

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 27, 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 Prelude on *Land of Rest*

George Shearing (1919-2011)

OPENING HYMN 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

All stand and sing.

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 Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 51: 1-6

All sit.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 138

The people read aloud the words in bold.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN It is well with my soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

All stand and sing.

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-20

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. William 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.

A period of silence is kept.

Blessed God, you have revealed yourself through your Son Jesus Christ to be a God of compassion and love: Inspire your church to live in your Spirit as witnesses to your goodness, as we pray: Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Holy God, you have founded your church on rock and given to us the keys to the kingdom of heaven: Inspire the gifts of all, that we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, which is our spiritual worship. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, and our clergy and leaders. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Mighty God, you hear the cries of the oppressed and seek the protection of all your children: Confront our leaders and those in power throughout the world with the power of your compassion, that their service may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their minds in your love. We pray especially for Donald our president, Dannel our governor, and all who advise them. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Ever-present God, you see all injustice and hear the cries of those who suffer: Bind the hands of the oppressors and loose the victims of harsh taskmasters, that all who are misused in their labor and their lives may be free to experience everything that is good and acceptable and perfect. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Gentle God, you unite us as many members into one body in Christ: Empower our gifts and reconcile our differences that we may witness to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Receive our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially those on our parish prayer list and whom we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. Embrace in heaven those who have died, especially Frank John Murray, Jr.

May thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Triune God, your love fills the whole creation and prevails against the gates of death: Fill us with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may be faithful ministers of your truth and generous servants of your compassion, through Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

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 I am the bread of life

Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

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 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

*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 and Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

The St. John's Summer Singers

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

Ushers: Laura and John Roche

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Helen Hughlett

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Herbert A. Vance.

Altar Flower Memorial Gifts

Donations toward the altar flowers for a specific date may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. For 2017-2018, a letter will go out next week with a form to return with your donation, indicating the names of those you would like to remember and on what dates. The following dates are *not* available for individual memorials: All Saints Day (November 5), the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Sundays in Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. (For Christmas and Easter, we will make special donation envelopes available and publish a list of all of those honored and remembered in the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Easter Day bulletins.) If you would like to designate a September date for your memorial donation, please contact Ellen in the parish office to make those arrangements. Otherwise, look for the letter and form to come in the mail, and return it at your convenience. Thank you!

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	Kristen Elizabeth	Chas
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Bob Connolly	Gwain and Janet
Carol Grieco	Andrew Lee	Jay	Kevin
Janet Ray	Susan Murray	Susan	Meg
Ida McKenney	Mary Stoughton	Taylor	Paige Carter

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Barbara Proft	Wes Winterbottom
Peter Brainard III	Jim Evans
Naomi Cipriano	Sloane Curtis
Tenley Brainard	Jadzia Genece

Those who have died:

Frank John Murray, Jr. (father of Buffy Ineson)

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Ruvuma, Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Salisbury School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity School on the Hill (Middle School), Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; and Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven.



The West End Food Pantry shelves are once again nearly empty! We will collect nonperishable food from now through Sunday, September 3, and then make a delivery to the pantry. Please be generous in bringing in food pantry donations, and put them in the wagon at the back of the church. Items needed include peanut butter, cereal, canned goods, tuna, pasta sauce, rice and pasta. We can also use your paper grocery bags.

Two members of St. James's Episcopal Church have obtained a \$250 matching grant to provide cleaning supplies and paper goods for refugee families who are receiving support from local churches. These items are not covered by SNAP (food stamps) so families have a significant need for them. Thrivent Financial will donate up to \$250 to match the value of items donated by individuals; the matching funds will be used to purchase

additional items. **Needed items include laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, cleaning solution (e.g., Mr. Clean or Pine Sol), paper towels, toilet paper, sanitary napkins/pads, and diapers (size 1, 4, or 5).** Note: Small to medium-size containers are preferred, because it is difficult to divide large containers. Please place your donations in the labeled basket in the carpeted area of Hubbard Hall.

Come learn about the Girl Scout troop at Grace Academy led by St. John's parishioner Mary Hardy on Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the St. John's Room. The troop is in its second year and welcomes volunteers. There are lots of ways to help, many that require little time. Contact Mary Hardy at (860) 233-1313 for further information. The St. John's Community Service Committee recently made a financial donation to the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, earmarked for the Grace Academy troop. This money will be used for uniforms and programming expenses, so that any girl at Grace Academy can experience Girl Scouting, regardless of economic circumstances. The Girl Scout troop is just one of several ways that St. John's supports Grace Academy students in this thriving community partnership.

Donations Needed for Fall "Blessing Bag" Project

At the September 24 Fall Ministry Fair, all are invited to help put together Blessing Bags for people in need who come to St. John's, containing basic toiletries, small clothing items (socks, gloves, hats), snacks, bus passes, a drug store gift card, and a resource list of agencies that can help with other needs. **Between now and September 17, please bring in the items listed below, and put them in the labeled bins in Hubbard Hall.** Gift cards should be handed directly to a staff member or dropped off at the office. You may also make a cash or check donation to the Community Service Fund to help purchase bus passes, additional gift cards, and other supplies for this project.

The goal is to make at least 50 bags, personalized for men and women. For consistency and efficiency, each bag will contain the same things, so please, no value- or bulk-size containers, food requiring preparation, toiletries or gift cards other than those listed, etc.

