

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR MAY 22, 2022
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,
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The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle

Revelation 21:10, 22-25

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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 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.

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!

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*

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:** Finance Committee Meeting , 6pm (*Zoom*)
- **Tuesday:** Nar-Anon Meeting, 7pm (*Library*); Parish Life Committee Meeting, 7pm (*Zoom*)
- **Wednesday:** Wednesday Book Group, 11 am (*Lounge*); Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*); Choir Rehearsal, 7pm (*Choir Room*)
- **Friday:** *No Meetings Scheduled*
- **Saturday:** Bible Study, 11am (*Zoom*)

COMING UP:

RECTOR VACATION:

Fr. Dustin will be 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.



As a celebration of the season after The Feast of Pentecost, Fr. Dustin will be leading a two-session workshop on Spiritual Gifts on **Sunday, June 12th** and **Sunday, June 26th**. Each session will begin at 11:30am in the Library and last one hour. If you've ever wondered what the Holy Scriptures mean when they speak of "gifts of the Spirit," or if you want to find out what your own spiritual gifts might be, this workshop is perfect for you! During the first session, we will explore the idea of Spiritual Gifts in scriptural and practical terms, and then each participant will complete an assessment to help identify their own gifts for discussion in our second workshop.

*To assist with planning the workshop, **please sign up** on the bulletin board near the church entrance if you are planning to attend.*

ECCT Bishop Diocesan Transition: Meet and Greet the Candidates

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: May Molinaro

For those who have died: Lloyd Best

For those celebrating birthdays: Jason Flynn, Judy Griemsmann, Janis Flynn, Becky Fanning,

For those celebrating anniversaries: *None this week.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 8AM (5/22)	NEXT WEEK 8AM (5/29)
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	Skip Clapp

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 10AM (5/22)	NEXT WEEK 10AM (5/29)
Ushers	Carolyn Flynn, Jihad Sabbagh	Frank Giarratana, Dan Cox
Altar Server	Liz Hagan/John Boddie	Jana Draper
First Lector	Warren Webster	Jeanne Todaro
Second Lector	Alvin Tuck	Deb Kaufman
Intercessor	Dan Cox	Lyn Meyers
Eucharistic Visitor	Alvin Tuck	TBD
Financial Stewards	Janet Brown, Lew Wetfall	Carolyn Flynn, Jihad Sabbagh
Refreshments	Faith Formation	TBD
Flower Arranger	Ernie Harrington	Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer	Lyn Meyers	Frank Giarratana

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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*)

