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2026
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *We know that Christ is raised* Hymnal 296

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation ` BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 280

◆Collect of the Day, *Contemporary – in unison* see insert

First Reading Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 22:24–30 see insert

Second Reading 1 John 4:7–21

◆HYMN *God is Love, let heaven adore him* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 379

◆The Holy Gospel John 15:1–8

◆HYMN *God is Love, let heaven adore him* (v. 3) Hymnal 379

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, You, in Christ, are perfect love. Open our hearts, minds, and lives to the in-breaking truth of Your love. May we find the healing, strength, and wisdom, through Your love, to proclaim that love in a resistance world. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For Your Church that She may mirror the love of Jesus and proclaim the truth of His life, even when that truth conflicts with the present realities of the world. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, that love may triumph over hate and the voice of compassion may rise over selfish tendencies. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with decisions and actions in a polarized world. Give us the strength to advocate for those who cannot do so for themselves. Bless those who live with chronic illness, mental illness, addiction, anger, loneliness, or self-loathing. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Marjorie King, Tim Roy, Marie Hartley, Mark Dobbins, Joyce Jensen, Joan Sussler, David Pines, Chris,

Barbara Smith, Brian, Felix, Luisa, baby Wilder, Krystal, Tom, Alan, William, Teri, Henry, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially Art Phinney, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the parishes of St. James, Farmington, and St. Mark's, New Britain, as we prepare for a vote on merging our communities as one. Open us to Your wisdom, patience, and love. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, in Your great love for us, You laid down Your life in Christ and took that life back up again, bringing us, in love, back into relationship with You. So bathe us in Your love that we may be instruments, in love and truth, of Your healing life. Bring us all into unity, in spite of our challenges, and in Your love make us one. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *The Call* setting by D. A. White
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◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 487, 471

◆Post-Communion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN *Creator Spirit, by whose aid* Hymnal 500

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the postlude or depart in silence*)

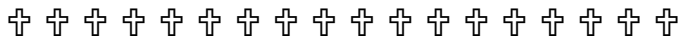
- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
- BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Marisol Pereira & Rocco Guglielmo
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Joyce Bettencourt
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Carol Kirkwood
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Katie Cashel
	10:15 a.m.	Donna Paye
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Dave & Verona Schlosky
Coffee Hour Host		Amie LaPierre
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Joyce Bettencourt

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of
my mother, Astrid Benson Harris and
sisters, Patricia Harris Barnes & Astrid Harris Johansen.

~ Andrea Harris



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us for worship during the week** on Facebook Live as well: Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am; Wednesdays for Evening Prayer at 5 pm, and Fridays for Compline at 7:30 pm.



St James/St. Mark's Meet & Greet Potluck TODAY at 5:30 pm –

St. James Parish, Farmington, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain, are hosting a celebratory potluck dinner in our parish hall – a great opportunity to meet and greet each other! Please bring something to share. Now that the name vote for the merged parish is complete, we look to the merger vote on May 5th and our continuing life together. Come join the fun!!

Care packages for college students: Each year around the time of semester exams, we send our young people in college or serving in the military a small care package to let them know we are thinking about and praying for them. If you have a child or grandchild at college (even if they are living at home), **please provide the parish office with a current name and address by TOMORROW, April 29th.** We also invite you to bring in items for the packages – packaged items like granola or protein bars, peanuts, other snacks, things that are small enough to share space in a flat rate box 😊.



Join the St. James Heelers! The Connecticut Foodshare Walk Against Hunger will take place this Saturday, May 4th at Dunkin Park in Hartford. St James will have a team, the *St James Heelers*. Everyone from the parish is invited to participate in this fun, family-oriented event. If there are any questions, please call Kathy Bullard at 860-673-6444.

Check in starts at 8 am (you don't have to arrive that early); the walk program starts at 9:30 am; and the walk steps off at 10 am. The route is 1.5 miles, and you will walk with our team members and hundreds of other walkers. The route starts and ends at Dunkin Park.



Team participants are encouraged to raise funds for the walk. All in-person walkers over age 16 are required to register. Invite friends and family to join the St James Heelers by walking with us or by donating. If you are unable to join us on walk day you can support us by donating online.

