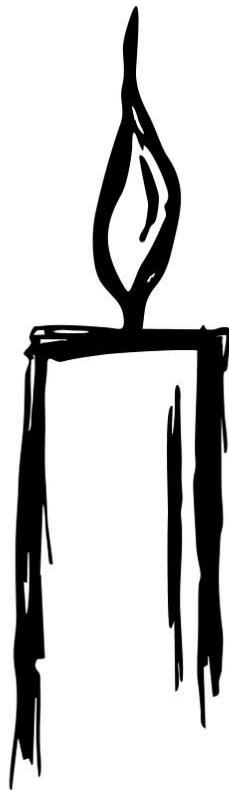


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Second Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*December 9, 2018*

10:30 a.m.



THE KYRIE

*Unison or harmony*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)  
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Baruch 5:1–9*

*All sit.*

**T**ake off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under

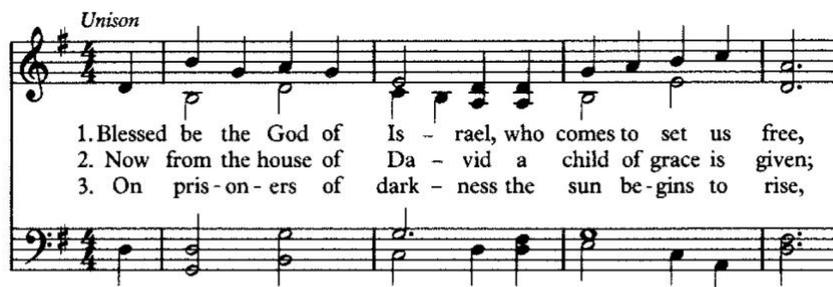
heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

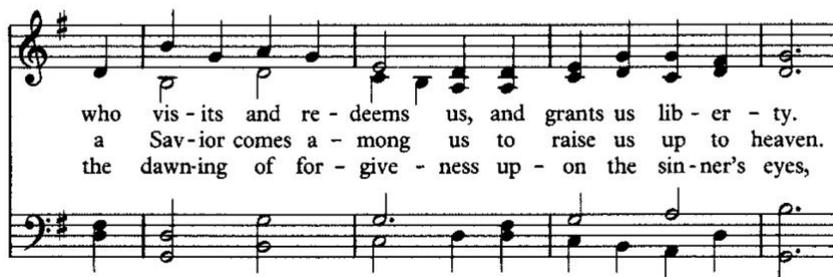
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free *Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah*  
All stand and sing.

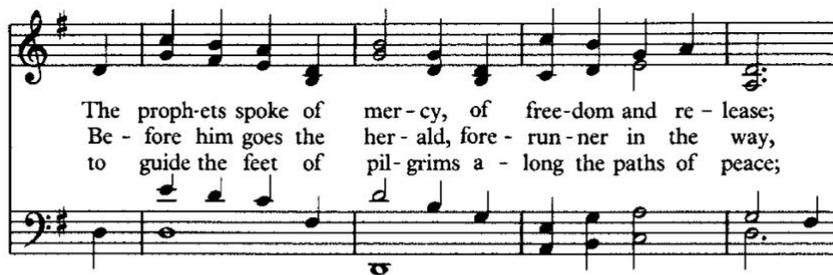
*Unison*



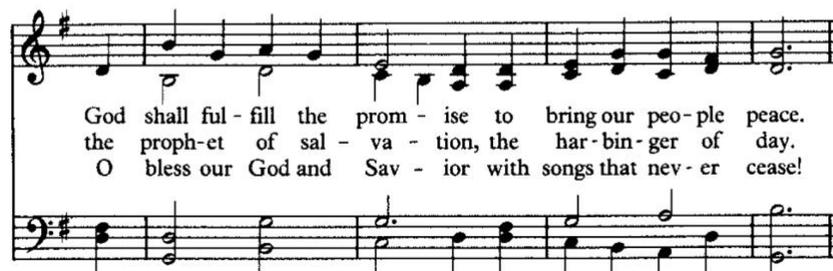
1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,  
2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;  
3. On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.  
the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.  
O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

## THE EPISTLE

*Philippians 1:3–11**All sit.*

**I** thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*All stand and sing. Children may follow the acolyte out to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1–6**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*The people say the words in bold.*

As we wait in joyful expectation for the coming of Christ into our world, let us pray with hope.

