

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR JUNE 19, 2022
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
YEAR C

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; 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

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and

breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Psalms

Psalm 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for 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:

PASTORAL CARE: HEALING PRAYERS AND ANOINTING TODAY

Our Pastoral Care team will resume offering prayers and anointing for healing during our Eucharistic worship at St. James' today. The plan is to offer these healing prayers at the time of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month. Please review the June 3rd "Letter from the Rector" for more information about this powerful experience of care and support from our Healing Ministers.

ANNUAL ST. JAMES' PARISH PICNIC TODAY

The picnic will be after the 10am service, and out front on West Street (trying something different this year!). There's rumor of Father's Day trivia fun... come give it a shot. Hope to see you all there!! ~Susie Sarkisian, Parish Life Committee

DANBURY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION TODAY

Following our Parish Picnic today, the campus of WestConn will be hosting a celebration of the Juneteenth Holiday from 12-5pm. Any parishioners interested in attending together are invited to reach out to Elaine Sleath or Linda Harrison. Please see the flyer included in our E-News or posted on our Information Table to find our more details.

MUSIC NOTES:

Music for the Second Sunday after Pentecost will include the **Prelude** "Lift Thine Eyes" from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*, which depicts events in the life of the prophet Elijah (found in I and II Kings in the Old Testament). The text for this piece in the oratorio comes from Psalm 121. "*Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.*"

A vocal trio - Jean Hassen, Deidra Woodend and Deborah Kaufmann will sing "As the Deer" by Marty Nystrom as the 10am **Offertory Anthem**. The opening text is taken from Psalm 42. "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.*" Marty wrote this song at a time in his life when he was not very spiritually motivated. A friend suggested he should fast as a way to bring himself back to God. It was during this time of spiritual discipline that Marty was inspired to compose this song. The chorus of this song encourages us to lean on God. "*You alone are my strength, my shield*".

Summer Choir will begin on Sunday, July 3rd and continue through September 4th. This informal group is open to anyone who would like a chance to help lead the singing during our 9am summer worship service. *Feel free to join for one Sunday, two Sundays, or whenever you're in town for the weekend. This is not an "every week" commitment!* A short rehearsal of the hymns for the day's service will be held from 8:20am-8:45am in the choir room. The Summer Choir will not be vesting nor will they be processing or recessing. We will simply enter the chancel area just prior to worship via the side door near the sacristy during the organ prelude. ~*Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music*

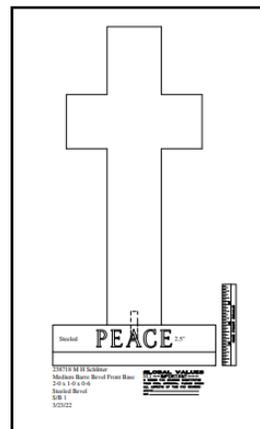
MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAUNDRY LOVE

Laundry Love provides an opportunity to serve people in our community who have little or no financial resources to have clean laundry. Clean laundry means dignity to children or youth in school and adults who are looking for a job opportunity or already working. When we provide cash cards to them, it gives us the opportunity to put a smile on someone's face and meet them where they live. Their gratitude is heart-warming; a gift to us. Your donation enables this ministry in Danbury.

Do you have an hour to spare once a month? If so, I invite you to join us at the White Street Wash once a month to share the means to help our neighbors. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month to give out cash cards and say "Welcome. It's nice to see you today." We offer 4 one-hour shifts to choose from between 11 am and 3 pm. It's an hour well spent. For more information on how you can help, contact Denise Holl.

CAPITAL PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATE

While the Capital Projects Committee continues to investigate the most efficient, cost-effective resolution to our old heating system at St. James', we are pleased to announce that the vestry has approved installation of a cross in the memorial garden in memory of parishioners whose ashes rest there. The foundation has been installed and the cross should be delivered in late July or early August. Overall dimensions of the cross will be 3.5 feet tall (including the base) 2 feet wide and 6 inches deep. The cross will be made of steeled granite (unpolished) and will be placed in front of the dogwood tree, just behind the circle of pachysandra on the right side of the sidewalk in the memorial garden. ~ *Denise Holl*



THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist with Healing, 8am (*Church*); Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am (*Choir Room*); Choral Holy Eucharist with Healing, 10am (*Church and Live-Streamed*); Parish Picnic, 11:30am (*front garden courtyard*)

- **Monday:** *No meetings scheduled*
- **Tuesday:** Vestry Meeting, 7pm (*Parish Hall and Zoom*); H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); Mission Ministries Committee Meeting, 7pm (*Zoom*); 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:

WORSHIP: SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SUNDAYS

From July 3rd through September 4th, St. James' members will be joining together on Sundays for a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9am, followed by refreshments outside in our courtyard garden. Please note this change of time in your calendars. The 9am service will be live-streamed, as usual.

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: Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Rob, Susan, Bob, Kim, Dom, Irene, Donovan, Colin & Family, Nancy, Linda, Robin, Grace, Charlotte, Deborah, Joan, Linda, Alexis, Laura, Caroline, Brandon, Virginia, Donna, Allan, and the people of Ukraine.

For our Eucharistic Visitees: Shirley Ferrone, May Molinaro, Mildred Boughton, Joan Tarrant, and Rita Butler

For those who have died: Roja

For those celebrating birthdays: *None this week*

For those celebrating anniversaries: *None this week*

Altar Flowers: *No sponsor this week*

WORSHIP LEADERS

| MINISTRY | NEXT WEEK 8AM (6/19) | NEXT WEEK 8AM (6/26) |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Ushers | Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn | Joe Walkovich/Skip Clapp Gary Rogers/Jill Kuhn |
| Altar Server | Bob Flynn | Linda Spaziani |
| Lector/Intercessor | Skip Clapp | Joe Walkovich |

| MINISTRY | NEXT WEEK 10AM (6/19) | NEXT WEEK 10AM (6/26) |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Ushers | Jehad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn | Jehad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn |
| Altar Server | Pat Pearson | Liz Hagan, John Boddie |
| First Lector | Frank Giarratana | Janis Anderson |
| Second Lector | Jana Draper | George Bogart |
| Intercessor | Dan Cox | Jean Hassen |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Karen Montecalvo, Karen Beaudry (8am), Karen Davidson (8am) | TBD |
| Financial Stewards | Ernie Harrington, Lyn Meyers, Deb Kaufmann | Janet Brown, Lew Westfall |
| Refreshments | Parish Picnic | TBD |
| Flower Arranger | Cheryl Harewood | Cheryl Harewood |
| Flower Deliverer | Bill Hutchinson | Donna Tuck |

St. James' Episcopal Church

25 West St., Danbury CT 06810
 (203) 748-3561
welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org
www.saintjamesdanbury.org

Worship Schedule:

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

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

