

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*September 3, 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 *Adagio* from *Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

OPENING HYMN 435, vv. 1-4 At the name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

*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* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

*Jeremiah 15: 15-21*

*All sit.*

**O** Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 26: 1-8*

*The people read aloud the words in bold.*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; \***  
**examine my heart and my mind.**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, \***  
**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Romans 12: 9-21*

**L**et love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 707 Take my life, and let it be consecrated

HOLLINGSDALE

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 16: 21-28**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

*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 the Church and for the world. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, your house is a house of prayer for all peoples, all outcasts, and all who love your name. Reach into our hearts and focus our attention on this central mission of your gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You ask us to maintain justice and do what is right, that all nations may know peace. We pray for the people of Syria, Yemen and for all living in places of war and unrest. Uphold our leaders to strive to work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to the visitors among us, and to their gifts and questions. Fill them and us with your welcoming presence. Watch over those who are away and bring them safely home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your face upon those in need of healing for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope as we humbly kneel before you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and commend them into God's eternal care. We give thanks for their presence among us and all that they have taught us in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City where the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth devastated by Hurricane Harvey and the monsoon rains in south Asia. Sustain those displaced by the storm with food, drink, and all other bodily necessities of life. We especially remember before you all poor and neglected persons it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; 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 Dance-Prelude on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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**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.**

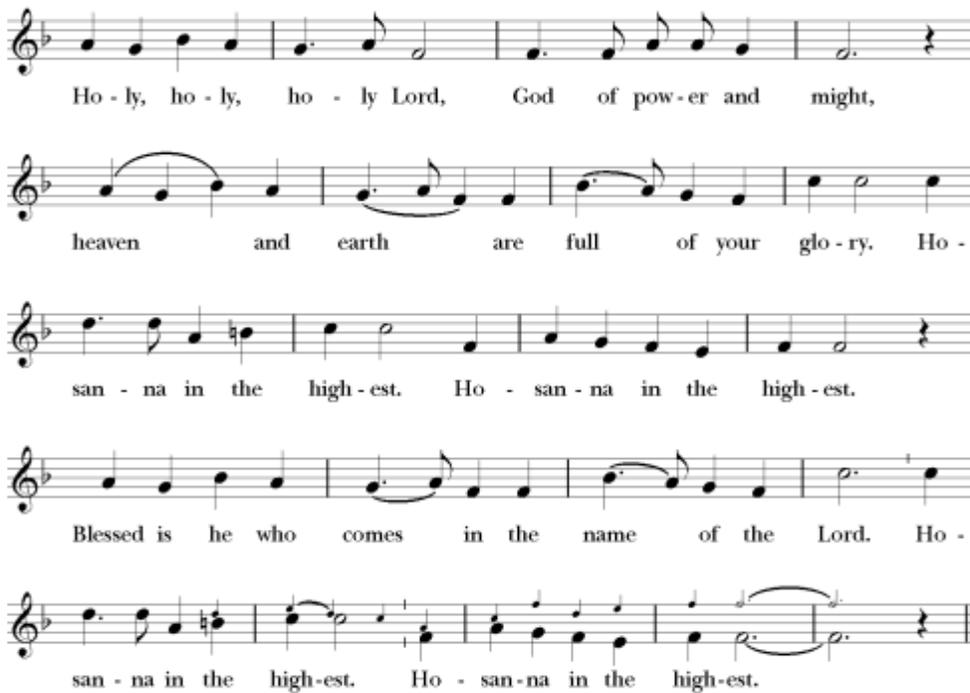
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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 594 God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 Susan Pinkerton

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Layreader:** Carol Sonne

**Ushers:** Nazra Ali and Sarah Kieffer

**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Blean

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center**

**Layreader:** Kim Byrd

**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

*The concluding prayer of the Prayers of the People is adapted from one written by Bishop Andy Doyle of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas on August 27, 2017.*

**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 went out this 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	David	Paige Carter
Jim and Nancy			

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Benjamin Puzzo	Julia O'Brien
Flora Speer	George Hicks
Sarah Noyes	Joan Murphy
Jakob Montas	Lonnie Burt
Troy Gostyla	Alexander Grieco
Arlene MacIntyre	Benjamin Clapp
Harriet Bunis	

**\*Those who have died:**

Nancy Chevrette, on the anniversary of her death  
*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Dioceses of San Diego and San Joaquin.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for L'Église de L'Épiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford; and for those involved in the ministry of education for Christian formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; for adult education leaders; and for the Christian Formation Ministry Network.

*\*We list the names of those who have died at the request of St. John's parishioners. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the bulletin, after their death or on an anniversary, please contact Ellen in the parish office.*



There are two ways the Kattoubs, the Syrian refugee family we cosponsor, really need our help: We need **drivers** to take family members to medical appointments, biweekly grocery shopping, and soccer practices/games. If you can help drive, please contact Jessica Henning at [jess.henning@gmail.com](mailto:jess.henning@gmail.com). We also need **someone who can help coordinate the children's soccer activities**. Knowledge of local youth soccer is a plus but not necessary. If you can help, please contact Sarah Kieffer at [kieffer2468@gmail.com](mailto:kieffer2468@gmail.com).