For goodwill in the world, that the nations may flourish and the lion and lamb lie down together.

**Guide our feet into the way of peace.**

For our nation, that we may listen to each other with patience and work for the common good, that moral vigor may counter corruption and that our leaders may have a passion for justice and righteousness.

**Come to your people and set us free.**

For the Church, for our bishops Ian and Laura, for Susan our rector, our Vestry and our parish staff, for all the ministries of the people of St. John's in this community and in the world.

**Make us holy and righteous in your sight.**

For the sick and suffering, for victims of discrimination and prejudice, for those who are lonely, anxious, and depressed, and for those who are unemployed.

**In your tender compassion, may the dawn break upon us.**

For those we love who have died, those who grieve, and those who fear death; for those who have taken their own lives and those they have left behind to mourn them.

**Shine on them who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

*Celebrant* Merciful God, who sent your prophets to preach repentance: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*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 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.**

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

### THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

### THE WELCOME

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,  
Sun of Justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied,  
'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'  
Amen.

*This piece comes from the Strathclyde Motets, communion motets setting words of the liturgy for various Sundays and feasts. O Radiant Dawn is an antiphon for 21st December; the text (in English) is one of the "O Antiphons," which are used in the season of Advent.*

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a long note with a fermata in the upper staff, followed by the lyrics 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The lower staff provides the accompaniment.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation continues with the lyrics 'God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. It includes a long note with a fermata in the upper staff.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece with the lyrics 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. It features a long note with a fermata in the upper staff.

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*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.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION MOTET O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe.  
O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.*

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that beasts should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger.  
O blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

*Tomás Luis de Victoria was the most famous composer in 16th-century Spain, and was one of the most important composers of the Counter-Reformation, along with Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and Orlando di Lasso. Victoria was not only a composer, but also an accomplished organist and singer as well as a Catholic priest. However, he preferred the life of a composer to that of a performer.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 67 Comfort, comfort my people

PSALM 42

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend William J. Eakins

**Preacher:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**The St. John's Adult Choir**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Acolytes:** Meg Babbitt, Britt Emerick, Bradley Crocker, Isabel Grant

**Ushers:** Laura and John Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Don Polk

**Altar Guild:** Paul Shaker and Rosa Guzzo

**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:**

**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz

**Musician:** Joyce Burke

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Edward Shaker
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael
Carol Grieco	Susan	John Coghill
Janet Ray	Meg	Albert Lennox
Susan Murray	Luther	Daniel

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Virginia Van Dyk	Edward Nelson
Marshall Barnes	Bowie Thomas
Lyn Walker	Emily Russell
Edward Hohl	Sarah Thaxton
Ellen O'Brien	Mariana Evica
Vincent Williams	Elsa Ciscel
Elisabeth Russell	David Pond
Claire Hart	Morgan Babbitt
Tim Henning	

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Falkland Islands.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; ministries to the homeless; parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter; Chapel on the Green, New Haven; Church by the Pond, Hartford; all Ecclesia ministries; and the Midnight Runs.

### HAPPENING TODAY

**Ron Casey will lead a third Faith Forum on mental health today at 9:30 a.m.** Dr. Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in CT and a practicing therapist, will focus on questions and concerns around suicide, as a follow-up to his two November Faith Forums on anxiety and depression.

