

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR JANUARY 16, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR C

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.**
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.**
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her,

"Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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:

ST. JAMES' COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: AN UPDATE

Because of the rapidly increasing number of COVID-19 infections in the city of Danbury, our community has now been placed into the highest level of alert (the "red zone") by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Your vestry has discussed how to respond to this challenge in a way that will help keep us all safer, but that also will allow those who wish to worship together in-person the option to do so. ***Therefore, we will now once again require that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask at all times while in St. James' buildings. Also, we will suspend Coffee Hours until further notice, as that time of refreshment and fellowship involves the most face-to-face, unmasked interaction.*** Please keep in mind that masks and sanitizer are always available on the Information Table, and that we will continue to offer live-streams of our worship services for those who would prefer to join us from home, or for those who are feeling unwell. Thank you for your cooperation!

SEXTON VACATION:

Please note, St. James' Sexton Ricky Sanz is off for a day of vacation today. Many thanks to B&G committee member Bill Hutchinson for stepping in to get our building opened up for worship today!

THE FAITH-FILLED CITIZEN

For approximately 6 months, through the summer and fall of 2021, St. James' Episcopal Church held a series of meetings on racial justice, mediated by Susie Sarkisian and attended by many in our parish. One issue that repeatedly bubbled to the surface throughout the program was the importance of participating in public policy and governance, as a right and our responsibility. Toward the end of our series, we discovered that the Episcopal Church, USA is actively developing programs to encourage Episcopalians to get involved in civic affairs, guided by our values and faith in God.

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has an Office of Government Relations? It's purpose is to communicate to our government leaders the high priority values of Episcopalians in this country, and to actively influence policy and legislation around those issues. The policy positions for our Church emerge from General Convention and Executive Council resolutions. The main policy areas for which our Episcopal Church advocates include caring for our planet, working for racial reconciliation, and ending poverty.

All Episcopalians are invited to join the efforts of Office of Government Relations to ensure that our government policies reflect our values as followers of Jesus Christ. Over the months to come, look for more short articles like this one to keep you in the loop as a faith-filled citizen. Link to the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations> —by Christine DiMeglio, January 2022

VESTRY NEWS: DECEMBER MEETING

Our Vestry Clerk Susie Sarkisian has prepared a summary of December's vestry meeting for your information. The document can be downloaded in your weekly E-Pistle, or picked up in hard copy from the Welcome Table near the entrance to the church. The 2022 Budget for St. James' will be presented to the parish at the Annual Meeting on January 30th.

MISSION COMMITTEE: WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

On behalf of the Mission Committee at St. James, thanks to all who donated to our hats, scarves, gloves and socks drive over the past few weeks. They have been donated to Pacific House at Exit 4 and Dorothy Day and were greatly appreciated. Your generosity will

help many in our community stay warmer this winter. Blessings to all, —*Denise Holl*
FINAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Thank You to all those who contributed to our wonderful Celebration Sunday this year! **According to the revised tally of 2021, 81 pledge cards have been submitted, totaling \$243,068 of support for our parish's ministry in 2022.** Our final pledge figure for last year was 81 pledges totaling \$242,626, which means we have had a net gain in both pledge number and pledge amount over last year. If you haven't yet done so, it's never too late to submit a card with your giving intention for the year! Cards may be picked up from the Information Table near the church entrance.

STEWARDSHIP: OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Thank you to all who made a pledge for 2022. If you requested envelopes, you will find them on the table at the back of the church. If you didn't indicate on your pledge card, but would like to receive envelopes, please speak with Janet Brown. And remember, it's not too late to turn in a pledge card if you haven't already done so!

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist, 8am (*Church*); Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am (*Choir Room*); Holy Eucharist, 10am (*Church and Live-Streamed*); Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 (*Choir Room*)
- **Monday:** *No Meetings Scheduled*
- **Tuesday:** Vestry Meeting, 7pm (*Zoom*); Nar-Anon Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Wednesday:** Life Line Health Screening, 8am-6pm (*Parish Hall*); Wednesday Book Group, 11am (*Lounge*); Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); Capital Campaign Projects Committee, 5pm, (*Zoom*); Stephen Ministers, 6pm, (*Zoom*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** Dorothy Day Meal Preparation, 10am (*Parish Hall*); H.A. Meeting, 7:00pm (*Library*); Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm (*Choir Room*)
- **Friday:** Dorothy Day Meal Service, 12pm (*Hospitality House*)
- **Saturday:** Bible Study, 11am (*Zoom*)

COMING UP:

WORSHIP: PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE REFRESH

NEXT SUNDAY, January 23rd, we will refresh our list of names in our Prayers of the People. If you would like to include names for our intercessions for those who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow, please send them to our new email address for communications: **communications@saintjamesdanbury.org**.

2022 PAYMENT SIMPLIFICATION:

Want to simplify how you pay your pledge or make a donation in 2022? Here are two options:

- Have your bank send the check to the church office
 - Set up recurring payments through your online banking account - the checks will be mailed directly to the church
- Donate on line at www.saintjamesdanbury.org
 - Click here to donate today (There is a fee for this - it will ask if you want to cover the fees)

You can choose to make it recurring as well. --*Linda Spaziani, Assistant Treasurer*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 2022 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Good News! Your Nominating Committee (Gary Rogers, Jehad Sabbagh, Deb Kaufmann, Jana Draper, Bob Flynn, and Karen Montecalvo) is nearing the completion of their tasks for our Annual Meeting this year. Christine DiMeglio, Linda Harrison, and Russ Griemsmann have accepted nominations to serve on the vestry for three-year terms, and Lew Westfall has agreed to fill our one-year vacancy.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Please mark your calendars to be present for St. James' Annual Parish Meeting following the 10am worship service on January 30th, 2022, when we will elect our leaders for the new year, and learn more about all that awaits this church in our future together.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

(To add a name to our Sunday prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 203-748-3561 or welcome@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: Whitney, George, Roja, Joyce, Susan, Dom, Irene, Takoda, Ron, AJ, Dottie, Donovan, Kim, Sarah, Bob, Wayne, Linda, Joe, Joanne, Dorothy, Cathy, Nicky, and Bonnie; for Cheryl, LaNese, Colin, and Family; for Judith, Grant, Joy, Roger, and Family; for Rob and Family; and for Christel and Family.

For our Eucharistic Visitees: *Visitations paused.*

For those who have died: Clinton and Edward

For those celebrating birthdays: Yvonne Kiddoe

For those celebrating anniversaries: David and Laura Lee Katz

The Altar Flowers today are given in thanksgivings for January Birthdays.

WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 8AM (1/16)	NEXT WEEK 8AM (1/23)
Ushers	Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn	Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn
Altar Server	Linda Spaziani	Jean Hassen
Lector/Intercessor	Skip Clapp	Judy Toth

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Ushers	Carolyn Flynn/Jim Beschle	Jehad Sabbagh/Karen Montecalvo
Altar Server	Deb Kaufmann	Lew Westfall
First Lector	Deb Kaufmann	Janet Brown
Second Lector	Frank Giarratana	Dan Cox
Intercessor	Lyn Meyers	Deb Kaufmann
Eucharistic Visitor	Visitations Suspended	Visitations Suspended
Financial Stewards	Deb Kaufmann/Lyn Meyers/ Ernie Harrington	Janet Brown/Lew Westfall
Refreshments	Coffee Hour Suspended	Coffee Hour Suspended
Flower Arranger	Ernie Harrington	Janet Brown
Flower Deliverer	Bill Hutchinson	Dan Cox

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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*)

