

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 24, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Autumn Message from the Rector

As we enter the fall season, we are still in the midst of what we call “ordinary time” on the church calendar. Many Sundays have passed since Trinity Sunday last spring, when we started to count the number of Sundays after Pentecost, the Church’s birthday. We will continue to do so until we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which concludes this liturgical year before we begin anew on the first Sunday of Advent in early December. In autumn, we feel a shift in time, in both our bodies and our calendars, as we fall in step with the pace of a new season. As the weather cools and the foliage takes on brilliant hues of red, orange and yellow, we are invited to take time to ponder what God is up to in the world, the neighborhood, and in our individual lives. During worship services, our faith forums, study groups, retreats and Church School, we will explore ways to tell our individual stories and how they are connected to God’s story. Through these shared stories, we see that God is always beckoning us, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey, drawing us closer as God’s beloved.

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 from the ushers. Nursery care is available in the Education Wing for children from birth to age 5, and children are also invited to participate in “Word Alive” during a portion of the 10:30 service, where they will hear today’s lectionary scriptures in a child-friendly way. An acolyte will lead children out of the nave for “Word Alive” before the sermon; children will return to their families at the Peace. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Trumpet Voluntary Prélude au Kyrie	Henry Heron (1727-1789) Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	LAUDA ANIMA
<i>All stand and sing.</i>		

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

All sit.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 145: 1–8

The choir will chant the psalm. The people join in singing the antiphon.

Anglican chant by Thomas Norris
(1741–1790)



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1: 21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN We all are one in mission

NYLAND

All stand and sing. An acolyte will lead the children to the education wing for the Word Alive program. The children will return at the Peace.

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
 3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
 4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
 the steward of salvation was nailed up on a tree.
 Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

A single, great commission compels us from above
 to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
 Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
 so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.
 free reconciliation and hope amid despair.
 our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Rev. Helen M. Moore

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.

God, you call us to extend your love to the world around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we offer our prayers to you now:

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family at St. John's, that we may have the grace to be faithful to the mission that has been entrusted to us, and reap the harvest of the kingdom of God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all peoples and their leaders, for candidates for office, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world. We pray especially for our president Donald and our governor Dannel. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms. We pray especially for those suffering and grieving after the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean islands, and victims of the earthquakes in Mexico. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying. We pray especially for all on our parish prayer list. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, and with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant God of the first and the last, and all those in between, your grace reaches out to all of us—believers and skeptics and wanderers. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, to work together with one mind and one purpose, to reach out in love to those in need. Strengthen us so that we might live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives to the building up of your upside-down kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.

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. Lay readers and church school volunteers will be invited forward for a prayer of blessing.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM You are my God

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Bob Chilcott, described by The Observer as "a contemporary hero of British Choral Music," has become one of the most widely performed composers of choral music in the world. His You are my God is indicative of his style: melodic and singable, yet with a new and fresh twist.

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
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

Music: *William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*

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.

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

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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 Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Words: Latin gradual for the dedication of a church

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

Although mostly known for his nine symphonies, Anton Bruckner's compositional output includes sacred masterworks as well. Bruckner assiduously studied the music of Renaissance Italian polyphonic masters, such as Palestrina, and German Baroque composers, especially Bach. Locus iste was written in 1869, to celebrate the dedication of the votive chapel of the cathedral at Linz, where Bruckner had been the cathedral organist. (Notes courtesy Ryan Turner)

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 CLOSING HYMN 541 Come, labor on

ORA LABORA

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

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 Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Ushers: Julia and Jim O'Brien, Courtney Bass, Ross Hatch, Sarah Kieffer

Acolytes: Sophie Murchie, Margaret Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton, Morgan Babbitt

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp, Michael Wilkinson

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: John Hardy

Musician: Joyce Burke

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lois Church, James E.C. Walker, M.D., and G. Elwyn Brooks.

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	David	Paige Carter
Jim and Nancy	John McCain	Barbara Proft	Rowena Kemp

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Eddie Genece	Gus Murchie
Lilley Hohl	Mary Bainbridge
Lindsey Carlisle	Eleanor Wilcox
Tony Erdman	
Manuel Aguiar	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sam and Ann Newbury
James and Ginger Manise

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

I'd like to offer my deepest thanks for the wonderful surprise birthday celebration for me that took place after the 10:30 service on September 10, and for the gifts of a rolling duffel bag and two nights at the Society for St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) retreat center in Massachusetts (a favorite destination for rest and refreshment). I was moved — and genuinely surprised! — by this lovely celebration. Thank you to all who contributed toward the gifts and offered your best wishes at the party.

- The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

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Happening Today at St. John's

Fall Ministry Fair at 9:30 a.m.

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! We also need your help to fill "Blessing Bags" for people in need.

Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting at Noon

An informational meeting about the youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July 2018 will take place after the 10:30 service, from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the St. John's Room. Please stop by to learn more about St. John's first international mission trip! The high school youth are also doing a service project to cook and freeze choir dinners from 12:45 to 3:15 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Informational Meeting at Noon

All who are interested in the September 2018 adult pilgrimage to the Holy Land will meet after the 10:30 service in the Reception Room. Snacks provided!

