

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS AND BLESSED EASTER



He Is
RISEN

The Lord has conquered death and brought us new life.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
EASTER DAY**

April 5th, 2026

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

A beacon of hope, living the Gospel, with love and compassion.

WELCOME

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

Prayer, p. 355

Book of Common

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

Prelude

My Spirit Be Joyful from Easter Cantata No. 146
By J.S. Bach/Arranged by E. Power Biggs

Welcome and Announcements

All stand as able.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Blue

Accompanied by trumpet and St. James' Ringers.
(Bell Choir Director: Deidra Woodend; Bell music by Albert Zabel)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Blue

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the

gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons.

The Lessons

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Read in unison.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."**

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal saying: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward unity within the church and with our neighbors, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love: for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is with Christ in God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

The Peace

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

Please 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

A Flourish for Easter (He is Risen)
by Tom Lough/Arranged by Jon Paige: Bell music by Stacey Nordmeyer
Chancel Choir, St. James' Ringers, Anthony

Nunes: trumpet

All stand or kneel as able.

Presentation Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell

Blue

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus**The Holy Eucharist****S 125****Holy, holy, holy Lord Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Then 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,

Celebrant and People

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)
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LEVAS

**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 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.


Communion Hymns	Now the green blade riseth	Blue
Hymnal #204		
	At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	Blue
Hymnal #174		




1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free soul's new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Following communion all may be seated.

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.**

All stand as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Easter Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #208

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

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next page.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped. f

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped. f

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.
 Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr.
 William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

888 with Alleluias

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Tune by Joseph David Jones/Arranged by Sharon Elery Rogers

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If you are visiting us for the first time, **WELCOME!**
Please feel free to introduce yourself to us or fill out a **welcome card** in the pews.
We hope you will join us again soon.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

April

8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Gina Gore
Affiliate Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen
Director of Music: Joanne F. Archibald
Lector: Gary Rogers
Intercessor: Frank Sweeney
Trumpeter: Steven Moskowitz
Carillonneur: Kristin O'Conner Vece

10:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Gina Gore
Director of Music: Joanne F. Archibald
Ushers: Dan Cox, Jehad Sabbagh
Lectors: Perry Downs, Frank Giarratana
Intercessor: Jeanne Todaro
Altar Server: Jewell Smith-Thornton
Financial Stewards: Ernie Harrington, Deb Kaufmann, Lyn Meyers
Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
Flower Deliverer: Jana Draper
Audio Tech: Russ Griemsmann
Trumpeter: Steven Moskowitz
Carillonneur: Kristin O'Conner Vece

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no coffee hour today but we hope you'll join us on an upcoming Sunday when we always have

coffee, treats and plenty of fellowship!

We welcome back GUEST TRUMPETER, Steven Moskowitz. Steve and Joanne will play the Prelude and Postlude together and Steve will accompany two of our hymns.

Our GUEST CARILLONNEUR today is Kristin O'Connor Vece, who grew up at St. James' Church and was tutored on the carillon by our beloved Christel Davis. Kristin will return to St. James' this summer to play for the Christel Davis Memorial Carillon Concerts Series. Did you know that the St. James' Ella S. Bulkley Memorial Carillon was played for the first time on Easter Sunday in 1928?

Thank you to all who donated to our 2025 Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings. The booklet is on our information table near the church entrance. A digital copy has been included in the e-news and posted to our parish website for downloading. Your loved ones are in our prayers.

Thank you to the Worship Committee and Altar Guild who worked so diligently this week to make our Holy Week services meaningful and our worship spaces beautiful; to Buildings & Grounds for beautifying our grounds and keeping our facilities in top order; to the Audio Technicians for covering all services; and to Joanne Archibald, the Chancel Choir, the St. James' Bell Ringers and our guest musicians. We appreciate you all!

Please sign up to receive our weekly e-news by going to our website at www.saintjamesdanbury.org.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

The Annual Mother's Day Breakfast, prepared by the Men of St. James', is on **May 11th** at 9:00 a.m. All are invited!

Pentecost is Sunday, **June 8th**. The 10:00 a.m. service will include Baptisms. If you or someone you love is interested in Holy Baptism, please contact the office by April 29 by emailing welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org or calling 203-748-3561. All ages are welcome.

The Second Annual Pride Service is Wednesday, **June 25th** at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic is **June 29th** at 9:00 a.m. at Bennett Park at 14 Shelter Rock Rd. in Bethel.

Our Summer Worship Schedule runs **June 29 through August 31** with one service at 9:00 a.m.

Our Summer Carillon Concert Series runs **July 2 through July 30** with Wednesday concerts at 1:00 p.m. following our 12:00 pm worship service. Please join us!

Parish Intercessions

Let us pray for all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, especially Michelle, the Simonelli family, Katie, Beth, John, Vivien, Ronald, Peter, Claire, Linda, Evan, Kim, Amy, Lois, Arthur, Kim, Ruth, Pat, Kate, David, Rayann, Ava, Bill, Donovan, Sophia, John, Leanne, and Virginia.

For all people affected by war and natural disasters, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Russia.

For St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck.

For Clergy whose work is not in parishes, multi-vocational priests, clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

For Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

For all of the intentions on our prayer wall.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: David Swanson, Caitlin Driscoll, Mark Stirling, and Richard Arthur.

Flowers on the altar: Please refer to Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings booklet.

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.

Prayer List

To add your name to the weekly bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office at 203-748-3561, or email your request to 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 Rector, Rev. Gina Gore at 203-748-3561 x 14 to leave a confidential message or email ggore@saintjamesdanbury.org.

In Case of an Emergency:

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our Rector, Rev. Gina at 203-748-3561 ext 14. This is a confidential line.

Clergy, Wardens, & Staff

The Rev. Gina Gore, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Affiliate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon, Affiliate Priest
Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music
Ricky Lopez, Sexton
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Worship Schedule:

Sundays Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
(in the Chapel)
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am
(in the Church and Live-Streamed)
Wednesdays Holy Eucharist: 12pm
(in the Chapel)

Parish Office Hours

Mondays: 9:30-1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 9:30-3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 9:30-3:30 p.m.

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