



## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 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



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*

**L**et your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Lessons

*The people sit for the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.  
The more I called them, the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.  
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.  
I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.  
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.  
I bent down to them and fed them.  
They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.  
The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests,  
and devours because of their schemes.  
My people are bent on turning away from me.  
To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.  
How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.  
I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.  
They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion;  
when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.  
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

*After the Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

*(Read in unison.)*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

## The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have

stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*After the Reading, the Reader may say*  
The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #706** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

*In your mercy, Lord, you call me*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 12:13-21**

*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.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dcn. Erika Plank Hagan**

## 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.)*

## Parish Announcements



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."

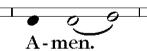
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**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:*

*Priest:*   
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People:*   
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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: #516** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

**#574** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

*Come down, O Love divine*

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

*[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 #594** *(The Hymnal 1982)*

*God of grace, and God of glory*

**Postlude** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

William Croft, Arr. Thomas Bliss

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 31, 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:

#### **VISITING PREACHER: THE REV. DCN. ERIKA HAGAN**

Recently-ordained Deacon Erika Hagan is serving as Deacon for our Holy Eucharist and preaching our sermon today. Please be sure you offer Deacon Erika your welcome and congratulations as she is with us again today, and mark your calendars for her next diaconal visit on August 21st.

#### **PARISH FUNDRAISING: C.A.R.S. UPDATE**

Our vehicle donation program, C.A.R.S, started several months ago. I am pleased to announce that we have had vehicle donations and received **\$4,397**. Thank you to those who donated their vehicles. Donation information can be found on our web site: [saintjamesdanbury.org](http://saintjamesdanbury.org), under the SUPPORT button. —*Jehad Sabbagh*

#### **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://signnup.com//go/zdyxnef> – *Linda Harrison, Mission Chair*

## MISSION OF THE MONTH: Part II—Thursdays at Dorothy Day

Volunteers gather in the Saint James' Church kitchen on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for Dorothy Day food prep. But by the time they arrive, much of the work as already been completed.

In the days before food prep, a menu is planned and food items are purchased. Sometimes donated foods are utilized, but most times fresh proteins and vegetables are purchased using gift cards given to us by Dorothy Day board. Any additional needs made up from financial donations by parishioners to support this valuable mission.

Before food prep can start, the kitchen needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Then the chopping begins. The crew generally makes six large trays of a casserole, plus peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for guests who don't eat meat. Often several trays of fresh salad are also prepared, so while some volunteers cook protein and/or sauces, others wash dishes and everybody chops up the various items used in the meal. Since there is a certain amount of work to be completed, the more volunteers who pitch in, the faster the job goes. Typically, the food is prepared, packed into the refrigerators, and the kitchen is cleaned by noon.

### MUSIC NOTES:

**The Summer Choir offertory hymn** for July 31st will be *Soon and Very Soon*, a hymn which is included in our *Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal* (#14). This piece was written by Andraé Crouch (1942-2015), a prominent American gospel singer, composer, record producer and pastor. At the age of 11, he began playing at the small rural church where his father was the pastor. He wrote his first song when he was 14 and formed his first band when he was 18. Over the course of the years he won nine Grammy awards. Here are some additional lyrics to this song which are not included in *LEVAS II* but are part of the bridge into the last stanza. *"Should there be any rivers we must cross, should there be any mountains we must climb; God will supply all the strength that we need, give us grace till we reach the other side..."*

**The Summer Choir will meet on Sunday 8:20-8:45am** in the choir room to rehearse this hymn (accompanied by Albert Montecalvo on tambourine) as well as the other hymns for July 31st. Feel free to drop in and join us.

**Music Director's Vacation** will take place August 1-14. (The Summer Choir will continue to meet, however.) Many thanks in advance to our **volunteer substitute organist, Jean Hassen!** Jean will rehearse with the Summer Choir on August 7th and 14th at 8:20-8:45am so please come and sing with her if you're available on those days!

**Summer Carillon Concerts** have concluded for this year. Thank you to all who attended these musical offerings. We had an average of 20+ people gather in our garden, as well as some additional people listening from the comfort of their cars out front and in other parts of the city. –  
*Joanne F. Archibald, St. James' Music Director*

## **THIS WEEK:**

- **Sunday:** Summer Choir Rehearsal, 8:20am (*Choir Room*); Choral Holy Eucharist, 9am (*Church and Live-Streamed*)
- **Monday: Music Director Vacation (August 1-14);** Growing in Faith Committee, 6:30pm (*Zoom*)
- **Tuesday:** Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 5pm (*Zoom*); H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); Pastoral Care Meeting, 7pm (*Parish Hall*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Friday:** Fridays with Friends, 7pm (*Parish Hall*)
- **Saturday:** Bible Study, 11am (*Zoom*)

## **COMING UP:**

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION: GROWING IN FAITH**

In a few weeks we will be winding down our study of Hebrews using the book *Hebrews for Everyone* by N.T. Write. As such, I've found myself reflecting on this nearly yearlong journey and all that I'm gaining. In our discussions, we talked about the New Testament and the Old Testament which is quoted heavily in Hebrews. We strengthened our understanding of perseverance in faith in the face of suffering and of heaven and grace in the light of God's Love through Jesus Christ's sacrifice – "a better way" as the author says. As with any group of people, we don't always have the same point of view of scripture, yet it is in exploring these different views and the questions they raise, that my own faith and trust in God has deepened. None of us is immune from troubles, and it's by wrestling with the words of scripture, that I'm gaining what I need to weather the storms life has in store for me today. As we heard a few weeks ago, Mary, sister of Martha, had chosen the better part, and I mean to as well. –JMT

## 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, and the people of Ukraine.

For our Eucharistic Visiters: Barbara Parks, Pat Larsen, Irene Simonelli, Rita Butler, Shirley Ferrarone

For those who have died:

For those celebrating birthdays: *None this week.*

For those celebrating anniversaries: *None this week.*

Altar Flowers: *No sponsor this week.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 9AM (7/31)	NEXT WEEK 9AM (8/7)
Ushers	Carolyn Flynn, Dan Cox	Carolyn Flynn, Lew Westfall
Altar Server	Pat Pearson	Bob Flynn
First Lector	Whitney Pratt-Cote	Janet Brown
Second Lector	J.M.T.	Jana Draper
Intercessor	Linda Spaziani	Deb Kaufmann
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Beaudry, Karen Montecalvo, Janet Brown	TBD
Financial Stewards	Lyn Meyers, Ernie Harrington Deb Kaufmann	Mark Sarkisian, Beth Cox
Refreshments	Leftovers	Mark Sarkisian
Flower Arranger	Ernie Harrington	Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer	Donna Tuck	George Bogart