**Many donations are still needed for our fall "Blessing Bags" 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.

Please pick up a lawn sign to help advertise our upcoming

## Community Block Party!

We want to spread the word about this free, public event. If you're willing to put a sign in your yard — particularly if you live within a mile or two of St. John's and/or on a well-traveled street — please pick one up in Hubbard Hall today! Thank you!

## How to Help Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens have authorized funds from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Emergency Relief Fund to be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development, which is providing much-needed help in affected areas. They have urged Connecticut Episcopalians to offer our donations and our prayers to those affected by this disaster.

In addition, Mike Corey, who is a member of St. John's and of the ECCT Disaster Response Ministry Network, offers this advice for those who want to help hurricane victims:

*Currently most of the Texas Gulf coast is in the response phase to Hurricane Harvey. In the coming days parts of the coast will move in to the recovery phase of the disaster, while new areas, particularly in Louisiana, ramp up response efforts. There is no doubt that Harvey's impact will be felt for months and years to come.*

*When disasters such as Hurricane Harvey strike we all want to help in some way. All too often the desire to help becomes a secondary disaster - items get donated that are not needed, volunteers arrive that are unattached to an organization, or organizations that no one has ever heard of start asking for contributions. The best thing you can do is to help in a smart way, here's how:*

**Help financially** - You can make a donation through Episcopal Relief and Development at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).

**Do not self deploy** - If you would like to volunteer to do relief work in Texas or Louisiana, do so through one of the disaster response organizations, such as Episcopal Relief and Development. You may contact me at [mpcorey@gmail.com](mailto:mpcorey@gmail.com) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

**Avoid scams** - Unfortunately disasters often bring out those who will take advantage of the suffering of others. If an individual or organization asks for a contribution, check them out. Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

**Donation of items** - It is best to make a financial contribution to the relief effort, as that can be used for a wide variety of needs. Only donate items that are specifically requested by a relief organization.

**Pray** - Please continue to hold up in your prayers the disaster survivors, those lost, those responding, and the families near and far waiting to hear from their loved ones.

**Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).**

# 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.
- **Middle and high school youth will have their first Youth Night from 4 – 6 p.m.** to watch the movie "Remember the Titans." Join us for popcorn, donuts and apple cider! **RSVP to Mary Scripko at [mary@sjparish.net](mailto:mary@sjparish.net) or Janet Babbitt at [janet@sjparish.net](mailto:janet@sjparish.net) by Friday, September 8.**

## 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.

## Mission Trip Informational Meeting, September 24

An informational meeting about the youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July 2018 will take place on Sunday, September 24, 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!

## 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.**

### **"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 in the parish hall in September. 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. Also let Kim know if you would like to host, we need a few more!

### **The "Women Together" book group**

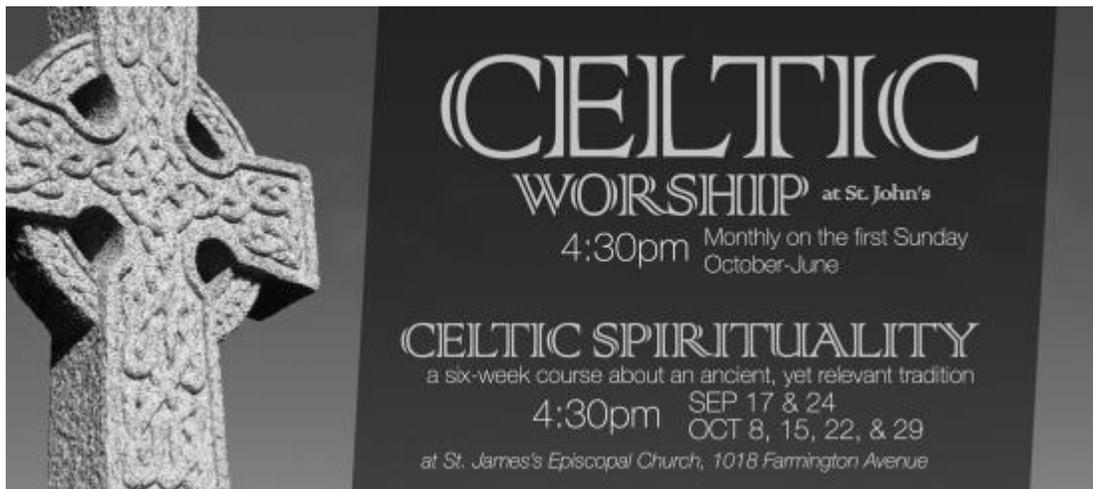
This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m., starting on September 12. Led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore, this informal discussion and fellowship group is open to all women from St. John's, St. James's, and Trinity churches — and friends! The next Bible/book study will cover the book of 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



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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

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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