**A Community Garden planning meeting will take place today after the 10:30 service.** Even though the growing season in God's Garden is over for now, it's not too early to begin planning ahead for next year. All who are interested in learning more about our community garden and volunteering to help are invited to the meeting. We need people to plan for the growing season, plant, schedule volunteers, weed and maintain, harvest, and organize weekly veggie giveaways to our neighbors.

**Christmas flower offering envelopes** are available in the pews. If you'd like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope with your name and the name(s) of your loved one(s), put your cash or check donation in the envelope (any amount is welcome), and put it in the offering plate. You may also send or drop off your contribution and names to the office. **All names must be received by December 17 to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.**

**If you requested weekly offering envelopes for your 2019 pledge,** you may pick those up in Hubbard Hall. The envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name, in a box on the windowsill just outside the entrance into the nave. Envelopes are provided on request only; please contact Ellen in the parish office if you would like weekly offering envelopes but haven't yet been assigned an envelope number.

**The Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is today at 3 p.m.** A favorite tradition, this service is an amazing start to the Advent season—arrive early to get a good seat! In the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with carols for choir and organ. This event is a long-standing tradition at St. John's—a "must" to center your soul during Advent. Come hear our renowned Youth and Adult Choirs sing anthems and carols, and hear again the story of God's saving love for all people. Free admission with donations accepted. A reception follows.

### *Important information about year-end donations*

For financial gifts or pledge payments to be included in your 2018 giving history, they must be received in the office no later than **Friday, December 21**. This is to ensure that they can be deposited by year end, given the staff's limited office hours between Christmas and New Year's Day. Donations deposited after January 1 can still be applied to your 2018 pledge, but will be included on your 2019 giving statement instead of 2018.

If you plan to donate stock, please contact Peggy O'Toole, financial administrator, ahead of time so we know how to apply the donation. Gifts of stock often arrive without a name on them. You or your broker can reach Peggy at 860-523-5201, x 311, or at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net).

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's!

# Save the Date

## **Advent book discussion, Sunday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.**

P.D. James's novel *The Children of Men* will be the subject of an Advent Faith Forum on December 16. The story is filled with Advent's themes: life and death, courage in the face of destruction, how to find hope even in darkness and loss, the enduring promises of God, and the miracle of the Word become flesh and dwelling among us. The novel is set in a future world where no children have been born for 25 years. This world is dispirited, without a reason to build libraries and museums, to compose poems or write books, to do research or care for gardens. People dream only of safety from crime, a full larder, and a peaceful death. In this bleak and cheerless place, the novel provides a surprising retelling of the Christmas story. The book is readily available from online retailers or your favorite book store. It is gripping, moves along quickly, and has contemporary relevance. So get reading and come and join Hope and Bill Eakins in the Reception Room from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on December 16.

## **Christmas Pageant:**

### **Rehearsals on Sunday, December 16 and Saturday, December 22,**

### **Pageant on Sunday, December 23**

This is the last day to sign up for a role in the pageant, which will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 23. A **mandatory rehearsal** is on Saturday, December 22, 9 to 11 a.m. There will also be a rehearsal during the education hour (9:30 a.m.) on Sunday, December 16. **We need many adult helpers** to make this wonderful event happen. Contact Buffy Ineson (buffyineson@gmail.com) and David Beers (davidboothbeers@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Sort, iron and label costumes** during rehearsal on Saturday 12/22
- **Help with organizing and running rehearsal** on Saturday 12/22
- **Help dress children** in costumes before the pageant, starting at 9:30 a.m. on 12/23
- **Provide refreshments** during the **pageant rehearsal** and for **coffee hour** after the pageant.

## **Christmas week office hours**

The parish office will be CLOSED from Monday, December 24 through Thursday, December 27, and again on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1.

## **Twelfth Night Potluck Supper, Friday, January 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Bring the Christmas season to a festive close by gathering at St. John's for good food and good company. Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Weather permitting, the evening will end with the ever-popular burning of the St. John's Christmas tree (outdoors, and with all proper permits and safety precautions in place). Please come and bring a friend!

