



## **The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9th, 2024**

**St. James' Episcopal Church  
Danbury, CT**

The Rev. Gina Gore, *Priest-in-Charge*

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

**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

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

## **Prelude**

*Jerusalem* by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry;  
Organ transcription by Maurizio Machella

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*All stand as able*

## **Opening Hymn #594**

(The Hymnal 1982)

*God of grace and God of glory*

## **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 Word of God

*The people sit for the lessons*

## **A reading from the First Book of Samuel**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." [Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

*After the Reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*After the Reading*

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*All stand as able*

**Sequence Hymn #620** (The Hymnal 1982) *Jerusalem, my happy home* Stanzas 1,2, 5

**The Gospel****Mark 3:20-35**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
<i>People</i>	<b>Glory be to thee, O Lord.</b>

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a

strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

*After the Gospel*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Gina Gore**

*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:**      *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*      Summer Choir

*All stand as able*

**Presentation Hymn #533**

(The Hymnal 1982)

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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**

## Santo, Santo, Santo

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in common time (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: C, G7, Am, C/G, F, G, F/C, C. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in two lines. The first line of lyrics is: "San - to, san - to, san-to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi". The second line of lyrics is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system of the score begins with the following chords: F, G, C, Am, F, G7, C. The lyrics for this system are: "co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!". The final line of lyrics is: "heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord."

Text: Argentine folk song; English tr., anonymous  
Tune: Traditional Argentine; adapt. and arr., Carlton R. Young, b.1926; 2022, © 2023, GIA Publications, Inc.

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*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 #267** (The Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal) Note: new tune

### **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, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available by request.*

**Communion Hymn #188** (Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal) *It is Well with my Soul*

**#184** (Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

### **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.**

## **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 #20** (Lift Every Voice and Sing) *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God (March Triumphale)*  
by Sigfried Karg-Elert/ Edited by Diane Bish



# 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](mailto:h20liley@aol.com)

## PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Vivien, Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Irene, Virginia, Helen, Linda, Donavan, Peter, Richard, Sandi, Pat, Susan, Ruth, Nancy, Wayne, Suzanne, Jeanne, Geraldine, 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 Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford.

For Episcopal Rainbow, Trans Episcopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community; Provincede L'Eglise Anglicane DuCongo.

For the intentions on our prayer wall: for acceptance, for a home of my own, to save lives.

For those celebrating birthdays this week David Katz.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bern Gomoll given by Linda Harrison

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

June 9

8:00AM

Lector: Gary Rogers

10:00 AM

Ushers: Jim Beschle, Elaine Sleath

Altar Server: Linda Spaziani

Lectors: Robert Ward, Frank Giarratana

Intercessor: Dan Cox

Financial Stewards: Carolyn Flynn, Jihad Sabbagh

Flower Arranger: Janet Brown

Flower Deliver: Alvin Tuck

Audio Tech: Lew Westfall

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



# CALENDAR

## **Sunday, June 09 The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00am Chapel Worship  
9:15am Summer Choir Rehearsal - Church  
10:00am Sunday Worship (live-Stream and In-Person)  
11:00am Parish Picnic - Garden  
11:30am Bell Choir

## **Monday, June 10**

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours  
11:00am Rental Committee - Zoom

## **Tuesday, June 11**

6:00pm Worship Committee – Lounge

## **Wednesday, June 12**

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist – Chapel  
5:00pm Capital Campaign Projects Committee – Zoom

## **Thursday, June 13**

## **Friday, June 14**

9:00am – 3:00pm Office Hours

## **Saturday, June 15**

Vestry retreat

## **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

SUMMER CHOIR begins this Sunday, June 9th. Join us for a brief warm-up and rehearsal of the hymns for worship at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. This is an informal choir (no vestments, no Thursday night rehearsals) for those who would like the opportunity to lead the hymn singing at the 10am service. Summer Choir will not be processing and will sit in the front chancel area during worship. Come and lift your voice in praise!

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.

THANK YOU to Donna and Alvin Tuck, Bob Ward, and Carolyn Flynn for doing some much needed dusting and cleaning of the carillon tower and stairs in preparation for the July concert series. You are very much appreciated!

Submitted by Joanne F. Archibald  
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### **Worship Schedule:**

#### **Sundays**

**Holy Eucharist:** 8am *(in the Chapel)*

**Choral Holy Eucharist:** 10am

*(in the Church and Live-Streamed)*

#### **Wednesdays**

**Holy Eucharist:** 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.*