



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

Janet Brown and Lyn Meyers, *Wardens*

Joanne F. Archibald, *Music Director*

The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge, *Rector*

9:00 a.m. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Thank you for observing social distancing while inside St. James' Church this morning.
Mask-wearing is now optional for those who are fully vaccinated.*

Prelude

The Word of God

Opening Hymn # 366 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Holy God, we praise thy Name (Stanzas 1-4)

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise # S 280

Glory to God in the highest

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

After the Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

(Read in unison.)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets~ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented~ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

After the Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #552 (*The Hymnal 1982*) *Fight the good fight with all thy might (Stanzas 1&2)*

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

All standing as able, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge

The Nicene Creed *(all standing, as able)*

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.

The Prayers of the People

Form II (*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 385*)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Leader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Ian and Laura; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

[The Leader continues with the biddings....]

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you,

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
(Please observe social-distancing while sharing the Peace.)*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus #S 129 *Presider and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

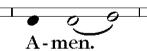
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



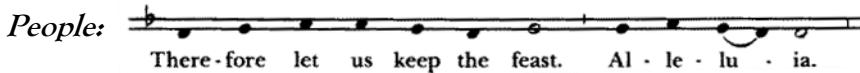
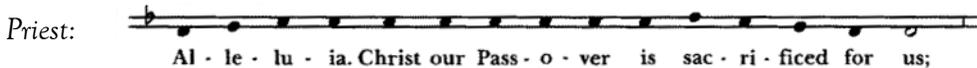
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung:



Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Communion.

To receive a priestly blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free hosts are available by request.

Communion Hymns: #152 (The LEVAS Hymnal) Let us break bread together on our knees

#189 (The LEVAS Hymnal)

Great is thy faithfulness

[If the Sacrament is to be shared with homebound parishioners, the following form is used:

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Presider

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People:

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.]

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider may bless the people.

The Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn #546 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Postlude

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 14, 2022

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:

MUSIC NOTES:

Communion Hymn - Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

This Afro-American Spiritual Hymn can be found in both The Hymnal 1982 (#325) and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (#152). This spiritual can be traced to the coastal South Carolina region and first recorded among the students of the Penn School, St. Helena Island, South Carolina around 1923. The text has remained pretty much the same over the years. The hymn is a good example of the tradition of singing with a leader who would "line-out" each verse as a solo while others joined in as they caught the new lyrics. The singers often added harmonies as they continued singing the hymn. Singing of the spirituals is an extemporaneous art so the songs would often change a bit, while retaining the original melody. This is very evident today if one listens to recordings of a certain spiritual on Youtube. Such variety!

The Penn School mentioned above was founded in 1862 by Quaker and Unitarian missionaries from Pennsylvania and was the first school founded in the southern U.S. specifically for the education of African-Americans. Today it is the Penn Center; an African-American cultural and educational center on Saint Helena Island, SC.

Music Director's Vacation continues through August 14th. (The Summer Choir will continue to meet, however.) Many thanks to our **volunteer substitute organist, Jean Hasen**, who has kept the music going these past two Sundays! Jean will rehearse with the Summer Choir at 8:20-8:45am so please come and sing with her if you're available! –
Joanne F. Archibald, Director of Music

MISSION COMMITTEE: Laundry Love is Back to In Person Fellowship

Laundry Love wishes to thank all of our volunteers and donors for helping us maintain this vital ministry through a particularly challenging time. Laundry Love of Greater Danbury (LLGD) will help people who are struggling financially clean their clothes and linens on a regular basis. Thank you for helping to put our faith in action. Where: White Street Wash, 30 White Street, Danbury When: Second Wednesday of each month Hours: 11 am - 2 pm. To volunteer go to <http://signup.com//go/zdyxnef> – *Linda Harrison, Mission Chair*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Part III—Fridays at Dorothy Day

At 1 pm the volunteers meet at the Dorothy Day House and get to work. The two primary jobs that need to be completed are to prepare trays containing 60 breakfasts and sandwiches for Pacific House West, then we prepare trays containing 70-90 grab and go bags for guests.

