



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17th, 2023

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

Lyn Meyers & Russ Griemsmann, *Wardens* Joanne F. Archibald, *Music Director*

The Rev. Michael Plekon, *Guest Clergy*

8 & 10:00 a.m. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

WELCOME

A Warm Welcome to All! We at St. James' are especially delighted, honored, and blessed to welcome visitors and newcomers here to this beloved church today. Assisted Listening Devices are available for the hearing impaired, please ask an usher for a device. Restrooms are located along the hallway that is through the exit at the front left corner of the sanctuary. Visitors in need of a pastoral call or interested in learning more about our parish and Church are invited to fill out a Welcome Card located in each pew and drop it with an usher, and you will receive a follow-up call. Please note that all baptized Christians of any denomination are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus (Southern Folk Melody)

Arranged by Mark Hayes

(Immediately following the prelude, please take a moment to meditate as you listen to the tolling of the bell, calling us to worship)

The Word of God

Opening Hymn # 376 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Presider may say

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 #278 (Mathias) (*Front of The Hymnal 1982*) (Spoken at 8:00 am BCP p. 356)

The Collect of the Day

See insert

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray...

The Presider prays the Collect (found on your insert).

The Lessons

The people sit for the lessons (found on your insert).

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

After the Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 114

(Read in unison.)

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

After the Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn #425 *(The Hymnal 1982) (10:00 am only)* *Sing now with joy unto the Lord*

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

All standing as able, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Plekon

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Form III (Book of Common Prayer p. 387)

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand. The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
(Please observe social-distancing while sharing the Peace.)*

Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Presider may begin the Offertory with an Offertory Sentence.

Offertory Anthem (10 am only) *As Streams in the Desert*

Vincent Ambrosetti
Summer Choir

Presentation Hymn # 411 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

O bless the Lord, my soul

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts. The people stand, as able, while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B (*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*)

The Presider faces the People and says:

The Lord be with you

People *And also with you*

Presider Lift up you hearts

People *We lift them to the Lord*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Here a Proper Preface is said

...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 #S 128 (*spoken at 8:00 am* Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord

The musical score is written on five staves. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues the prayer

We give thanks to you, O God...

(Presider continues....)

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

The Lord's Prayer #264 *(The Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal)* **(spoken a 8:00 am)**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung:

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Communion.

To receive a priestly blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free hosts are available by request.

Communion Hymns: #674 *(The Hymnal 1982) (10:00 am only)* *Forgive our sins as we forgive*
#581 *(The Hymnal 1982)* *Where charity and love prevail*

[If the Sacrament is to be shared with homebound parishioners, the following form is used:

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Presider

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People:

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.]

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider may bless the people.

Closing Hymn # 690 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Joy!

Garrett Parker

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

We welcome The Rev. Michael Plekon today and for the month of September. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. We are blessed indeed.

We will be offering Healing Prayers at both the 8 & 10 AM services this morning.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Joining Jesus Capital Projects Campaign. We are proud to say that there is air conditioning in the sanctuary! Come and experience the cool air while you worship, giving thanks to God!

Prayer During Time of Transition:

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanks to St. Martin's in the Field Episcopal Church, Keller TX for this powerful prayer

Music Notes:

THANK YOU to Donna Tuck, Carillonneur, who tolled the Four Fives on September 11th on our carillon. We appreciate her service to St. James' and our Danbury community.

SERVICE MUSIC CHANGE

For the coming weeks during September and October (at the 10am service) we will be singing some of William Mathias' service music which can be found at the front of our 1982 Blue Hymnals. We will use S-278 for the Gloria and S-128 for the Sanctus on the appropriate Sundays.

William Mathias was born November 1, 1934 and died July 29, 1992. He was a Welsh composer and is known for music he wrote for the Anglican choral tradition as well as other choral and orchestral pieces.

