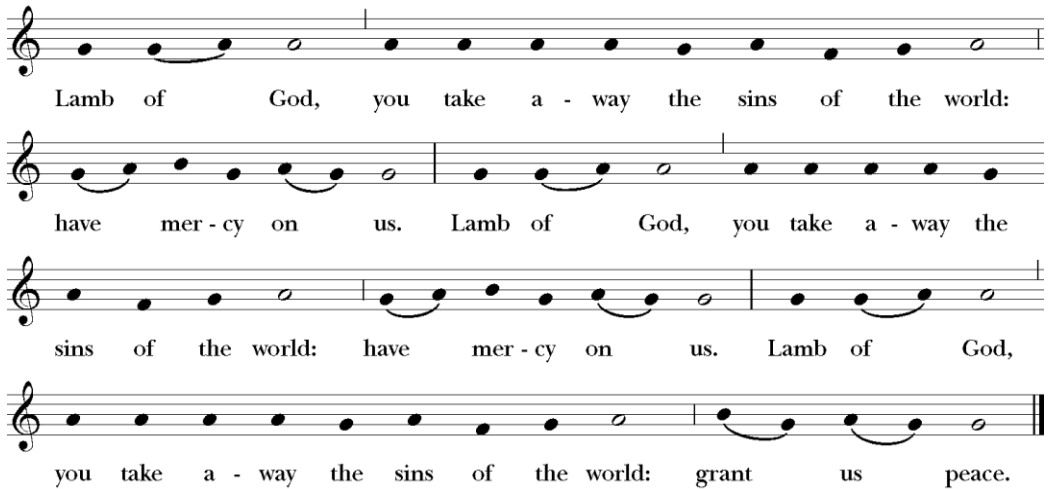
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION



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

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THE INVITATION

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

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC God So Loved the World (from *The Crucifixion*) John Stainer
 (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Metamorphosis Two

Philip Glass (b. 1937)

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 168 *O sacred head, sore wounded* Passion Chorale

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. Robert M. Lofberg

ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC– Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, Priscilla Thomas

LECTOR – Marilyn Tomlinson

INTERCESSOR – Rob Duncan

USHERS – Mike Shuey, Ted Newton, Judy Hock, Loretta Waldman

ACOLYTE – Quinn Ciccone, Ryder Morton

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Elizabeth Gallegos

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher

COVER ART – Jesus Rides into Jerusalem, artist unknown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers TODAY and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. If you would like healing ministers

to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, April 21** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley. For more information or to register your child, contact Priscilla Hooper, education@stjameswh.org. **No 3Ms on Monday, April 14.**

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Monday, April 14** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of various portions of scripture led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation. **No Bible study on Monday, April 21.**

EASTER PREPARATIONS

Mary Ann Haar is looking for help in preparing the main sanctuary for Easter on **Saturday, April 19 at 9am**. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

The team uncovered protective cloth from plants that were started late fall. With minimal watering (once or twice a month) they came through. We fed with seaweed emulsion, transplanted a few and watered well. For now, we're hand watering until water system gets turned on. Harvest in a few weeks! Interested in joining the team? Cheryl Wadsworth: cherw173@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to their next luncheon on **Tuesday, April 15** at 12pm in the dining room. The Rev. John Mitman will be the guest speaker. His topic: "The Tax Code – Past or Present, for Good or for Ill, for Richer or Poorer." Please bring your lunch/soup. All are welcome!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour has become a beloved part of our parish tradition. Please help to keep this tradition alive by volunteering to host or contribute baked goods. It's an easy lift, and Liz and Mary are happy to help if you've never hosted before (the hardest part is figuring out where to find things; the rest is fairly simple). Just click on the link to the online signup sheet in the weekly email or go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. If you have any questions or want to offer additional baked goods on a week that already has volunteers, please reach out to Liz Normand or to Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com.

COME ENJOY TIME IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN - And pick a few weeds!

Attention all gardeners! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! A team of weederd rotates on a bi-weekly basis June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up online using the QR Code. If you are unable to access the link, kindly see or email Claire Burnett at 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 considering helping with this important ministry!



FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT RETURNS!

On **Friday, April 25th** at 5:30 the St. James's tradition of 4th Friday Family night will return! We'll gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30 and have pizza while we play a movie for the kids. We'll send an Evite for RSVPs as we get closer to the date. If you're new to 4th Fridays and want to be added to the list, please email Liz Normand (e.julia.ernst@gmail.com). All are welcome, and please bring a friend!

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

WHAT'S EFM? FIND OUT AT OUR OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 28

Are you looking to delve more deeply into scripture, learn about church history, and ponder difficult questions surrounding your faith? Consider Education for Ministry (EfM), a program of lay theological education that combines worship, group and individual study, and spiritual reflection. Led by Ron Ward, group mentor, the EfM group at St. James's meets once a week from September to May and is open to individuals from congregations throughout Greater Hartford. Weekly meetings feature discussions of texts related to each year of the program as well as reflection and how the content relates to our lives. In addition, there is a break for socializing and snacks. Not an official part of the curriculum is an annual retreat to Holy Cross Monastery located on the Hudson River in West Park, NY. The monastery is home to an Anglican Benedictine community and where visitors can participate in the worship services and enjoy group sessions and individual retreat time. Interested? Come to our Open House on **Monday, April 28**, at 6:30pm in the Parish Room. To learn more, watch the video featuring St. James's EfM alumni: (www.stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm). Contact Ron Ward at 860-463-8057 or rtwtmr@comcast.net if you have questions or to let him know you're coming.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tom Rouse, thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 26**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

CHEF MINISTRY

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (please notice additions)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar.** 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 "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.

PRAYER LIST

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen, and Karen.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Tina Merz on the anniversary of her death. *May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of England.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe. Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS David Daniels, Bruce Szymanski, and Charlotte Meehan.



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00am Holy Eucharist
followed by breakfast in the
Parish Room

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00pm Holy Eucharist followed by the
Stripping of the Altars

Good Friday, April 18

12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy
1:00pm New Testament Reading - Chapel
7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy w/Choir

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00am Easter Prep in the church
7:30pm Easter Vigil at Christ Church
Cathedral, Hartford

Easter Sunday, April 20

10:00am Festal Eucharist followed
by Easter Egg Hunt for kids and
refreshments for all

WALK THE PATH OF JESUS

During Holy Week and Easter we remember and reenact the events that lead up to the death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrate the central tenant of our faith. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

We hope you will join us for Holy Week services at St. James's. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through liturgy, music, and prayer.

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The background of the entire page is a photograph of the interior of Trinity College Chapel. The view is from the side of the nave, looking down the length of the church. On the left, there are rows of dark wood pews with red lampshades on top. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. In the distance, a large, ornate pipe organ is visible under a high, vaulted wooden ceiling. A circular stained-glass window is set into the wall above the organ.

Collaborative Chorister Evensong June 1st 5:00pm

featuring choristers from St. John's (West Hartford),
The Choir School of Hartford (Hartford),
St. James's (West Hartford), Trinity-on-the-Green
(New Haven), Church of Christ UCC (Newington),
Chorus Angelicus (Torrington), and St. Paul's (Norwalk)

Free admission

Trinity College Chapel
300 Summit St. Hartford



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

(Breakfast served in the parish room
following the service)



Make a pledge
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*We are a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith.
No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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 The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg..... *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James..... *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. *Priest Associate*

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