



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

10:00 AM

St. James' Episcopal Church

Danbury, CT

Lyn Meyers, & Russ Griemsmann, *Wardens*

Joanne F. Archibald, *Music Director*

Denise Holl, *Worship Leader*

WELCOME

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL! We at St. 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.

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Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord
By G.F. Handel/Arranged by Rick Parks

Announcements

Opening Hymn #433 (The Hymnal 1982) *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing*

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

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.**

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm: See Insert

Psalm 123

At the end of the Psalm is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The First Lesson: See Insert

Judges 4:1-7

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 A Song of Praise S-236 (In front of The Hymnal 1982)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Second Lesson: See Insert

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20 Glory to God S-280 (In Front of The Hymnal 1982)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Gospel: See Insert

Matthew 25:14-30

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jeanne Todaro

Offertory Anthem: *O Thank the Lord* by C.E. Walz; Text by Matthias Claudius
Chancel Choir

Presentation Hymn # 397 (The Hymnal 1982) *Now thank we all our God*
(November Hymn of the Month)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day: See Insert

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, Form III

(Book of Common Prayer p. 387)

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.**

Hymns during Healing

#205 (The Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal)

Trust and Obey

#192 (The Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal)

I Need Thee Every Hour

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.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Hymn #490 (The Hymnal 1982)

I want to walk as a child of the Light

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata No. 79)

By J.S. Bach/Arranged by Virgil Fox

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

Thank you Denise & Jeanne for sharing your gifts with us again today.

Our craft fair is taking place in the parish hall. See what items you can cross off your holiday gift list.

Prayer During Time of Transition:

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanks to St. Martin's in the Field Episcopal Church, Keller TX for this powerful prayer

Music Notes:

The NOVEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH is #397 Now Thank We All Our God. Last week we learned a bit about the composer of the tune. This week I'll discuss Martin Rinckart (1586-1649), the writer of the text and J. S. Bach's use of this hymn in his Cantata No. 79.

Rinckart was a German Lutheran clergyman and hymnist. This hymn, written in 1636, is the most well known of all his writings. Rinckart was born in Eilenberg, Germany, a small country city. During the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) many people flocked to this city for refuge. The city became overcrowded and a plague struck down over 5,000 people in 1647. Pastor Rinckart often had to officiate at funerals for 40-50 people a day since he was the only pastor left in Eilenberg. His wife died at this time, also. Since the people couldn't leave the city due to its being under siege by the Swedish army, Rinckart negotiated with the enemy army. They accepted a sum of money which the city could afford and consequently, the siege was lifted. Martin composed this hymn in thanksgiving to God for His providence during the years of war.

THE POSTLUDE on Sunday will be from J. S. Bach' cantata No. 79. (This is one of Joanne's favorite pieces to play.) Bach composed the cantata Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild (God the Lord is sun and shield) in 1725 for Reformation Day. This cantata consists of six movements, including two chorales (Now Thank We All Our God is the chorale from the third movement), arias, recitatives and duets. It was first performed on October 31, 1725 in Leipzig.

Thanksgiving Dinner Signups

There is a signup sheet in the back of the church and in the Chapel for the many fixings that are needed as we prepare for our in person dinner. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lisa Marsico at lamarsico53@gmail.com or (914) 384-3704

Mission Opportunities

Our November Mission is "Paw It Forward"

"Paw it Forward" is DAWS' initiative to assist pet owners in the community who may be struggling to provide for their furry companions. We share the kindness bestowed upon us with pet food, supplies, medication, low-cost veterinary exams, and when able, complimentary care.

Caring for our animals requires a lot of time, love, money, and supplies. Please help by donating these "Wish List" items, which are the things we use in the day-to-day care of our animals and shelter operations.

Urgently needed:- Kitten Wet Food - Fancy Feast Chicken Pate, - Puppy Dry Food in 14 to 16 lb bags

Contact Information

Danbury Animal Welfare Society, Inc.

During our Renovation at 147 Grassy Plain Street, our Clinic will be located at:

Pleasant Paws, 94 South Main Street, Newtown Ct. 06470 Phone: 203.744.DAWS (3297)

Consider Being a Friendly Visitor

Pastoral Care is resurrecting a former program called Friendly Visitor Ministry. This effort is spearheaded by Janet Brown. In this ministry, someone like YOU and a homebound parishioner meet for a carefree chat at a mutually convenient time. It's a warmhearted way to bring St. James' to the people. If you would like to be involved, please contact Janet Brown janet.m.brown@comcast.net.

Advent Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Michael Plekon will be offering an Advent program on Zoom using images and words of Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary as figures who exemplify the season of Advent leading into Christmas. The program will be live on Wednesdays during Advent and will begin at 3 pm. As we get closer to the beginning of the program, the link will be included on the church calendar for your convenience.

Advent Evening Prayer

As we wait in anticipation and the busyness of the season we invite you to watch our Advent Evening Prayer service each week, a link will be found on our website.

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, November 19

8:00am Chapel Worship & Healing

9:15am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Church Worship & Healing (In person and live streaming)

11:30am Bell Choir

Monday, November 20

10:00am Rentals Committee—Zoom

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 Vestry—Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 22

1:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner Meal Prep

5:00pm Mission Ministries—Parish Hall

Thursday, November 23

11:30am Thanksgiving Dinner—Parish Hall

Friday, November 24 no activities

Saturday, November 25

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, Donovan, 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 those celebrating birthdays: Bob Flynn & Jill Kuhn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

November 19

Ushers: Marion Liberati, George Bogart
Morning Prayer Leader: Denise Holl
Morning Prayer Preacher: Jeanne Todaro
Lectors: Bill Hutchinson, Frank Giarratana
Intercessor: Jaeanne Todaro
Financial Stewards: Ernie Harrington, Lyn Meyers,
Deb Kaufmann
Flower Arranger: Janet Brown
Flower Deliverer: Jana Draper

November 26

10:00 AM

Ushers: Jim Beschle, George Bogart
Altar Server: Pat Pearson
Lectors: Dan Cox, Warren or Andrew Webster
Intercessor: Janet Brown
Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew Westfall
Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer: Alvin Tuck

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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