Volunteers assemble trays of individual cereals , single pints of milk, and fruit. Trays of premade sandwiches are also counted and assembled. Three trays of a hot meal (or a cold meal in hot weather) are reserved . A person picks these up mid-afternoon and delivers them to Pacific House West.

Once all the Pacific House trays are set, volunteers assemble between 70 and 90 to-go meals to be handed out at the door of Dorothy Day. Each bag contains a fruit, a cookie, a bag of chips, a sandwich, utensils, and a container of hot or cold meal. The process is much like an assembly line: Volunteers package hot/cold meals into containers and pass them along to other volunteers who add the additional items. Another volunteer or two passes them out at the door, as well as making guests coffee and helping them pick from various food donations. Guests are served from 3:00 until 4:30 and are welcome to come back for more if we have leftovers.

To clean up, trays, pots, pans and utensils used in meal prep are washed. Counters and tables are scrubbed. Documentation in Dorothy Day notebook completed. For more information contact Yvonne Kiddoe, Chris Kuell or Linda Harrison

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday: Music Director Vacation (August 1-14);** Summer Choir Rehearsal, 8:20am (*Choir Room*); Choral Holy Eucharist, 9am (*Church and Live-Streamed*)
- **Monday:** No Meetings Scheduled.

- **Tuesday:** Vestry Meeting, 7pm (*Parish Hall and Zoom*); H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** Dorothy Day Meal Preparation, 10am (*Parish Hall*); Bob Johnson Funeral, 1pm (*Church and Parish Hall*); H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Friday:** Dorothy Day Meal Service, 12pm (*Hospitality House*)
- **Saturday:** Bible Study, 11am (*Zoom*)

COMING UP:

VISITING PREACHER: THE REV. DCN. ERIKA HAGAN

Next Sunday, August 21st, Deacon Erika will be with us once again serving and preaching for our 9am worship. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share in Dcn. Erika's gifts one last time for this summer, before she begins a one-year missional curacy at Christ Episcopal Church in Trumbull, starting in September. We anticipate that Dcn. Erika will be ordained to the priesthood part way through her curacy.

PARISH LIFE: Hawaiian Shirt Sunday!

We are bringing back an old tradition. Hawaiian Shirt Sunday August 28th. *–Deb Kaufmann, Parish Life Chair*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: GROWING IN FAITH

Learn More about God's Word! Join Now!

A new Bible Study will be starting Early this Fall. We will meet on Saturdays from 11:00 to 12:00 via Zoom. Now is the perfect time to join in and explore the depths of God's word and let it positively impact your life. All are welcome whether you have never read from the Bible or have studied for years. It is in the sharing of our questions and thoughts about the scriptures and the reflections of the author that we strengthen our faith together. We will be using a book (still to be determined) to guide our reflections. Scholarships for purchasing study materials are available. You can have all the latest information and updates e-mailed directly to you, just send a note to today@jmt.com. Or watch the newsletter weekly for more details. *–JMT, Growing in Faith Chair*

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, Janis, Bobby, Ben, Adam, AJ, for the people of Ukraine, and for the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall

For our Eucharistic Visiters: May Molinaro and Diane Fleischer

For those who have died: Bob Johnson

For those celebrating birthdays: Carl Johnson

For those celebrating anniversaries: None this week.

Altar Flowers: Given by Marion Liberati, in memory of John O'Hern.

WORSHIP LEADERS

| MINISTRY | THIS WEEK 9AM (8/14) | NEXT WEEK 9AM (8/21) |
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| Ushers | Frank Giarratana, Joe Walkovich | Carolyn Flynn, George Bogart |
| Altar Server | Susie Sarkisian | Bob Flynn |
| First Lector | JMT | Jean Hassen |
| Second Lector | Lyn Meyers | Deb Kaufmann |
| Intercessor | Janet Brown | Dan Cox |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Janet Brown | TBD |
| Financial Stewards | Jehad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn | Deb Kaufmann, Lyn Meyers. Ernie Harrington |
| Refreshments | Beth & Dan Cox | Host Needed |
| Flower Arranger | Ernie Harrington | Janet Brown |
| Flower Deliverer | Judy Griemsmann | Jana Draper |