

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21st, 2024

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

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

The Rev. Dr. Carol Johannsen, *Guest Clergy*

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

God's Great Grace

by Colin Curtis

The Word of God

Opening Hymn #408 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Sing praise to God who reigns above

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)

Jonah 3:1-5,10

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 62:6-14

The Epistle (see insert)

Acts 19:1-7

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

Sequence Hymn #538 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

God of mercy, God of grace

The Gospel (see insert)

Mark 1:14-20

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. Dr. Carole Johannsen

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

The Leader

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

Silence

(The Leader continues with the petitions....)

...Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that
 we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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:

Will You Come and Follow Me
Scottish Traditional /Arranged by John Bell Chancel Choir

Presentation Hymn #550 (The Hymnal 1982) *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*
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

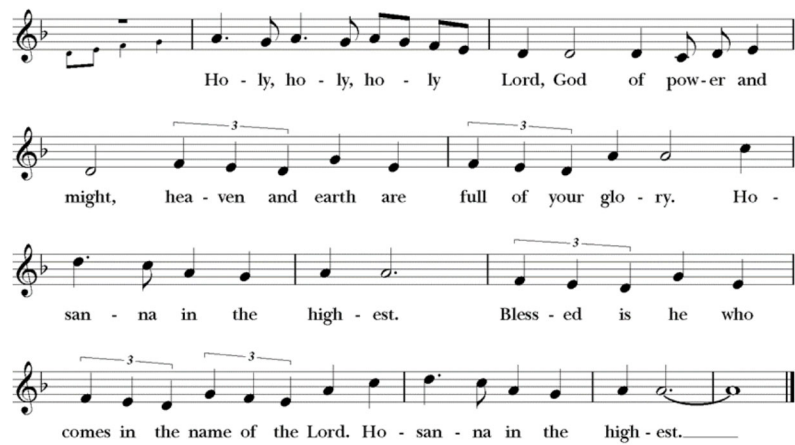
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

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.

The Presider continues

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...

Presider and People:

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

Healing Prayer *(said by Presider)*

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: We use this oil that your Holy Spirit has sanctified through our bishops; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those whom faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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: 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 Hymns: #321 (The Hymnal 1982)

#470 (The Hymnal 1982)

My God, thy table now is spread

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Post Healing Prayer *(said by all)*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from all suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[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 #14 *(The Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal)*

Soon and very soon

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Fantasia on the tune of Webb

Tune by George J. Webb/Arr. By Franklin Ritter

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

Thank you Carole for sharing your gifts with us today. Welcome Rev. Gina and Kevin, we are glad you are worshipping with us today and look forward to next Sunday! 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 POSTLUDE this week is based on the HYMN TUNE of Webb, aptly named after its composer, George James Webb (1803-1887). Webb was an English-American composer. He was born near Salisbury, England and died in Orange, New Jersey, USA. Webb studied organ at Salisbury Cathedral. In 1830 he immigrated to the United States. He was the organist at the Old South Church in Boston for 40 years and edited several hymn books, one being The Massachusetts Collection of Psalmody (1840). Being a Boston area native, I (Joanne) was thrilled to learn this information! You will recognize this tune as it is most often used for the hymn Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.

The CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons) uses the tune of Kelvingrove (a traditional Scottish tune) and the text is by John Bell of the Iona Community. <https://iona.org.uk/>

The hymn is based on Mark 1:16-20 as Jesus calls some disciples. This hymn was also used at Blackburn Cathedral in 2014 as the Bishop of Blackburn officiated at a 20th anniversary service in commemoration of the first women ordained in the Church of England. There is a lot of interesting information on the Web regarding this hymn and John Bell. I would encourage you to further research!

COFFEE HOUR TO WELCOME THE REV. GINA GORE

Please join us next Sunday, January 28th to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter at St. James' with our new Priest-In-Charge, The Rev. Gina Gore. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

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. 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."

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, January 21

8:00am Sunday Worship & Healing—Chapel

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

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

7:00pm H.A. Meeting – Library

Wednesday, January 24

12:00pm Noonday Prayers (Chapel)

7:15pm AA Meeting - Library

Thursday, January 25

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

11:00am Bible Study—Zoom

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, Billy, Linda, Helen, Donavan, Virginia, Richard, Nancy, Christel, Lisa, Jeanne, Peter; for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Israel and Gaza, and for victims of gun violence
- For mindfulness to the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall:
- For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff & Laura our bishops, for the visiting clergy & lay leadership of St. James'
- For all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers
- For The Church of South India (United)
- For those celebrating anniversaries: David & Laura Lee Katz
- The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna Hassen and Joyce Walendsik given by Jean Hassen and Robert Beschle given by his family. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

January 21

Ushers: Jim Beschle, Jihad Sabbagh
Altar Server: Pat Pearson
Lectors: Alvin Tuck, Frank Giarratana
Intercessor: Dan Cox
Financial Stewards: Lyn Meyers, Deb Kaufmann, Ernie Harrington
Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
Flower Deliverer: Donna Tuck

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

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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 handicapped accessible