



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Holy Eucharist

May 03, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

JAZZ AND JUSTICE, GROUNDED IN JESUS

Welcome to St. PJ's! Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, whatever questions dwell in your heart, and whatever your race, age, sexuality, gender identity, income, nationality, or beliefs, you are loved, affirmed, and welcomed here as we worship God and honor God's image in one another.

Today's order of service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Text in bold is read by everyone together. Our average Holy Communion service is typically around 75 minutes long.

At St. PJ's, our music is in the jazz tradition, a special gift that draws on diverse traditions, touches every God-created emotion, highlights the liturgy in new ways, and expresses deep spirituality.

Single-user restrooms are in the hall to your right (with changing table and diaper pail) and the narthex/entryway at the back. A blue lost-and-found bin is in the church office.

This service is live-streamed online. By attending, you acknowledge that you may appear in the video.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus loves the crying, laughing, and wandering little feet, and we do too! Please sit anywhere you like; the special Pray and Play area in the back is just one fun option. Most Sundays, we also offer the optional Children's Garden Sunday School in the parish-hall classroom, down the office hallway on your right. Children depart the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, and return at the Peace before Communion.

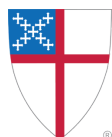
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Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Nathan Empsall
Children's Sunday School: Sarah Hill
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and give thanks for the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger nations who resided on this land before it was taken from them, and we confess Christianity's role in forced colonization. We ask God to help us to learn from our past mistakes, to remember that the Earth does not belong to us, and to live humbly in right relationship with all God's creation as instruments of love, justice, and peace.



ST. PJ'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Wednesday Eucharist | 12:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Thursday Midday Prayers | 12:30 p.m. | Chapel





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you, Sarah Hill: Following a previous stint as substitute, today is Sarah Hill's first Sunday as our children's regular Sunday School teacher. We are so grateful to her for all the leadership, love, and care that she brings. Thank you, Sarah!

Another Octave concert, Saturday 5/9: The women's chorus Another Octave will perform this Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven. Becky Severance, Lynne Severance, and Judy Lhamon will sing at "Building a More Perfect Union: 250 Years of Democracy." Advance tickets are at AnotherOctave.org

St. PJ's Jazz Collective concert, Monday 5/11: Our own fantastic jazz musicians and friends will perform in the sanctuary next Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25 at givebutter.com/pjs-may11-concert.

"Episco-PALS" family day, Saturday 5/16, 10am - noon: Families of all ages are invited to College Woods (East Rock Park) for a casual gathering with other Episcopal churches. We will meet in the pavilion near the playground for donuts, fruit, coffee, and children's activities. RSVPs are not necessary but helpful: family@trinitynewhaven.org

SERVING TODAY
 Celebrant and preacher:
 The Rev. Nathan Empsall
 Liturgical Assistant: David Tate
 Lector: Caroline McGraw and
 Brendan Titley
 Altar Guild: Suzy McDowell
 Bread Baker: Joyce Sanseverino
 With thanks to the usher, musicians,
 and all others who made today happen

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST: Rachel, Doug Parker, Anne Matthies, Calvin Griffin, Rev. Walter MacNutt, Kevin Gerbe, Leota Tucker, Edwina Johnson, Cynthia King, Paul D'Agostino, Richard Holcomb, Tiras Jaske, Uli Mackert, Charlie & Bridget Farrell, Alyce, Pam, Tommy, Beverly Lett, Stephen Lett, Vanetta Lloyd, Janea Barthle, Lydia Hamnquist, Rita Valenti-Piovane, Heather de Lanerolle, Marietta D'Albero, Maria Rodriguez, Marietta Coppola, Paul Mangels, Alexandra Sanseverino, Dr. Milton Coke, Pam Yesner, Rev. Carl Scovel, Karl Mini, Patrick Reynolds, Margaret Perry, Ryan Welch, Jack Welch, Andy & Karla Codney, Kyle Park, Fr. Tom, George Moore, A. J. Crosby, Adrienne Brady, Jeannie & Clemente Campos, Jean Douglas, Joan Cappella, Ruby Slade-Wooten, Joan Farrell, Yvonne Scott, Sharyn Kessler, D.J. Multer, Al Cimino, John Ayer, Mona Berman, Tiffany McDowell-Salley, Michael Montenegro, Susan Yates

✘ **Birthdays:** Paul Clayton (05/05), Max Clayton (05/07), Dylan Rowland (05/07)

✘ **Candidate for Ordination:** Milton Gilder

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ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 1: THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPENING HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise* Please rise in body or in spirit



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voi - ces heaven-ward raise:
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3. Christ is ri - sen, Christ, the first fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

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sing to God a hymn of glad - ness sing to God a hymn of praise.
glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
9 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

13
He who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
that, with hearts in hea - vendwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
13 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry now is ris - en from the dead.
we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Source: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Tune: *Lux Eoi*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

***People:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***All:* 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory Glory Hallelujah

