

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28th, 2024

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

The Rev. Gina Gore, *Priest-in-Charge*

Lyn Meyers, Russ Griemsmann, *Wardens* Joanne F. Archibald, *Director of Music*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WELCOME

A Warm 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 call. Please note that all baptized Christians of any denomination are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Meditation on the tune of St. Edmund

Tune by Arthur S. Sullivan; Arr. By Gerald Peterson

The Word of God

Opening Hymn #569 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

God the Omnipotent!

The people standing, as able, 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.

Gloria # S 280 (sung by all)

Glory to God in the highest

(found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*)

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 (found on your insert).

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the lessons (found on your insert).

The First Lesson (see insert)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

After the Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response (see insert)
(*Read in unison.*)

Psalm 111

The Epistle (see insert)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

After the Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #536 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

God has spoken to his people

The Gospel (see insert)

Mark 1:21-28

All standing as able, the Presider reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Gina Gore

The Nicene Creed

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 IV (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 388)

The Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
 Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may
 be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal
 your glory in the world.
 Lord, in your mercy

Silence

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the
 ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another
 and serve the common good.
 Lord, in your mercy

Silence

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
 that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others

and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 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

The Holy Communion

The Presider may begin the Offertory with an Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem:

Ubi Caritas

Trad. Latin text 9th Century/Music by Bob Moore

Chancel Choir

Presentation Hymn #493 (The Hymnal 1982)

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Sung by all, standing as able.

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361)

The Presider faces the People and says:

The Lord be with you

People ***And also with you***

Presider *Lift up you hearts*

People ***We lift them to the Lord***

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

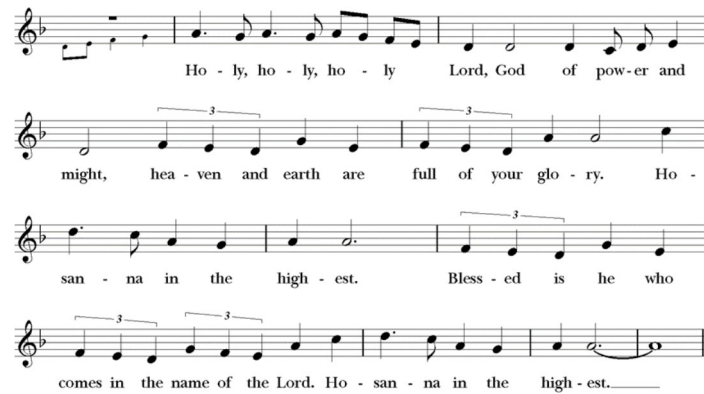
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus # S 129

Presider and People



The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father...

(Presider continues....)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider and People:

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

The Lord's Prayer #264 *The Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal)*

The Breaking of the Bread:

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

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 Hymn: #448 (The Hymnal 1982) *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

[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

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider may bless the people.

Closing Hymn #567 (The Hymnal 1982)

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia**

Postlude:

Praise to the Living God

by Gerald Peterson

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

Welcome Rev. Gina we are so glad to have you starting this chapter of our journey today! God is good all the time.

Our New Priest-In-Charge

After much prayer and discernment The Vestry of St. James' is pleased to announce that The. Rev. Gina Gore has accepted the call to become our Priest-in-Charge.

The Reverend Gina L. Gore is thrilled to be joining St. James' as our new Priest-In-Charge! Her passions include church development and vitality, forming new ministries, and supporting children, youth, and families in faith. She has served on NY diocesan committees for Congregational Development and Church Planting. She began her lay ministry to children in 2009 as a founding member of an Episcopal church plant in Los Angeles called Thad's, followed by serving at Church of The Advent, where she developed interest in multicultural ministries. Once ordained in 2015 she served as Associate Priest and Chaplain for Children, Youth and Family at St. Wilfrid of York in Huntington Beach, CA. Upon moving back to New York City in 2017 she served as a supply priest at St. Thomas Church, and as Priest Associate at St. Luke in the Fields, where she planted Supper Chapel, a Friday night intergenerational service. From 2020-2023 she served as school chaplain for The Cathedral School at St. John the Divine in New York City, a K-8 Episcopal day school, while also continuing as a supply priest in New York and Connecticut. A native of Denver, CO, Rev. Gina holds a Bachelor of Science in Music from University of Colorado, Denver, a certificate of Anglican Studies from Bloy House Episcopal Theological School, and a Master of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School.