His most famous anthem is most likely the Let The People Praise Thee, O God, which was written for the July 1981 royal wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Here is the YouTube

link to the offering of this anthem at the wedding. <https://youtu.be/2O52leeM8Io>


NOTE regarding the 10AM PROCESSIONALS:

The Chancel Choir has made the decision, (along with input from our Wardens and the Worship Committee) to join the service processions on Feast Days and special services only. The choir will enter via the side door during the prelude on most Sundays; as they do during the summer months. They will continue to vest. This decision was made due to some physical issues for some choir members, with safety being an important factor. Thank you for your understanding.

Breaking Bread Together

On Saturday September 23, the Parish Life Committee will be hosting an evening where our homebound parishioners and others will all be Breaking Bread at the same time (eating the same meal!)

We are looking for volunteers to cook (recipe is in E-pistle or on back table) or deliver meals, or bring a few things to make this evening a success! Please RSVP so that we can get a head count.



The Mission offering for Sept and Oct has been designated for Underground New England (UGNE).

UGNE's mission is to prevent and bring awareness of human trafficking to communities by partnering with churches and state agencies in CT and New England. UGNE also assists victims and survivors as they take steps to liberty, freedom and rebuilding their lives.

Human trafficking can manifest itself in many areas of labor, sex trafficking and the sale of human organs and impacts all races, ages, genders, regardless of financial status.

You ask, "What can one person do?" Please consider donating to UGNE to help end human trafficking in Connecticut.

You may make your check out to St. James' and write UGNE or Sept-Oct mission offering in the notation field. Thank you.

Sponsor a pane, so they won't be a pain

For the month of September we will be holding a fundraiser to replace the windows in the Parish Hall.

A generous parishioner has agreed to match up to \$15,000 to get the 8 windows replaced.

That means each pane is approx \$50.
Please note windows on your donations.



THIS WEEK

**For all zoom meetings, the link may be found on our calendar
<https://www.saintjamesdanbury.org/calendar.html>**

Sunday, September 17

8:00am Chapel Worship & Healing

9:15am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Church Worship & Healing(In person and live streaming)

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

7:00pm Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 20

12:00pm Noonday Prayers (Chapel)

7:00pm Pastoral Care - Parish Hall

Thursday, September 21

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

11:00am Bible Study - Zoom

In Case of an Emergency:

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our wardens, Lyn Meyers (203) 275-5604 or Russ Griemsmann (203) 744-3417 (H) and (516) 680-6386 (M) and they will get in contact with a clergy person.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

To add a name to our Sunday prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 203-748-3561 or welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org. Please be sure you ask permission from the individual before placing another's name on our public prayer list.)

- For all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Jim, Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Irene, Tom, Virginia, Erma, Rob, Joseph, Grace, Nacho, Ruth, Bobby, Regis, Donovan, Amy, John, Joey, Joan, Vivien, Louise, Britton, Trevor, Maddie, Baby Noah, Jim, Father Bernie and the parish of St. Timothy's, Former President Jimmy Carter; for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Maui, and for victims of gun violence
- For mindfulness to the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall:
- For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff & Laura our bishops, for the visiting clergy & lay leadership of St. James'
- For those celebrating birthdays: Grace Rundhaug
For those celebrating anniversaries: Skip & Linda Clapp; Bob & Pat Pearson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

September 17th

10:00 AM

Ushers: Marion Liberati, Donna Tuck
Altar Server: Susie Sarkisian
Lectors: Frank Giarratana, Alvin Tuck
Intercessor: Dan Cox
Flower Arranger: Open
Flower Deliver: George Bogart
Financial Stewards: Ernie Harrington, Lyn Meyers, Deb Kaufmann
Bell Ringer & Carillon: David Katz

September 24th

10:00 AM

Ushers: Jim Beschle, Carolyn Flynn
Lectors: Bill Hutchinson, Jeanne Todaro
Morning Prayer Leader: Denise Holl
Intercessor: Jean Hassen
Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliver: Alvin Tuck
Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew Westfall
Bell Ringer & Carillon: Donna Tuck

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Sunday Worship Schedule:

8am—Chapel Worship
10am - Church Worship with Choir
(Handicapped accessible and live-streamed)

Wednesdays: Noonday Prayers - Chapel
Our Chapel is not handicapped accessible

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