



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16th, 2024**

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WELCOME

A Warm Welcome to All! We at 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, drop it with an usher, and you will receive a follow-up call. Please note that all are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)

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

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour
by Robert Lowry/Arr. By Steven Scott

Welcome and Announcements

All stand as able

Opening Hymn #376 (The Hymnal 1982) *Joyful, joyful, we adore
Thee*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

Song of Praise: #216 (Lift Every Voice and Sing) *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray....

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the lessons

The Word of God

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After the Reading

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

Read antiphonally changing at the Lector begins with 1st verse and congregation follows.*

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]
For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all;

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon

A period of silence is kept.

All stand as able

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.**

Prayers of the people Form IV

Book of Common Prayer page 388

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect
All remain standing as able*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant

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

The Peace

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

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

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

All are seated

Offertory Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

(Lift Every Voice and Sing)
Summer Choir

All stand as able

Presentation Hymn #424

(The Hymnal 1982)

For the fruit of all creation

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, p. 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

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 People may kneel as the Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious Father...

(Celebrant continues....)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. O Father....

...

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.

Celebrant and People:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All 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 Hymn #178	(Lift Every Voice and Sing)	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>
#192	(Lift Every Voice and Sing)	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>

Healing Prayer *(said by Presider)*

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: We use this oil that your Holy Spirit has sanctified through our bishops; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those whom faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

The people are invited to come forward to a healing minister for prayer.

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 and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

Let us pray.

Post Healing Prayer *(said by all)*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from all suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant 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

Closing Hymn #558

(The Hymnal 1982)

Faith of our fathers

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O God, Thou Art the Father (Trad. Irish melody)
Arrangement by David Paxton

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

June 16

8:00 AM

Lector: Skip Clapp

10:00 AM

Ushers: Elaine Sleath, Frank Giarratana

Lectors: Dan Cox, Deb Kaufmann

Intercessor: Lyn Meyers

Altar Server: Jana Draper

Financial Stewards: Ernie Harrington, Lyn
Meyers, Deb Kaufmann

Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

Flower Deliver: Donna Tuck

Audio Tech: Lew Westfall
Healing Ministers:
Perry Downs, Suzanne Carley

June 23

8:00AM

Lector: Karen Davidson

10:00 AM

Ushers: Jehad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn

Altar Server: Jana Draper

Lectors: Perry Downs, Whitney Pratt-Cote

Intercessor: Deb Kaufmann

Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew
Westfall

Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington

Flower Deliver: Jim Beschle

Audio Tech: Russ Griemsmann

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE MISSION: Dorothy Day Hospitality Meal

How can you help? You can Make a financial contribution or Volunteer to prepare the meal (Third Thursday of every month at 10AM in the parish hall kitchen), and Volunteer to serve the meal (Third Friday of every month 12PM at the Dorothy Day house on Spring St.) Questions? Speak with Linda Harrison or email her at h20liley@aol.com

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Irene, Virginia, Helen, Linda, Donovan, Peter, Richard, Sandi, Pat, Susan, Ruth, Nancy, Wayne, Suzanne, Jeanne, Geraldine, Vivien, for the people of the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, and for victims of gun violence.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff & Laura our Bishops, for Rev. Gina, our clergy and lay ministers.

For St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich.

For Students of all ages who are graduating; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

For the intentions on our prayer wall: to save lives, to get what you give, for acceptance, and for everyone.

For those celebrating birthdays this week Allan Brown, and Leslie Sanford.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John McLaughlin by his wife Loretta MacLaughlin.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 16 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Chapel Worship

9:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal - Church

10:00am Sunday Worship (live-Stream and In-Person)

11:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 17

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

Tuesday, June 18

6:00pm Vestry meeting – Library

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth: Office closed, no Eucharist

Thursday, June 20

Friday, June 21

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

1:00pm Carillon Recital for Make Music Day

Saturday, June 22

Sunday, June 23

Adult Forum, Who is Samuel? With The Reverend Dr. Carole Johannsen

In Case of an Emergency:

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our Priest-In-Charge, Rev. Gina at 203-748-3561 ex 14 (office)

MUSIC NOTES

MAKE MUSIC DAY, June 21, 2024

Donna Tuck will play a short recital on our carillon at 1pm for Make Music Day, as we join with musicians around our city and the world in this music celebration. Thank you, Donna, for sharing your time and talents as you prepare and present this special treat!

The Memorial Garden at St. James' is a beautiful place to sit and listen. Bring a chair and your family/friends!

The CHRISTEL DAVIS MEMORIAL CARILLON CONCERT SERIES will take place on Wednesdays in July at 1pm in St. James' memorial garden. Bring a chair, your lunch, and a friend! See attached poster for details.

Submitted by Joanne F. Archibald
St. James' Director of Music Ministries

Clergy, Wardens, & Staff

The Rev. Gina Gore, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Affiliate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon, Affiliate Priest
Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music
Melina De Osambela, Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper
Ricky Lopez, Sexton

Lyn Meyers, Senior Warden
Russ Griemsmann, Junior Warden

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays
(in the Chapel)

Holy Eucharist: 8am *(in the*

Choral Holy Eucharist: 10am
(in the Church and Live-Streamed)

Wednesdays

Noonday Prayers: 12pm
(in the Chapel)

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

NOTES