



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17th, 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, 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

*Passion Chorale (with selected partitas)*

Tune by Hans Leo Hassler; Partitas (#1, #2 and #6) by Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome and Announcements

*All stand as able*

**Opening Hymn #372** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

*Praise to the living God*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*

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.**

**Trisagion #S-100** (*Front of The Hymnal 1982*)

*Holy God*

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray....

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Word of God

*The people sit for the lessons, found on the service insert*

## The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*After the Reading the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 51:1-13

*Read antiphonally changing at the\* Lector begins with 1st verse and congregation follows.*

## The Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

*After the Reading*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able*

**Sequence Hymn #498** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

*Beneath the cross of Jesus*

## The Gospel

John 12:20-33

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

*After the Gospel*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Gina Gore

*A period of silence is kept*

*All stand or kneel as able*

## 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)**  
 Response: **Hear our prayer**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 Celebrant pronounces the absolution*

*All stand as able*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*All are seated*

**Offertory Anthem:**

*An Irish Blessing*

Text: Traditional/Music by Colin Davey

Soloist: Deidra Woodend; Chancel Choir

*All stand as able*

**Presentation Hymn #488** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

*Be thou my vision*

### 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 Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer B (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 367)

*Celebrant*    *The Lord be with you*

*People*        **And also with you**

*Celebrant*    *Lift up your hearts*

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

*Celebrant*    *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*    *Celebrant and People*      (*Used by permission One License #A-729836*)

### Santo, Santo, Santo

The musical score for 'Santo, Santo, Santo' is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics in Spanish and English. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, also with lyrics in Spanish and English. The notes are in a simple, accessible style, and the lyrics are written below the notes.

San - to, san - to, san-to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: ¡San - to e-res, Se - ñor!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord.

Text: Argentine folk song; English tr., anonymous  
Tune: Traditional Argentine; adapt. and arr., Carlton R. Young, b.1926; 2022, © 2023, GIA Publications, Inc.

*The People may kneel as the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God...

*(Celebrant continues....)*

Therefore according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

...

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.

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

*Celebrant and People:*

**The Lord's Prayer** (Spoken)

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

## The Breaking of the Bread

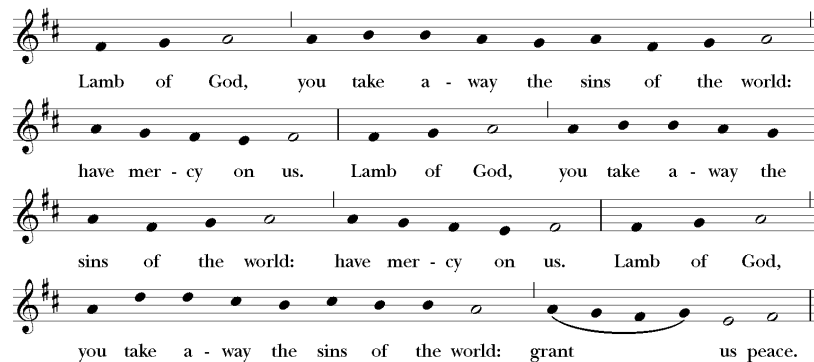
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

## The Fraction Anthem

*Lamb of God*

Hymnal S-161



*Celebrant* 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 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:** #38(The Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal)    *The Old Rugged Cross*  
#39 (The Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal))    *There is a Fountain*

## 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**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*(Said together by all)*

**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**

### **Solemn Prayer for Lent**

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord

*The people bow or kneel as able.*

*Celebrant* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #603** *(The Hymnal 1982)*

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

***Lenten Blessings come from The Book of Occasional Services, pages 24-25.  
During the season of Lent there are no postludes. Please feel free to remain in the  
sanctuary for private meditation.***



# **THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR MARCH 17, 2024**

## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Today:**

#### **COME ONE, COME ALL!**

You are invited to the observance of a Holy Lent. Please join us today after the 8 & 10 in the lounge. Today Rev. Gina will lead us in Self-Reflection and Repentance. All are welcome.

#### **EASTER MEMORIALS**

Today is the deadline for the Easter memorials.

#### **MARCH AND APRIL MISSION: LAUNDRY LOVE**

The Mission Committee presents Laundry Love as the recipient of our March & April collection. Our goal is to hang 200 shirts on our clotheslines. Each shirt symbolizes a \$6.00 donation. On March 13th Laundry Love served 85 people to the total of \$1105.00. Our goal is to support 1 week of Laundry Love. You can support by check payable to St. James (for Laundry Love), by cash, or by volunteering. For each \$6.00 a shirt will be hung on the line. Save the date, Wednesday, April 10th from 1:00 - 4:30pm to volunteer at White Street Laundromat. Email Denise Holl at drholl@yahoo.com to inquire about volunteering.

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is looking for help on Saturday, March 30th at 9:00am to help prepare the church for Easter. Please consider helping this fine group of volunteers out as Holy Week is the busiest time of year for them, and they could use some extra hands. Thank you.

#### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

Please sign up to host a Coffee Hour after our 8 or 10 services in the months ahead. New Coffee Hour sign up sheets have been created and can be found in the Library where we are now hosting these opportunities for fellowship and conversation. Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or any other special occasion that you would like to share.

# LENTEN SEASON



## Sunday Worship

8am - Chapel

10am - Church and live-streamed

11:30am - Lenten Study with Rev. Gina. All are welcome - Lounge

## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday

8am & 10am in church & live-streamed (start in the garden)

### Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Foot washing & Eucharist - church & live-streamed

### Good Friday

12:00pm Stations of the Cross - church

7:00pm Good Friday service -church & live-streamed

### The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00pm Church & live-streamed (start in garden, bring a bell)

### Easter, The Resurrection of Our Lord

8am & 10am in church & live-streamed

### **THIS WEEK**

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

#### **Sunday, March 10**

8:00am Sunday Worship -Chapel  
10:00am Sunday Worship -Church (Live-Stream and In-Person)  
11:00am Bell Choir rehearsal—choir room  
11:30am Lenten Study with Rev. Gina—Lounge

#### **Monday, March 11**

11:00am Rentals Committee—\*ZOOM\*

#### **Tuesday, March 12**

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

12:00pm Noonday Prayers—Chapel  
5:00pm Capital Campaign—\*ZOOM\*

#### **Thursday, March 14**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, March 15**

#### **Saturday, March 16**

8:30am—Workshirt Saturday—Garden

#### **In Case of an Emergency:**

If there is a pastoral emergency please reach out to our Priest-In-Charge, Rev. Gina at 203-748-3561 ex 14 (office).

## 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, Vivien, 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 Gina our clergy & the lay leadership of St. James'
- For those celebrating birthdays:
- For All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock
- For All Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families The Church in Wales

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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### March 17

8:00AM  
Lector: Skip Clapp

10:00AM  
Ushers: George Bogart, Donna Tuck  
Lectors: Frank Giarratana, Jean Hassen  
Altar Server: Linda Spaziani, Jewell Smith  
Intercessor: Janet Brown  
Financial Stewards: Deb Kaufmann, Lyn Meyers,  
Ernie Harrington  
Audio Tech: Lew Westfall

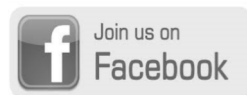
### March 24

8:00 AM  
Lector:

10:00AM  
Ushers: Jihad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn  
Altar Server: Pat Pearson, Jewell Smith  
Lectors: Warren or Andrew Webster, Alvin Tuck  
Intercessor: Jean Hassen  
Financial Stewards: Janet Brown, Lew Westfall  
Audio Tech: Russ Griemsmann

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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