

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 2, 2017

9:00 a.m.

A Message on “Ordinary Time” from the Rector

After the season of Pentecost, we enter into what we call *Ordinary Time* on the church calendar. The word “ordinary” does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word “ordinal” which means “counted.” We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, beginning after Easter on Trinity Sunday, and concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent. You will notice that our liturgical colors are green, as evident in the beautiful altar hangings as well as the vestments worn by the clergy. Green represents the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. In following our readings for each Sunday in Ordinary Time, you will discover that it is anything but ordinary! During this liturgical season, we learn about Jesus’ life and ministry through the synoptic (meaning the “same”) Gospel stories. This year we focus on the Gospel of Matthew as the story of the early church unfolds, and we are invited to be part of this story as we enter into God’s mission in the world.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. While we do not have a staffed nursery or children’s Christian education in the summer months, the nursery room in the Education Wing is open and available should parents wish to take their children there during the service for feeding, changing or other needs. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Eighteenth Variation from <i>Rapsodie on a Theme of Paganini</i>	Sergei Rachmaninoff arr. James Kimball
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OPENING HYMN 718	God of our fathers, whose almighty hand <i>All stand and sing.</i>	NATIONAL HYMN
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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22: 1-14

All sit.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 13**The people read the words in bold.*

- 1 How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? ***
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 **Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," ***
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 **I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; ***
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6: 12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised

NYLAND

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 10: 40-42**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Helen M. Moore

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.**A period of silence is kept.*

We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop; for Ian and Laura, our bishops; for the clergy and members of this church; and for Christians around the world. May we, freed from sin, trust in God's promises and devote ourselves to the way of Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our freedoms, for those who protect them and us, and for our nation's natural resources and beauty. We pray for our president, Donald, and for all our leaders, that they and we will uphold the ideals of justice, equality and freedom on which our nation was founded. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need—for the poor, the homeless, the sick and refugees. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, for the Kattoub family and others building new lives in our community, and for those we love [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. May we welcome them as we welcome Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they will have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, and that we may be inspired and comforted by our remembrance of them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 MUSIC Variations on *Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 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.

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All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE CLOSING HYMN 719 O beautiful for spacious skies

MATERNA

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY God Bless America

Irving Berlin

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 Hope Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

Assisting: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Bess Amamoo

Guest Organist: Kyle Brazauski

Ushers: Annabel Clapp and John Amamoo

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Musician: Helen Hughlett

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in 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.

Séinaire 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:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Andrew Lee
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Chas
Carol Grieco	Grayson Moore	Jay
Janet Ray	Ann Weberg Linton	

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Carole Erdman	Sam Cooley
Laura Roche	Jeff Verney
Dwight Latif	

Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Dwight & Stephanie Latif
Cindy & Jim Lawler

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Dioceses of Ogori-Magongo and Ohaji/Egbema, Church of Nigeria.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Plainfield; Church of Our Saviour, Plainville; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; and for military chaplains and the men and women who are serving our country.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Women Together book study — Every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
- ❖ Summer service schedule (9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays) — June 18 through September 3
- ❖ Summer office schedule (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays) — June 19 through September 1
- ❖ Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral — July 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Block Party — September 17, noon to 3 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ministry Fair — September 24
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant — October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Bishop visitation and confirmations — April 15, 2018



The West End Food Pantry could use our help keeping their shelves stocked over the summer, when needs are high and donations are low. **Please be generous in bringing non-perishable groceries with you to church any Sunday** and place them in the wagon at the back of the church.

The Kattoubs (the family from Syria whom we cosponsor with St. James's) are in need of a few things. Can you help? Arabia is expecting their fourth child and could use **gift cards** to purchase new maternity clothes from Old Navy, Target, Kohls or JC Penney. (Note: Gift cards only please, no donated clothes.) Aboud (6-year-old boy) needs **new or gently used summer clothes**. They also need **paper towels** and **Dove Sensitive Skin body wash** (this brand and type only please). You may drop off donations at the parish office during the week or on Sundays (ask a staff member to secure them in the

office). Contact Sarah Kieffer with questions and for size information for Aboud — kieffer2468@gmail.com or 860-874-8076.

The need is ongoing for **\$5 or \$10 gift cards to Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Dunkin Donuts, or Subway**, which we give to people in need who come to the church looking for help. We also give away **toiletries** (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant), **non-perishable snacks** (cracker packs, granola bars, etc.), and **bus passes** (which we purchase in bulk at a discount). Please drop these items at the office during the week or give them to any staff member on Sunday. If you are approached by someone asking for money when you are at St. John's, please refer them to the rector or suggest that they come to the office during regular office hours. Besides having the above types of non-cash assistance available, we can refer people to other resources.

The 5 p.m. service on summer Sundays in the Cloister Garden ends with an informal coffee hour-style reception, with lemonade or iced tea instead of coffee. **We're signing up volunteers to bring snacks and drinks each week.** Plan for 15-20 people. Contact Ellen in the church office to sign up, or look for the sign-up sheet after the 5 p.m. service on Sunday. Come to this informal service and bring a friend!

We're looking for volunteers to stop by regularly to water our Cloister Garden and other areas (such as an area of new grass seed) over the summer. We have a hose set up. If you can volunteer one time or on a regular basis, please contact the sexton, Dwight Latif, or the church office.

We're looking for one or more part-time paid child care providers for Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, September through June. Care providers will staff the Good Shepherd room for children age 0 to 5 on Sunday mornings and assist at other times and events as needed. Applicants must be caring, reliable, and age 18 or older; they will need to attend Safe Church training through the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as well as CPR/defibrillator training (which will take place here at St. John's in the early fall). We're open to splitting the schedule among two or more people. Interested applicants, please contact our director of religious education, Janet Babbitt, at janet@sparish.net.

All are invited to a
JAZZ MASS
 with potluck lunch to follow
 Sunday, July 16
 10:30 a.m.
 Christ Church Cathedral
 45 Church Street, Hartford

*To welcome and celebrate the ministry of Erin Finn,
 the new Region Missionary for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's North Central Region*

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

June 18 – September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the church
5:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the Cloister Garden
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Buffy Ineson *Warden*
Wes Winterbottom *Warden*
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd *Co-Treasurers*
Ellen Painter Dollar *Clerk*

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606