## **Pipes Alive! with Diana Chou, Sunday, January 6, 12:30 p.m.**

The Pipes Alive! concert series resumes the first Sunday in January. Pipes Alive! is an annual series of half-hour concerts by regional organists, on the first Sunday of the month January through June, immediately following the 10:30 service and coffee hour. Diana Chou, organ scholar at St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk, and a graduate student at Yale, will present the first of this year's concerts.



**We're in need of four people to donate gift bags to clients at the Family Life Education Center** (a St. John's community partner). The bags consist of a gift card for the family to use for groceries or gifts, and clothing for a child. Please see Susan Clemow or contact Ellen in the parish office if you'd like to put together a gift bag for a family in need.

**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2019.**

This list includes pledges received as of Wednesday, December 5, and will be updated weekly.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Merriol Almond, Bess & John Amamoo, *June & Emhart Aziz*, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Jane Bartlett, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Margaret Beers, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Philip Chapman, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Alina & Matthew Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Edith & Bob Connolly, *Michele & Halsey Cook*, Trig & Sam Cooley, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, Pam Dimock, *Martin Dodd*, Susan & James Donaldson, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Kate & Robert Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, *Mariana Evica*, Deborah Ferrari & Martin Wheeler, Martha Fine, Linda & John Fiske, Ellen & Ben Flynn, *Danielle Foint*, Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto, Tim Goetz, *Anne & Craig Grant*, Beth & Joel Grieco, David Grimaldi, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Susie & Ross Hatch, Eleanor Hayes, Anne & Randall Hayes, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Priscilla Hexter, Patricia Howard, *Frisha Hugessen*, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, Sarah Kieffer, *Betty Knorr*, Ann & Richard Krissinger, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Barbara & Albert Lennox, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, *Teresa & Joel Lohr*, Tina & Dave McCary, *Jackie McCauley*, *Walter McKenney*, *Barbara McKernin*, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Patrick Miller, *Janis Milroy & Christa Rakich*, Jean Mitchell, Marie Montas, Marnie & Bob Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alexander Nelson, Ann & Samuel Newbury, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, *Harriet Odlum*, *Charnley Parr*, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Bill Peelle, Susan Pinkerton, *Elizabeth Proctor*, Jillian & Michael Puzzo, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, *Barbara & Pieter Roos*, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, Judy Schaffer, *Cait Semanie*, *James Shafer*, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, *James Sharp*, Nancy & Bob Skeeel, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jackie & Paul Smith, Margaret & William Smith, Tyler Smith & Lyn Walker, Carol & Charles Sonne, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Pat Struglia, Margaret Thomas, Heidi & Hubertus Tummescheit, Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, *Anne & John Walsh*, Joan Warner, Brooke & Ted Whittemore, Michael & Craig Wilkinson, Janet Willard, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Joanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Anita Winters

**Note:** We received a \$240 pledge without a name on it. If you think this might be your pledge and don't see your name above, please contact Peggy O'Toole at [peggy@sparish.net](mailto:peggy@sparish.net) or 860-523-5201, ext. 311 so she can properly attribute it.

# Healing Conversations: Talking about suicide

Dr. Ron Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and a practicing therapist, will lead a third Faith Forum at St. John's exploring prevalent mental health concerns. This session will focus on suicide and related issues. Participants are invited to submit questions ahead of time so that Dr. Casey can lead a discussion that will be most helpful to those present. To submit questions, write them down and put them in the labeled box in the parish hall, or send them to Ellen in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net). The names of those who submit questions will remain anonymous. ALL ARE WELCOME!