- ✓ \$10 gift cards to Walgreens or CVS
- ✓ Small or travel-size shampoo and conditioner
- ✓ Small or travel-size toothpaste
- ✓ Soft adult toothbrushes
- ✓ Deodorant (for men & women)
- ✓ Small or travel-size body wash
- ✓ Bar soap
- ✓ Small packs of wet wipes
- ✓ Warm socks (for men & women)
- ✓ Gloves/mittens (for men & women)
- ✓ Winter hats (for men & women)
- ✓ Single-serve, nonperishable nutritious snacks, such as cracker packs, trail mix, dried fruit, ready-made protein drinks, granola bars.

Save the Date

Welcome Back Sunday, September 10

On September 10, we will resume our regular Sunday service schedule, with spoken Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and choral Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

- **2017-2018 program brochures will be available**, including a calendar of events and information about what's new this year, such as a monthly Celtic contemplative service, a youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic, a women's retreat, and compelling Faith Forums including a workshop with professional storytellers and another round of the popular Faith@Work series.
- **Church school registration for all ages will happen from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.** Drop by decorate a prayer rock, make a Block Party poster, pick up the schedule of upcoming events, ask questions, and sign up to volunteer!
- **The Adult and Youth Choirs will return** from their summer of both rest and hard work getting ready for the new year, including a wonderful week of youth choir camp.
- **The Vestry will host a special coffee hour** — make sure to stick around after the 10:30 service to catch up with old friends, meet someone new, and enjoy delicious food and drink.

Community Block Party, September 17

All are invited to the second annual Block Party on September 17, after the 10:30 service, which will be held outdoors and feature a baptism and music from the Hartford Steel Symphony. The block party features food trucks where you can purchase lunch (or bring your own picnic!), music by local folk duo The Niels, a bounce house and games for kids, and tours of the church.

Fall Ministry Fair, September 24

Start off the new program year by learning more about the many ministries here at St. John's, from those that serve the congregation (such as ushers and the Altar Guild) to our community partnerships with local schools, feeding ministries, housing organizations, ESOL programs, and more. Find something new to get involved in this year! The Ministry Fair will take place between the services on September 24, at 9:30 a.m.

Choral Evensong with St. John's Adult Choir, September 24

The "Music at the Red Door" series continues with the first Choral Evensong of the year at 5 p.m. on September 24. In the ancient service of Evensong, the clergy, choir and congregation offer music, scripture, and prayer to the glory of God alone, that it might make the day we have just shared holy and perfect, and prepare us for the week ahead.

Celtic Contemplative Service, October 1

The new monthly Celtic service, a joint endeavor of St. John's and St. James's, centers on contemplation, silence, connections to the earth, and healing and transformation through meditation and prayer. The service is held the first Sunday of the month, October through June, at St. John's. A period of silence starts at 4:30 p.m., and the service begins at 5 p.m. For those who would like to learn more about Celtic spirituality, the Rev. Molly Loudon is teaching a six-week course at St. James's.

National Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC, October 7

Join acolytes from around the country for a special program at the Washington National Cathedral. St. John's is arranging for a group of acolytes to go down together. Interested acolytes and their parents should attend an information session on **Wednesday, September 6 in the St. John's Room (drop in between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.) OR at church school registration on Sunday, September 10, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**

The “Women Together” book group

This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m., starting on September 12. Led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore, this informal discussion and fellowship group is open to all women from St. John's, St. James's, and Trinity churches — and friends! The next Bible/book study will cover the book of James along with Howard Thurman's book *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Thurman writes of the contemporary tendency to isolation and the subsequent threat of moral nihilism. The author advocates from his vision for unity and reminds us to look deeply into the work of God in our lives. If interested, please contact Helen Moore at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net. (Please bring Thurman's book and a Bible to the group.)

Weekly Drop-in Bible Study

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton will resume weekly Bible studies at noon on Wednesdays, starting September 13. This is a drop-in event — all are welcome!

The St. John's Center for Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction

The Rev. Helen M. Moore (priest associate and director of the St. John's Center) has limited space available for new pastoral counseling and/or spiritual direction clients. All are welcome, regardless of faith background or affiliation, to take part in this extraordinary ministry, provided free of charge thanks to grant funding. Pastoral counseling helps people deal with challenges in their relationships, health, work, family, or other areas, and includes conversation about how God and one's faith can be part of healthy strategies and perspectives. Spiritual direction involves having a companion in conversation about seeing and responding to God at work in your life. If you or someone you know might benefit from meeting with Helen, please contact her at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net.

FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome Community Block Party at St. John's

Sunday, September 17, 12-3 p.m.

- Bring a picnic or buy lunch from food trucks
- Bounce house and fun for kids
- Tours of our historic church

Featuring live music:
The Hartford Steel Band (11:45)
The Nields (1:00)
Rain or Shine!



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Please join us at St. John's

Fall Ministry Fair

Featuring St. John's community partners and parish ministries.

Help compile "Blessing Bags" to give to people in need.

Learn, connect, and serve!

Sunday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m.



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CELTIC

WORSHIP at St. John's

4:30pm Monthly on the first Sunday
October-June

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

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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

4:30 p.m. Celtic-style service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education: Sundays 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

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	Rector
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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, John Roche, 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