To join the team so you can walk:

1. Go to ctfoodshare.org . At the top of the page is a bar asking you to join us in the walk against hunger; click on REGISTER.

2. On the next page, to register to walk, click REGISTER. On the next page, click JOIN A TEAM. On the next page, type *St James Heelers*; this brings you to the register page.

To make a donation only to support our team:

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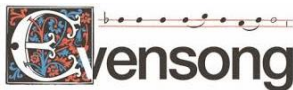
2. On the next page click DONATE NOW. The team you type in is *St James Heelers*.



Support our DR Mission Team at our Super Fantastic Pasta Dinner fundraiser! Please join us at St. James Parish for a spaghetti dinner **this Saturday, May 4th, 5–7 pm.** You may order in advance for pick up by emailing your order to st.james.church@sbcglobal.net before 2 pm

this Friday, May 3rd or you may join us here and dine in. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children 5 and under for pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and a dessert. All proceeds go to help fund and support St. James Parish's mission and ministry in the Dominican Republic.

Coffee Hour openings! Thank you to all who have signed up to offer hospitality following the 10:15 am service each week. We have a few openings this spring before we switch to Lemonade on the Lawn later in June. We also have a number of open Sundays during the summer! Please consider sharing some hospitality with your fellow parishioners and sign up on the Coffee Hour/Lemonade poster on the parish hall ramp bulletin board.



Evensong Ascension Choral Evensong: Saturday, May 11th at 6 p.m. join us for a celebratory Choral Evensong in commemoration of the Ascension of our Lord. We will have guest singers and special music as we praise God in prayer and song! A festive reception will follow immediately in the parish hall. All are welcome!

St. James is a welcoming parish! At the same time, we are in the process of imaging how we can do more than be friendly to those folks who are exploring St. James for the first time. What more might we do, as a parish, to invite folks to truly feel as though they belong here, from their very first visit? Welcoming newcomers amongst us is the mission of everyone, no exceptions. We would like to extend an invitation for folks to step forward and offer themselves as an official part of our welcome ministry. Please reach out to Fr. George for more details, but know there is no huge time commitment, only a willingness to serve.



Sunday Bible Study: TODAY at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom, we continue our newest Bible Study, this time on the Gospel of John. Join us for a study, using a familiar series resource, *Knowing the Bible*, as we explore the “maverick” Gospel of St. John. Study guides are available (a \$10 donation is asked, if you are able). Zoom gathering info is: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us.

Graduates! Every year, we try to recognize our graduates in some way and this year will be no exception! If you have a child or grandchild graduating this spring, please let Sue in the parish office know asap their name and where they are graduating from (and degree, if applicable). We also would like to know where our high school graduates might be heading this fall. Email the office at st.james.church@sbcglobal.net or call 860-677-1564 – thank you!



Pentecost Picnic, Sunday, May 19th! Join us on Sunday the 19th for the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. The 10:15 am service, weather permitting, will be outdoors on the church lawn. After the service, a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides will be available. A sign up will be available soon so that you can bring a side or dessert to share. Tradition has it that we wear something **red**, in honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit! Come join us!

GIFTS OF LOVE provides a backpack of food for clients' families for the weekend, when school lunches are not available, including throughout the summer. Our Outreach Ministry is continuing to supply them with peanut butter & jelly year-round. Peanut butter & jelly must be in *plastic* jars as they won't send glass jars home in children's backpacks. Please, bring in PB & J, leaving the jars in the labeled basket at the top of the parish hall stairs to the church. If you can pick up small containers of fruit or applesauce, those would be great additions to the backpacks as well!

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 5th are:
Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting of St. James Parish Vote on Merger of St. James Parish and St. Mark's Episcopal Church Sunday, May 5, 2024 following the 10:15 am worship service

St. James Parish announces that on Sunday, May 5, 2024, immediately following the 10:15 am worship service, we will hold a Special Meeting of the Parish to vote on whether to merge formally with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain to form a new parish together. Please plan to attend. If you wish to join us via Zoom, please let us know by Friday, May 3rd. Active Voting Members will be permitted to vote via Zoom or in person, but not by proxy (sending in your vote any other way, eg., via an email, letter, etc.).

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 a.m. (Rite 1) and 10:15 am. (Rite 2)