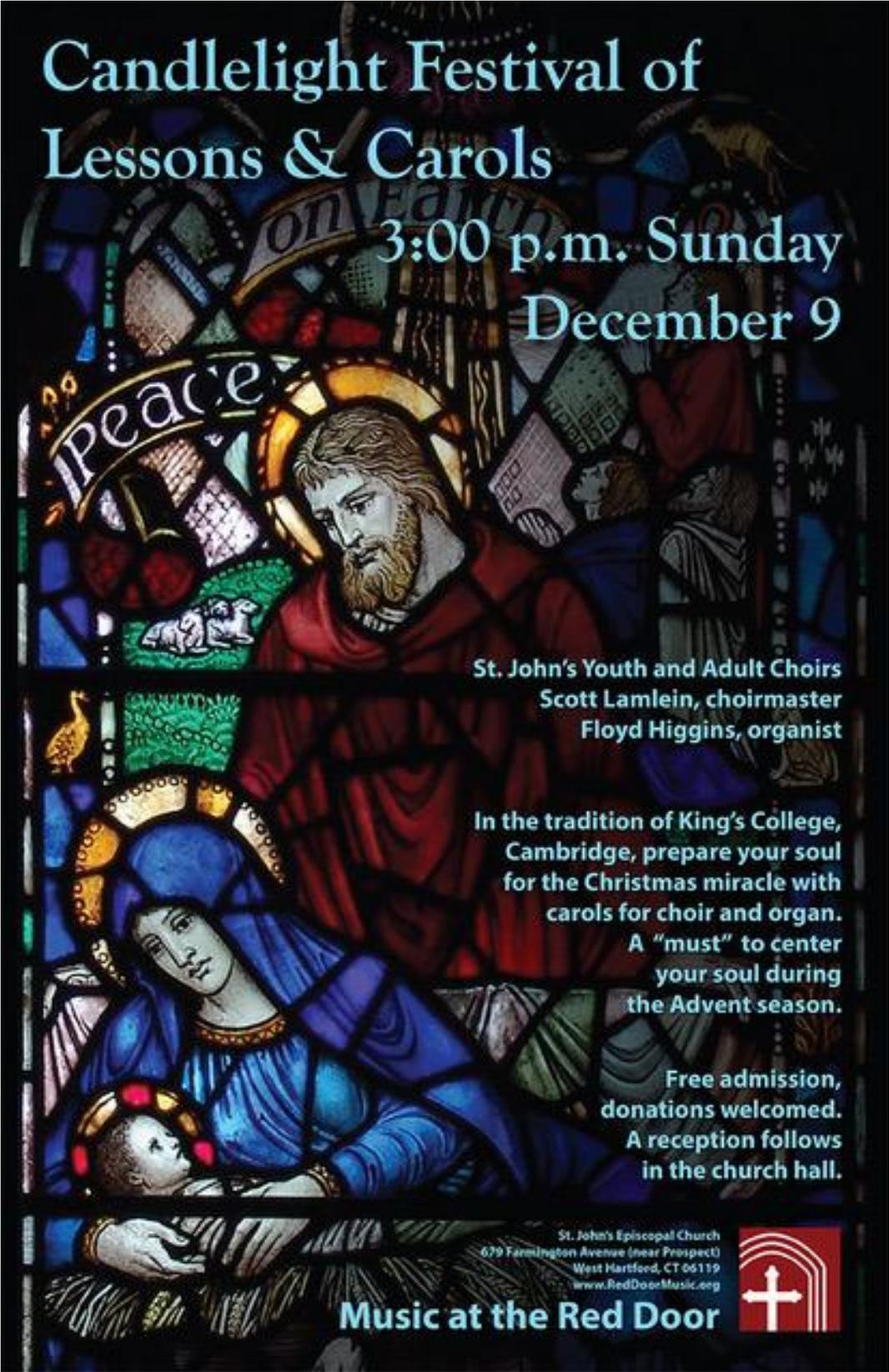
Sunday, December 9  
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# Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

3:00 p.m. Sunday  
December 9

Peace

St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs  
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster  
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In the tradition of King's College,  
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A "must" to center  
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Free admission,  
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# Christmas at St. John's

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## Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

## Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 24

4 p.m. with musical prelude at 3:45

11 p.m. with musical prelude at 10:30

## Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25

10 a.m.



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)  
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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