Choral Evensong with the St. John's Adult Choir at 5 p.m.

The first Choral Evensong of the year is at 5 p.m. today. 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.



As you know, the Kattoub family (the Syrian family cosponsored by St. John's and St. James's) is expecting a child this fall and preparations are underway! If you are able to **donate size 2 or 3 diapers, wipes, or gently used or new season-appropriate infant clothing** for a November 8 due date, please reach out to Barbara Rua to coordinate a drop off or pickup via Barbara.RuaBusse@gmail.com or 203-895-6642. All items are requested by September 30. Your generosity is appreciated and will most certainly be put to good use!

We could use a few more volunteers on our **altar flower delivery team**. Team members deliver altar flowers after the 10:30 Sunday service to one or two homebound or sick parishioners. Volunteers are assigned to one or two Sundays per program year, and also asked to help deliver poinsettias and Easter lilies after holiday services, if possible. This ministry is very much appreciated by those who are not able to be at church. Contact Ellen in the parish office to add your name to the list.

Episcopal Relief and Development continues to provide vital services to people affected by the hurricanes in Texas, Florida and elsewhere. For more information on what they are doing and how you can help, go to www.episcopalrelief.org.

Featured Guest Preachers at St. John's in October

St. John's is pleased to welcome **the Rev. Chuck Robertson**, canon to the presiding bishop for ministry beyond the Episcopal Church, and author of the book *Barnabas vs. Paul: To Encourage or Confront* (Abingdon Press), a fresh look at church leadership. On **October 15**, Robertson will lead our Sunday morning Faith Forum (9:30 a.m.) and preach at both Sunday services.

On **October 29**, which is St. John's Commitment Sunday when all are encouraged to return your 2018 pledge commitment, the guest preacher will be **the Very Rev. Andrew McGowan**, president and dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

Save the Date

Newcomers Reception, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Whether you're brand new to St. John's or have been here for a while but would like to meet more people or get your questions answered, you're invited to a reception at the rector's home at 825 B Prospect Avenue. Join us for an informal evening of refreshments and conversation. Please RSVP to ellen@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201.

St. Francis Day Hike and Worship, September 30 and October 1

In honor St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the natural world, St. John's is hosting two events next weekend to which you — and your pets! — are invited. Meet at the Heublein Tower trailhead in Simsbury at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30** for a hike, and if you wish, bring along your dog to join the hike and receive a blessing. The 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 1** will celebrate all the gifts of creation. You are welcome to bring a pet to be blessed during the service. If you don't have a pet — or perhaps your pet is not the churchgoing kind — you're welcome to bring stuffed pets or photos of beloved pets, current or past.

Schweitzer Competition Winners Organ Recital, September 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating more than 25 years of launching the careers of the brightest stars in the pipe organ world, the winners of last year's competition present an inspiring recital. Colin MacKnight is the Young Professional Division Winner for 2016, and Katherine Johnson is the High School Division Winner for 2016. This concert is free and open to the public — all are welcome with no tickets required.

Schweitzer Organ Festival Closing Eucharist Featuring St. John's and St. James's Youth Choirs, October 1 at 12:30 p.m. at Trinity College Chapel

The Trinity College Chapel Singers will be joined by the treble choristers from St. James's and St. John's to perform the world premiere of a new setting of Psalm 150 composed by Philip Stopford. The anthem was commissioned by the festival in memory of David Spicer, former artistic director and founder.

Celtic Contemplative Service, October 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The new monthly Celtic service, a joint endeavor of St. John's and St. James's, centers on contemplation, silence, connections to the earth, 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 will begin shortly after.

"Dine Around" with St. John's, October 20

Come have dinner and socialize with other parishioners in their homes on Friday, October 20. Dine Arouns will be an opportunity for us to spend an evening enjoying the company of other St. John's friends, getting to know each other better and enjoying a good dinner and good conversation! All adults are welcome — married, single, old, young, long-time parishioners and newcomers. We'll have a number of different dinners happening at the same time; don't miss this fun evening! **Call or email the church office to sign up, or look for a sign-up sheet at the Ministry Fair and coffee hour today.** The Dine Around committee will match you up with a host and then the host will let you know what you can bring to contribute to the dinner! Sign up by October 15th so we can arrange the various dinners. If you have any questions please contact Kim Byrd, 860-558-9916.

Women's Retreat, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join author/speaker Jennifer Grant for a **women's retreat on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, about the power of storytelling for making sense of our lives and seeing God at work in them. We will talk about the stories of women in the Bible and share some of our own stories as well, looking for how they reveal insights about ourselves, our families and communities, and God. Grant is the author/editor of several highly regarded books, an experienced retreat leader, and an Episcopalian from the Chicago area. Her most recent books are *When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?: Indignities, Compromises and the Unexpected Grace of Midlife* and the children's book *Maybe God is Like That Too*. The retreat is open to ALL women — invite a friend! Registration is \$15 if tickets are purchased ahead of time*, and \$20 at the door. Lunch is included. To register, go to www.sjparish.net/events/retreat and click on the Eventbrite button. *Pre-registration ticket price is \$13.82 plus \$1.72 Eventbrite fee = \$15.

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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 contemplative 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

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

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