



May 24, 2026  
10:00 a.m.  
St. James' Episcopal Church

### A Warm Welcome to All!

A Warm Welcome to All! St. James' is especially delighted and blessed to welcome you to our beloved church today. Assisted Listening Devices are available from an usher. Restrooms are located in the hallway through the exit at the front left corner of the sanctuary. Visitors are invited to fill out a Welcome Card located in each pew, drop it with an usher or put it in the collection basket. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in our church. Our worship uses three books located in your pews: the blue Hymnal, the red & black Lift Every Voice hymnal (LEVAS) and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Please hold silence during the Prelude as we gather to worship.

Prelude Spirit of the Living God, by Daniel Iverson/Arranged by Emma Lou Diemer

### Welcome and Announcements

*All stand as able.*

Opening Hymn Hail Thee, Festival Day! Blue Hymnal #225

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Collect for Purity

*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 Blue Hymnal S-280

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray....

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### A reading from the Acts of Apostles

2:1-21

#### **First Reading: English, verses 1-6**

Reader 1: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Reader 2: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Reader 3: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

Reader 4: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Reader 5: Now, there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

Reader 6: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

#### **Second Reading: Individual Languages, verses 1-6**

Reader 1, English, verse 1

Reader 2, verse 2

Reader 3, verse 3

Reader 4, verse 4

Reader 5, verse 5

Reader 6, verse 6

#### **Third Reading: All Languages, verses 1-6**

Reader 1, verses 7-21

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 104:25-35,37**

Read responsively, changing at the \*. Lector begins with 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**

28 All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
**may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the LORD.**

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
**Hallelujah!**

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another



For our world in its brokenness, that the peace of the risen Christ heal the wounds of all victims of injustice and exploitation, and transform the hearts of those who lead the nations and who make public policy, that they may truly become makers of peace, we pray:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

That liberal and conservative may be drawn together in truth by the Spirit and come to rejoice in their different gifts and points of view, we pray:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

For those weighed down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the children of God. we pray:  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

In thanksgiving for the departed, and for all who witnessed to us of God's love poured into our hearts by the Spirit, and for the grace to be faithful to all they have been for us, we pray:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Gracious God, receive our prayer; hear our hearts' deep yearnings, yet to be formed into words. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are and have yet to become, to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
*People* **And also with you.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Gina Gore

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*  
Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Anthem** Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me Chancel Choir  
Tune: Adoro te devote/Arranged by K. Lee Scott

**Presentation Hymn** Praise the Spirit in Creation Blue Hymnal #507, Stanzas 1,2,3,6

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

*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 God thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father 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:

*Celebrant and People*

### **Sanctus**

Blue Hymnal S-125

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 say:

**The Lord's Prayer** (Sung)

LEVAS #264

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to come forward for Communion. To receive a priestly blessing instead, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Hymns**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Blue Hymnal #508  
Blue Hymnal #510

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online**

*Celebrant* Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts, fill us with hope, be present in every moment of our lives and never leave us comfortless. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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

A Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Celebrant and people*

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

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Blue Hymnal #608

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

Postlude No.10 by Charles Vincent

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If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!  
Please feel free to introduce yourself to an usher or fill out a welcome card in the pews.

### **Assisting in Worship**

May 24, 2026

10:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Gina Gore  
Director of Music: Joanne F. Archibald  
Ushers: Michelle Cummings, Jim Beschle  
Altar Server: Harriet Arthur, Richard Arthur  
Lectors: Frank Giarratana, Linda Harrison  
Intercessor: Janet Brown  
Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew Westfall  
Flower Arranger: Christine DiMeglio  
Flower Deliverer: Donna Tuck  
Audio Tech: Lew Westfall

### **Parish Intercessions**

Let us pray for all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Elaine, Ed, Gary, Bob, Cathy, Bob, Mark, Sandy, Myrna, Theo, Jana, Jim, Jamie, Claire, Gabby, Cady, Freddie, Shirley, Jean, Jane, Ricky, John and Vivien.

Lord, we pray for the family of Virginia Benton, mother of Brenda and Yvonne, who passed on May 20th; for Carole Kiddoe, sister of Yvonne Kiddoe, who passed on May 1st; and for the family of Lenore McCarry, family friend of Rev. Gina's, who passed on May 15th. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Trinity, New Haven; St. James', New London; St. John's, New Milford; Those in discernment and preparing for ordination; The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

We pray for peace, protection, and comfort for those affected by conflict in the Middle East, asking for wisdom for leaders, safety for civilians, and a swift end to violence.

For the intentions on our prayer wall: That I don't get sick, for a better tomorrow

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Becky Fanning, Theo Gammie.

### **Pastoral Care Support**

#### **Prayer Chain**

To add your name to the prayer chain contact Kathy Sabbagh at 203-748-4042 or email [kathysabba48@gmail.com](mailto:kathysabba48@gmail.com).

#### **Prayer List**

To add your name to the weekly bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office at 203-748-3561, or [welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org](mailto:welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org).

#### **Healing Prayer**

Healing ministers are available for healing prayer after Sunday services weekly. Please ask an usher to direct you to one.

**Pastoral Support** or a pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Gina Gore at 203-748-3562 to leave a confidential message or email [ggore@saintjamesdanbury.org](mailto:ggore@saintjamesdanbury.org).

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**Worship Schedule**

**Sundays**      **Holy Eucharist:** 8 am *(in the Chapel)*  
**Choral Holy Eucharist:** 10 am *(in the Church and Live-Streamed)*  
**Wednesdays**      **Holy Eucharist:** 9:30am *(in the Chapel)*

**Office Hours**

**Mondays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Clergy, Wardens, & Staff**

The Rev. Gina Gore, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Affiliate Priest  
The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon, Affiliate Priest  
The Rev. Dr. Jim Wheeler, Affiliate Priest  
Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music  
Garry Riordan, Sexton  
Russ Griemsmann & Jim Beschle, Wardens  
Lyn Meyers, Treasurer

*Please note: Our main Church has an accessibility ramp. However, our smaller Chapel (used at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays and noon on Wednesdays), is not wheelchair accessible.*