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2023
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2024
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2025
Mary Lansing
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *To the Name of our salvation* (vv. 1, 2, 4) Hymnal 249

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation ` BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* BCP pg. 356

First Reading Exodus 3:1–15

Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c see insert

Second Reading Romans 12:9–21

◆HYMN *Take up your cross* (vv. 1–3) Hymnal 675

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21–28

◆HYMN *Take up your cross* (vv. 4–5) Hymnal 675

The Sermon Fr. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, Moses turned aside from his own pathway and discovered You and Your way for Him. Help us to turn to Your will in our lives, for our families, and communities, and be with us now, as we pray for guidance, grace, courage, and purpose. We pray, responding, Lord, have mercy.

For the Church as Your instrument of illumination and love in the world. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our Bishops, George, our priest, Doug our deacon, and for our 150th Team, Vestry, Altar Guild and all who strive to serve God in His kingdom. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of this world, the nations and states of our planet, that they may govern with hope and vision, caring for the least of these and taking their place as partners in loving, human community. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer from the challenges of aging or chronic illness, insufficient food or health care, poverty, mental illness, addiction, or isolation. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Chris, Brian, Bishop Michael Curry, Nicholas, baby Barrett and his mother Sara, Marjorie, Steven, Felix, Dr. Rusty Camp, Luisa, Teresa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Steve, Veronica Solomon, Krystal, Dante, Tom, Kevin, Ginny Holian, Alan, William, Teri, Michael, Henry, Marlene, and Kim, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially Joy Reeve, for all who have died by violence, and all other for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, you remind us to leave wrath to Your wisdom and final judgment, and to advance instead the goodness of hospitality, the promise of hope, and to let our love be genuine. Ground our love and welcome in the reality of Jesus's Resurrection, the truth that we can experience it even when suffering, even when mistreated. We ask for your strength and power to do those things that we could never do without You, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

◆Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

◆The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Zion's Walls* Aaron Copland
Rachel Abrams, *soloist*

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus* BCP pg. 362

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the

affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951

*Communion Hymn: 577

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

◆HYMN

All praise to thee

Hymnal 477

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.

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Serving this week

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	Barbara Hess & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicer	Jerry Hess
Lector	Kim Pereira
Usher	
Junior Usher	Eric Ososki
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Bill Zappone
Care Ministry/Altar flower delivery	Joyce Bettencourt

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of William Larkin &
in Thanksgiving for the staff
of the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home & Hospital

~ His family

On a Sunday each month we say a prayer for everyone having a birthday during that month. Another way for us to celebrate life together! If someone cannot be present because of illness, a family member may say their name, so that we may pray for them.



Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

We continue to pray for Alice Willard and her family in the wake of Gordon's passing several weeks ago. We do not have many details, and, at present, we only know that the family will hold a private service for Gordon at a later time. We do have an address for Alice if you would like to send your sympathies and prayers to and for Alice. Contact the parish office for details.



Service/music opportunity. Once a month, Fr. George holds a short worship service at the Touchpoints community in Farmington. Most of the people who come to this service have memory-related issues and really love to hear music and, sometimes, to sing. If you play the guitar or can play a keyboard, and might be willing to assist with this service, please reach out to Fr. George. The day and time are flexible at this point.

Pizza Party! Each September we celebrate the beginning of a new program year. For program year 2023–24, we will return to two services **next Sunday, September 10th, with Rite I (spoken only) at 8 am and Rite II with choir at 10:15.** Church school classes will begin the following week, Sunday, September 17th, at 10 am. We have decided, because of our big 150th weekend on September 30th/October 1st, not to have our usual Celebration Sunday picnic on the 10th. **However, this year we will have a Pizza Party instead! NEXT SUNDAY, September 10th, immediately following the 10:15 service,** folks are invited down to the parish hall for pizza and our usual goodies, a time of fun and community. Ms. B (Joyce Bettencourt) has something special planned for our children to kick off the new year, so **please join us!!**



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, September 10th are:
Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20.

Sunday Bible Study is not meeting today due to the holiday weekend.



Holy Eucharist – Since March of 2020 we have tried a lot of different ways of *being community*, particularly as it pertains to how we receive Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Beginning on September 10th, when we move back to our two service offerings on Sunday mornings (8 am Rite I and 10:15 am Rite II), we will come to the altar rail and stand or kneel, as each person chooses, to receive Communion. We will also go back to offering the Common Cup, meaning you will now be permitted, if you choose, to drink the Communion wine directly from the cup. Parishioners may also, as has been the case for most of our history, choose instead to “intinct” (dip) your wafer into the wine. If you are uncomfortable intincting in a chalice from which another person may have drunk, we will have a separate cup that you may drink from; you need only ask the priest or the chalice. If you have any questions about this practice, please speak to Fr. George.



Help us spread the word: In anticipation of our 150th Celebration weekend September 30th–October 1st, we have prepared 50 lawn signs specific to our 150th for folks to display on their lawns or general area. Our hope is to spread the word beyond Farmington to the surrounding towns where we have members. If you would be willing to display a sign, they will be available in the narthex, complete with the necessary H–stake to anchor it in the ground!

GIFTS OF LOVE provides a backpack of food for clients' families for the weekend, when school lunches are not available, including throughout the summer. Outreach 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!



Bringing Acolytes back to our worship: Our acolyte program was suspended in March of 2020 due to COVID, and we have not yet restarted it. Traditionally in our parish, acolytes are young people who process into worship wearing special vestments (or robes) at the beginning of the service, carrying a candle (it's part of a brass staff), and they process again when the Gospel is read by the priest or deacon. The children can, after the Gospel, go down to church school as well, so they won't miss all of church school on Sundays that they serve. Your child would need to be available some Sundays, of course, and if they had a conflict, it would be up to you to find someone to sub or switch from the rotation list of acolytes. It is a truly wonderful way for our young people to be involved in worship. My hope is to restart the program by October 1st, when Bishop Mello will be with us, as we have our special 150th Anniversary worship service. Fr. George will provide training for everyone as we restart the acolyte program. Training can be set up at a time that works for your family's schedule. I invite you to talk with your child(ren) and if they have questions, maybe they can ask me (with your help 😊)? This is something any child or youth, grade 3 and up, can do. I know that some children don't like being "up front" but, as in my ministry, we do all of this to honor and glorify God. It makes our service beautiful and gives our children a special way of serving and belonging. Please let me know if you have an interest for your child.

~ Fr. George

Auditions September 10th at 4 pm and September 11th at 7 pm. Seeking actors – men, women and older teens for *The Witch Tryal*, the interactive witch trial hearing of Susannah Martin in 1693. Strong vocal projection and ultra-clear articulation are a must. Some improv and independent character development encouraged. The script is rooted in a 17th century history context and while taken directly from transcripts, is also highly theatrical. Expect a handful of rehearsals (appx 4) before premiering October 27th & 28th at the historical meetinghouse of Avon Congregational Church. Auditions at 6 West Main Street in Avon (park on playground side and follow signs) and will include reading from the script. However, a one-minute prepared monologue is also welcome, but not required. Questions? Email pastor@avon-church.org

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–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Our Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.