MUSIC NOTES

The HYMN TUNE SERIES continues today with the PRELUDE on the Tune of St. Edmund, composed by Sir Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900). Sullivan is best known for his work with W. S. Gilbert in the opera field (The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, H.M.S. Pinafore). During his early life he became acquainted with many instruments as his father was the military bandmaster at the Royal Military College in Sandhurst. Arthur enjoyed learning to play the instruments and understanding their peculiarities, which gave him the knowledge needed to compose instrumental music. One of his famous hymns is Onward, Christian Soldiers, most likely written out of his experiences at the military college. Sullivan sang with the choir of the Chapel Royal as a young boy and one of the anthems he composed at that time was performed at the Chapel Royal in St. James Palace. He was Professor of Composition at the Royal Academy of Music later in life. There is a plethora of information regarding his interesting life if you search for it on the web.

The CHANCEL CHOIR anthem Ubi Caritas can be translated as "Where true charity is, God is there".

ANNUAL MEETING

The 261st Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4th following the 10AM service in the parish hall. We will elect officers and vestry people, review our financial situation and bring before any other business as necessary.

The Nominating Committee: Jim Beschle, Jean Hassen, Denise Holl and Janet Brown put forth the following slate of candidates for the 2024 year.

Wardens - 1 year term: Lyn Meyers and Russ Griemsmann

Clerk - 1 year term: Denise Holl

Treasurer - 1 year term: Beth Cox

Vestry 3 year terms

David Parille - Stewardship

Janet Brown - Worship

Carolyn Flynn - Buildings and Grounds

Diocesan Convention Delegates: Dan Cox and Linda Harrison

January Mission—Association of Religious Communities

ARC is grateful to St. James' Episcopal Church for your continuous support. What will donations to ARC accomplish ? Donations will help ARC's Comida Food Pantry, which has already served over 1,500 people this year, and is growing as fast as the price of groceries. Monetary donations will help ARC shelter homeless residents at the Danbury Support Center while ARC case managers work to place them in affordable housing units throughout the region. Donations will support ARC's Domestic Violence Prevention program, which is serving hundreds of families every year, with a recidivism rate below 5%. Donations will also help ARC bring the community together through such Interfaith programming as our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, our Interfaith Peace Camp, and our Forum on Faith byline in the Danbury NewsTimes.

With your help, we can fulfill ARC's mission "to alleviate the causes of violence, suffering and hate, while advancing peace, justice and human dignity."

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on February 13th from 4:30-7 for some delicious pancakes and fellowship in the parish hall. A donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family is requested.

Ash Wednesday Services

The imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14th at 12pm & 7pm. Both services will be held in the church and live-streamed. Rev. Gina will be distributing Ashes-to-Go 30 at 11:30am and 6:30pm outside the church. Start your Lenten journey with us.

THIS WEEK

For all zoom meetings, the link may be found on our calendar <https://www.saintjamesdanbury.org/calendar.html>

Sunday, January 28

8:00am Sunday Worship -Chapel

10:00am Sunday Worship -Church (Live-Stream and In-Person)

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30

Wednesday, January 31

12:00pm Noonday Prayers (Chapel)

Thursday, February 1

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 2

6:00pm Friday with Friends—Parish Hall

Saturday, February 3

10:00am Worship Committee—Parish Hall

In Case of an Emergency:

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our wardens, Lyn Meyers (203) 275-5604 or Russ Griemsmann (203) 744-3417 (H) and (516) 680-6386 (M) and they will get in contact with a clergy person.

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, especially Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Irene, Linda, Helen, Donavan, Virginia, Richard, Nancy, Lisa, Jeanne, Bob, Peter; for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Israel and Gaza, and for victims of gun violence
- For Christel Davis who has died.
- For mindfulness to the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall:
- For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff & Laura our bishops, for Gina our clergy & the lay leadership of St. James'
- For Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford
- For those ministries to, with and for the deaf; The Anglican Church of South Africa
- The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving of those we carry in our hearts but no longer see. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

January 28

Ushers: Jim Beschle, Jihad Sabbagh
Altar Server: Jana Draper
Lectors: Deb Kaufmann, Warren or Andrew Webster
Intercessor: Jeanne Todaro
Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew Westfall
Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer: George Bogart
Carillonneur: David Katz

February 4

Ushers: Donna Tuck, Lew Westfall
Altar Server: Pat Pearson
Lectors: Deb Kaufmann, Perry Downs
Intercessor: Jana Draper
Financial Stewards: Dan Cox, Susan Parille
Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer: Jim Beschle

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Sunday Worship Schedule:

8am—Chapel Worship
10am - Church Worship with Choir
(Handicapped accessible and live-streamed)

Wednesdays: Noonday Prayers - Chapel

Our Chapel is not wheelchair accessible