

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 5TH, 2024**  
**MORNING PRAYER RITE II**  
**10:00 AM**  
St. James' Episcopal Church  
Danbury, CT

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

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

Janet Brown *Worship Leader*    Bob Ward, *Ministry Moment*  
The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, *Celebrant*

**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 are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER: RITE II**  
**ROGATION SUNDAY: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 5TH, 2024**  
**10AM**

**Prelude**                    *In the Garden* by C. Austin Miles  
  Piano Arrangement by Mark Hayes

**Announcements**

*All stand as able*

**Opening Hymn #405** (The Hymnal 1982)      *All things bright and beautiful*

*Officiant*      Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People*            **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**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*      Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed  
*People*            **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*The people may sit until The Holy Communion on page 8*

**Christ our Passover**      *Pascha nostrum*      *Said by all.*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***  
**therefore let us keep the feast,**  
**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***  
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**  
**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***  
**death no longer has dominion over him.**  
**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***  
**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**  
**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***  
**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**  
**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*2**

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 98**

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

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

*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**

### **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard

them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

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

**The Second Lesson**

**1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**Canticle 20    Glory to God** (The front of The Hymnal 1982)        S-280

**The Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## **Ministry Moment (Buildings & Grounds)**

**Bob Ward**

*A moment of silence is held*

## **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.

## **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*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*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 General Thanksgiving**    *Said by all*

**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.**

**Our service continues with Eucharistic Prayer B found on page 367 of  
the Book of Common Prayer led by the Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*

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

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Let All Things Now Living*

Chancel Choir

Trad. Welsh Melody/Text & Harmonization by Katherine K. Davis

*All stand as able*

**Presentation Hymn #705** (The Hymnal 1982)

*As those of old their first fruits brought*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Lift up you 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The People may stand or 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. **AMEN.**

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

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

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

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
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For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 For the beaut - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 For the joy of earth and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter pa - rent, child,  
 For the church which ev - er more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

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for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 of - fer - ring up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

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Christ our God, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grate - ful praise

## Communion Hymn #455

*O love of God, how strong and true*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online**

*Celebrant* Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **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.**

*After communion the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray

*All stand as able*

*Celebrant 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**

**Closing Hymn #292** (The Hymnal 1982)

*O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Postlude**

*God of Glory* by David Paxton

### **Did you know?**

**Rogation Sunday** is celebrated on the Sixth Sunday of Easter because what follows are three Rogation Days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. These 3 days are devoted to prayers asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry (BCP p. 258). These days always precede Ascension Day, which falls on the 40th day after Easter, and celebrates the day the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for 40 days. Thank you to our Music Director for choosing hymns tailored to Rogation Sunday!

**Pentecost is coming soon!  
Wear red on Sunday, May 19  
in celebration of the Holy Spirit!**

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### **Worship Schedule:**

#### **Sundays**

**Holy Eucharist:** 8am *(in the Chapel)*

**Choral Holy Eucharist:** 10am  
*(in the Church and Live-Streamed)*

#### **Wednesdays**

**Holy Eucharist:** 12pm *(in the Chapel)*

*Please note: Our main Church has an accessibility ramp. However our smaller Chapel (used at 8am on Sundays and noon on Wednesdays), is not handicap accessible.*

**THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR APRIL 21, 2024**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:**

**MAY MISSION: CHURCH WORLD SERVICES BLANKETS**

In honor of Mother's Day, the Mission Committee collection provides blankets for people facing hard times. \$10 will buy a blanket giving comfort and warmth to someone in need. Please use a mission envelope, or note May mission on memo line in your check.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

To be a Coffee Hour Host

Q: What do I have to do?

- 1. Sign up! 2. Bring a special treat. 3. Let the Parish Life Committee do the rest!

Q: Who can host?

- A: Anyone!

Q: Why would you host?

- A: In honor of a celebration, or just because!

May 19 or May 26 could be you! Please contact Deb Kaufmann for additional information

**ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST**

Join us next Sunday, May 12th at 9:00am in the Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of St. James'. All are welcome. If you would like to volunteer please speak with Dan Cox.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who participated in our Walk for Peace. The labyrinth is still in the Parish Hall if you would like to spend some time there after church.

**THIS WEEK**

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

**Sunday, May 5**

8:00am Sunday Worship -Chapel  
10:00am Sunday Worship -Church (Live-Stream and In-Person)  
11:00am Bell Choir rehearsal—choir room

**Monday, May 6**

5:00pm Buildings & Grounds—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Wednesday, May 8**

12:00pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel  
5:00pm Capital Campaign—Zoom

**Thursday, May 9**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—Parish Hall

**Friday, May 10**

**Saturday, May 11**

10:00am Episcopal Church Woman—Parish Hall

**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).

**SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 9th PARISH PICNIC IN THE GARDEN AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE**

## 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, Wayne, Geraldine, Peter, Lisa, Kizzy, Angie, Sandy, Pat, Susan, Ruth, Dave, Vicky for the people of the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine; and for victims of gun violence
- For mindfulness to the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall: may all be happy, joyful and in peace, that He changes all for the better, kittens, and we bring our men and women back home.
- For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff & Laura our bishops, for Rev. Gina our Priest-In-Charge and the clergy & lay leadership of St. James'
- The altar flowers are given in loving memory Ray Gomoll given by Linda Harrison.
- For those celebrating birthdays: Eugene Goetz, Liam Donelan, Dan Cox
- For St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; Retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### May 5

8:00AM

Lector: Joe Walkovich

10:00AM

Ushers: Jim Beschle, Lew Westfall

Lectors: Helena Hawkshaw, Lyn Meyers

Morning Prayer Leader: Janet Brown

Altar Server: Pat Pearson

Intercessor: Deb Kaufmann

Financial Stewards: Dan Cox, Susan Parille

Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington

Flower Deliverer: Perry Downs

Audio Tech: Russ Griemsmann

### May 12

8:00 AM

Lector: Gary Rogers

10:00AM

Ushers: Frank Giarratana, Donna Tuck, Altar

Server: Linda Spaziani

Lectors: Helena Hawkshaw, Bill Hutchinson

Intercessor: Janet Brown

Financial Stewards: Carolyn Flynn, Jehad Sabbagh

Flower Arranger: Ernie Harrington

Flower Deliverer: Alvin Tuck

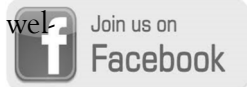
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### Sunday Worship Schedule:

8am—Chapel Worship

10am - Church Worship with Choir

(Handicapped accessible and live-streamed)

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist - Chapel

Our Chapel is not wheelchair accessible