

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR MAY 15, 2022
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,
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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Psalm

Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HEARTY 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 and drop it with an usher, and you will receive a follow-up from our priest right away. Please note that all baptized Christians of any denomination are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

TODAY:

CLERGY WELCOME:

While Fr. Dustin is away on vacation this week, we offer a hearty welcome and our gratitude to The Rev. Dr. David K. McIntosh for serving as our supply priest for our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist today! Please be sure you greet and share your thanks to Fr. David for being with us this morning.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAUNDRY LOVE

Laundry Love of Greater Danbury (LLGD) helps people who are struggling financially clean their clothes and linens on a regular basis. We see the laundromat as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated.

Laundry Love began in 2003 when T-Bone, a homeless gentleman living in Ventura, California, was asked, "T-Bone, how can we come alongside your life in a way that would matter?" His response was honest and practical, "If I had clean clothes, I think people would treat me like a human being."

There are currently about 325 registered Laundry Love locations across the U.S., including Danbury. Danbury currently serves over 180 individuals and families per month. For more information: www.laundrylove.org.

St. James', one of the founders of Laundry Love in Danbury, has been generous in its donations since it began in 2020. We hope you will consider a financial donation to this vital organization in our community. ~Denise Holl

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all for making our Mother's Day Breakfast a success this year, for all those that attended and for those that assisted. Special thanks to Jim Beschle, John Boddie, Jihad Sabbagh (including shopping), Mark Sarkisian, and Mark Stirling along with Gary Rogers who assisted in clean-up and Carolyn Flynn who added an extra set of hands. Next year, we promise that bacon will be provided.

~Thank you, Dan Cox

Another huge thank you to all those who supported the ECW Bake Sale last Sunday. With your generosity, we were able to raise \$444 to fund our Teddy Bear and Blanket program. So thanks to all those bakers for their cookies, brownies, cakes, muffins, bread, ... and for those who purchased these goodies. We are blessed!

MUSIC FOR EASTER V

During our 10am worship service the Chancel Choir will be singing "Bless the Lord" by G.F. Handel as an Offertory anthem. One of the communion hymns "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" will be accompanied by St. James' Ringers, directed by Deidra Woodend, and the sound of a rain stick, played by Jean Hassen. *Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music*

*"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!"
Psalm 57:7*

THE EASTER 2022 BOOK OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Easter 2022 edition of our Book of Loving Remembrance is still available for pickup from our Information Table near the church entrance this morning. A digital copy has also been included in your E-News, and posted to our parish website for downloading.

APRIL VESTRY MEETING:

Your Vestry Clerk Susie Sarkisian has prepared a summary of this week's vestry meeting, to help parishioners stay informed about the business of the parish. Hard copies are available for pickup from the Information Table near the church entrance, and can be downloaded from our weekly E-News.

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist, 8am (*Church*); Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am (*Choir Room*); Choral Holy Eucharist, 10am (*Church and Live-Streamed*); Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:30 (*Choir Room*)
- **Monday:** Growing in Faith Committee Meeting , 6:30pm (*Zoom*)
- **Tuesday:** Nar-Anon Meeting, 7pm (*Library*); Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, 7:15pm (*Parish Hall*)
- **Wednesday:** Wednesday Book Group, 11am (*Lounge*); Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); Pastoral Care Meeting, 7pm (*Parish Hall*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*); Choir Rehearsal, 7pm (*Choir Room*)
- **Friday:** Friday with Friends, 6pm (*Parish Hall*)
- **Saturday:** Worship Meeting, 10am (*Parish Hall*); Bible Study, 11am (*Zoom*)

COMING UP:

RECTOR VACATION:

Fr. Dustin is off for vacation from Monday, May 9th through Sunday, May 22nd. Our Sunday worship will be led by supply clergy on May 15th and 22nd. Please reach out to our wardens Janet Brown or Lyn Meyers for pastoral assistance while Fr. Dustin is away.

ECCT Bishop Diocesan Transition:

Please keep the voting delegates and clergy of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut in your prayers this week, in addition to the slate of candidates standing for election as our next diocesan bishop. The election will take place on Saturday, May 21st.

ANNUAL ST. JAMES' PARISH PICNIC

It's BAAAACKKKK! The Annual St. James' Parish Picnic is finally returning! Let's make this year a fellowship-filled and food filled kick off! Mark your calendars for **June 19th**, after the 10am service. Grilling, pot lucking, and a good does of 'returning to normal' - it's about time!

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

(To add a name to our Sunday prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 203-748-3561 or communications@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: Roja, Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Rob, Susan, Bob, Kim, Dom, Irene, Donovan, Colin & Family, Nancy, Linda, Robin, Grace, Charlotte, Deborah, Joan, Linda, Alexis, Laura, Caroline, Brandon, Julian, Virginia, and the people of Ukraine.

For our Eucharistic Visitees: Rita Butler

For those who have died:

For those celebrating birthdays: Aubree Beaudry, Joan Tarrant, Alvin Tuck, Jason Flynn

For those celebrating anniversaries: *None this week.*

The Altar Flowers: Flowers dedicated for Ray Gomoll given by his nieces and nephews.

Flowers in loving memory of Silio Zeloni. Given by the Kuhn, DaCosta and Ursini families.

WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 8AM (5/15)	NEXT WEEK 8AM (5/22)
Ushers	Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn	Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn
Altar Server	Bob Flynn	Bob Flynn
Lector/Intercessor	Linda Spaziani	Linda Spaziani

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 10AM (5/15)	NEXT WEEK 10AM (5/22)
Ushers	Donna Tuck, Karen Montecalvo	Carolyn Flynn, Jehad Sabbagh
Altar Server	Jana Draper	Deb Kaufmann
First Lector	Jean Hassen	Warren Webster
Second Lector	Dan Cox	Alvin Tuck
Intercessor	Janis Anderson	Dan Cox
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Montecalvo	TBD
Financial Stewards	Beth Cox, Mark Sarkisian	Janet Brown, Lew Westfall
Refreshments	Birthday Hour for Deidra Woodin Given by the Choir	TBD
Flower Arranger	Cheryl Harewood	Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer	George Bogart	Lyn Meyers

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8am (*In-Person*)
Choral Holy Eucharist: 10am
 (*In-Person and Live-Streamed*)

Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist: 12pm
 (*in the Chapel*)