Please rise in body or spirit



1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, _____ hal - le - lu - jah! _____ Since I
 2. I feel bet - ter, _____ so much bet - ter, _____ Since I
 3. Feel like shout - ing, _____ "Hal - le - lu - jah!" _____ Since I

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laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ Glo - ry,
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ I feel
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____ Feel like

10



glo - ry, _____ hal - le - lu - jah! _____ Since I
 bet - ter, _____ so much bet - ter, _____ Since I
 shout - ing, _____ "Hal - le - lu - jah!" _____ Since I

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laid my _____ bur - den down. _____
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____
 laid my _____ bur - den down. _____

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 7: 55-60

Please be seated.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16

**In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.**

**Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag & my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

**Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.**

**My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

**Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.**

SECOND LESSON

1Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Please rise in body or in spirit

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

5 Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

9 Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

13 -lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL

John 14: 1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON AND JAZZ RESPONSE

The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Please be seated

NICENE CREED

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Let us join together as one church with fellow Christians across time and space, centuries and continents, to pray the historic 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of wisdom, we know that we join the disciples in their fear and confusion, wanting all the answers yet not finding them. Help us to trust in your mystery, timing, and Truth, Jesus.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving kindness save us.

God of faith, we pray for Jeff and Laura, our bishops, for Nathan, our priest, for Kelly, our seminary intern, and for the dedicated lay leaders of this wonderful community. Together may we all walk the Way on which Jesus leads us.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving kindness save us.

God of hope, we pray for those in the war torn areas of our world. May our national, world, and corporate leaders let go of the thirst for power and money, and seek first flourishing Life for your people.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving kindness save us.

God of love, send your healing spirit to us all. We remember those on the St. PJ's prayer list and those we name now, both in our hearts and aloud...

We pray for those who have died... may they be held close to you.

We also acknowledge and give you thanks for the blessings of this life, for all good things that we have and that have happened to us this week...

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving kindness save us.

God of creation, your beauty and your bounty surround as blossoming trees and green grass. All creation shimmers in the glory of the season. May we protect and enjoy what you have given us to steward.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving kindness save us.

Celebrant: Loving God, you sent Jesus to show us the Way to you. We know Jesus is with you and in you in a loving relationship. Show us the truth of life we can share as well. All this we ask through Jesus and your life-giving Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: After a moment of reflective silence, let us confess our sins to God.

[Silence]

All: 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 our Savior 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace – a fist bump, side hug, peace sign, etc. – and be seated for announcements.

A COMMUNITY FAREWELL

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 2: HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY HYMN

Santo, Santo, Santo

Please rise in body or in spirit



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te_a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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cor - a - zon te sa - be de-cir. san - to_e-res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: God be with you.

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

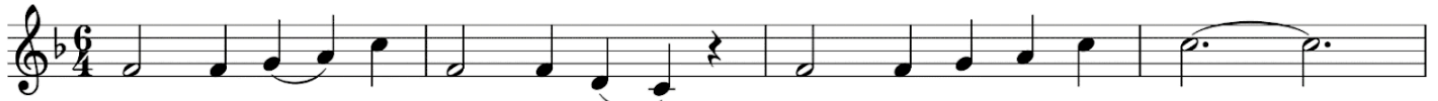
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The celebrant continues until:] 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:



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.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[The celebrant continues until:] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

[The celebrant continues until:] By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the many languages of our hearts,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of
trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el
cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también *nosotros*
perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre.
Amén.
Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,

que ton nom soit sanctifié;
que ton règne vienne;
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en
tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le
règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated when not in line

All are welcome at God's table. Any baptized Christian may receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church, and others may receive a blessing (and/or contact the priest-in-charge about becoming baptized, if interested!). To participate, come up the center aisle and join the line in front of the priest on your right. Approach the priest with your hands out, and they will place the bread in your palm with the words, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

If you choose to receive the wine next, join the second line, then gently guide the chalice to your lips for a small sip while the server holds it and says the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." In order to protect the health of our community, we drink from the common cup and do not offer intinction (i.e. we do not dip the bread into the wine). Return to your seat via the nearest side aisle.

Communion is a Sacrament – a visible sign of God's loving grace within us – and you can participate fully in that sign by taking just the bread, without the wine. We offer consecrated gluten-free and alcohol-free alternatives; simply ask when you reach the front of the line. And if you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to either remain seated or come forward for a blessing. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will touch your forehead to make a sign of the cross.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taize: Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the
5 good - ness of the Lord. O
9 taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
14 of the Lord, of the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

GOING-FORTH HYMN

Alleluia, The Strife is O'er

Please rise in body or in spirit

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to - ry of life is won;
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
4. He closed the yaw - ning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high por - tals fell;
5. Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy serv - ants free,

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the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell!
that we may live and sing to thee.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Source: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Tune: Victory

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship is over, our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

After loving God with worship, come love your neighbors with Coffee and Community!

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