



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
January 9, 2022 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 on selected Sundays of the month. Check the bulletin and 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

J. S. Bach

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.***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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*said*)

Celebrant and People

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth~everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Afferte Domino

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in

bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader 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, Ian 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 Bidwell Fuller and Lee Klippel on the anniversaries of their deaths, and Mary Meyer on the anniversary of her death and in whose name the altar flowers have been given. 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, especially Lucy Adams and Ollie Tewksbury.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

AT COMMUNION

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

J. S. Bach

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and 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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

THE 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 *À minuit fut fait un réveil* Jean-François Dandrieu

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

ASSISTING LAY-CURATE – Mr. Jonathan R. Smith

INTERIM ORGANIST – Robert Fertitta

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Kerri Raissian

ACOLYTE – Olivia Shuey

USHER – Ted Newton

LIVESTREAM DIRECTORS – Daniel Dollar

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 (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris & Louise, Barbara.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina **(C):** Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa **(D):** Audra, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan **(E):** Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark **(F):** Sydney, Clare, Leo, Larry, Cathleen, Denise, Javier **(G):** Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Gretchen, Nicki.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Mary Meyer, Bidwell Fuller, and Lee Klippel on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Mary Meyer.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury. For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Lucy Adams and Ollie Tewksbury.

STEWARDSHIP 2022 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2022 as of January 5.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Fran Cobb, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Ron Coons, John & Brenda Barrows, Jocelyn Ehn,
 Doug Compton, Mark & Cindy Welch, Rachael Desmond, Bob & Lynne Holloway,
 David & Jennifer Lemanski, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson,
 Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Paul & Diane Duva, Judith Lawes, Kimberly Goodrich,
 Bob & Claire Burnett, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee,
 John & Elizabeth Waterman, Bill & Judith Thompson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin,
 Bob & Betsy Smith, Ron Ward, Hunter & Debra Morton, Carol Hunt,
 Norman & Joan Kayser, Laura Delacruz, Charles Russo, Tyler & Courtney Smith,
 Borden & Ann Painter, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ben & Martha Parish,
 Bette Kelly, Bill & Nora Harris, Bernie Wilbur, Jr., Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson,
 Mari S. Merwin, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Michael & Linda Fournier,
 David & Virginia Kramer, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Mark Moyle, Mike Shuey,
 Donna Klucewicz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Eleanor Brazell, Sue Nelson,
 David & Christine Pearson, Gregory & Judy Hock, Dean & Kathleen Bolt,
 Steve & Diane Hunter, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Joseph & Jennifer Long,
 Chuck & Meredith Willson, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Doug & Ann Cooke,
 Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Elizabeth Cloud, Loretta Waldman,
 Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Mayrita Trojanowski,
 Betsy Curtler & Robert Sedivy, Priscilla H. Thomas, Judith Nellen, Bob Skenderian,
 Brad & Liz Normand, Richard M. Wenner, *Linda Vastano*, Steve & Lois Schneeberger,
 Dean & Ann Uphoff, Ian & Janet Duncan, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood,
 Sandra DeCelles, Geraldine Smalley, Harry Meyer, Mark & Cheri Evans,
 Christopher & Christina Wilson, John & Ruth Mitman, Alex Smith & Christine Pina,
 Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo,
 Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs,
 John & Machelie Rosenlieb, Bill & Judith Stahl, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson,
 Franklin & Angelique Dempsey, David Marshall, Jim & Kaitlyn Ware, Susan Ritz,
 Ted & Ronnie Newton, Tom & Linda Archambault, Louise Strillacci,
 Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, David & Samantha Dynowski, Barry Miller,
 Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Chan & Barbara Schiller,
 Hugh & Jan Whelan, Peter & Chris Peterson, Bob Fawber, Mark & Michelle Stafford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO COFFEE HOUR IN JANUARY

There will be no coffee hour during the month of January. If you would like to volunteer when coffee hour resumes (prepare coffee, contribute homemade or store-bought baked goods, and clean up) please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44a5ac28a3f85-coffee> and sign up. Two volunteers are needed each week. For more information, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

NO NURSERY CARE IN JANUARY

Out of an abundance of caution, there will be no nursery care during the 9:30 service for the month of January. As Omicron cases continue to climb in West Hartford, we have decided that no nursery care is the best option for now. We will continue with KFC (Kids for Christ) during the 9:30 service as long as it feels safe to do so. Later this month, we will assess if nursery care is possible in February. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org with questions.

HOLY EUCHARIST EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7:00 in the chapel.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEONS CANCELED

The Tuesday luncheons scheduled for January 11 and 25 have been canceled due to precautions regarding an uptick in Covid-19 infections throughout the state. We will reassess in February at which time we hope to resume our gatherings.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 23, 2022** after the 9:30 service in the church. All parishioners are asked to attend. No regular coffee hour that day, but refreshment will be available in the church. Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 16.

NATIVITY WALK UPDATE

Nearly 40 children took part in the Nativity Walk on Thursday, December 2. We did the walk as a way of participating in the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll. The walk consisted of four scenes staged around the outside of the church. Tour guides led small groups around to each scene, narrating as they went. About 150 people participated in the first-time event! Here is a link to the YouTube video of the Walk created by our own Christine Waterman. It was made in low light so you might want to turn up the contrast on your device. The link: https://youtu.be/mqm_Ir8ppLc. Enjoy!

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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith." The next meeting will be held **Saturday, January 22**. Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD BAGS

St. James's is committed to donating 30 complete bags of food every two weeks to HCW. Each bag for HCW includes:

- 2 cans tuna fish, 1 jar mayo
- 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly
- 1 jar pasta sauce, 1 box/bag pasta, 1 can soup
- 1 can beans (black, red, pinto, etc.)



Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30am-4pm. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! If a monetary donation is easier for you, please note: "HCW Food Bag donation" on your check and we will do the shopping for you!



WARRANT

**St. James's
Episcopal
Church
will hold its
Annual Meeting
after the 9:30
service on
Sunday,
January 23
in the year 2022**

**All parishioners are
asked to attend**

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. JAMES'S FIRST ANNUAL



PUB
TRIVIA
NIGHT

Saturday , February 5, 2022

5-8PM

SERVING BEER, WINE, SODA AND MUNCHIES:

WINGS, SLIDERS, NACHO BAR AND MORE....



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. in the chapel

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

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *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*
 The Rev'd Terry M. Wysong *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*
 Mr. Jonathan Smith *Lay-Curate*

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Michael Sherrill *Assistant Treasurer*

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Mrs. Claire Burnett *Senior Warden*
 Mr. David Dynowski *Junior Warden*
 Mrs. Kerri Raissian *Clerk*
 Mr. Harry Meyer *Treasurer*

2022	2023	2024
Doug Compton	Jerrod Bowman	Adam Fisher
Greg Jacobs	Ruth Mitman	Jessica Henning
Chris Keesling	Tyler Smith	Jonathan Lewis
	Loretta Waldman	Debra Morton

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 No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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