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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II and THE BAPTISM OF
Cecilia Whitney Booker and Eloise Amalia Charlotte Rosen

October 22, 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. On most Sundays, 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 *Prélude sur le nom d’Alain*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

This work was written in homage to Duruflé’s colleague Jehan Alain, who died in 1940 at the beginning of the Second World War. The Prélude comprises two themes; the first is derived from the name “Alain” by a continuation of the musical alphabet past H (German B) in octave rows so that “Alain” gives the notes A-D-A-A-F (also used in the double-fugue in today’s closing voluntary), and the second is a theme taken from Alain’s most famous organ work, Litanies. Duruflé was a highly self-critical composer whose musical language can be viewed as a synthesis of two schools: the impressionist tradition of Debussy and Ravel, and the modal, Gregorian-inspired style of Gabriel Fauré. This particular work is soul-stirring and well-beloved because of its perfect balance and proportion — much like a painting by Monet.

INTROIT *Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood, 1996

Sung by the men of the choir.

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine
All stand and sing.

ENGELBERG

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

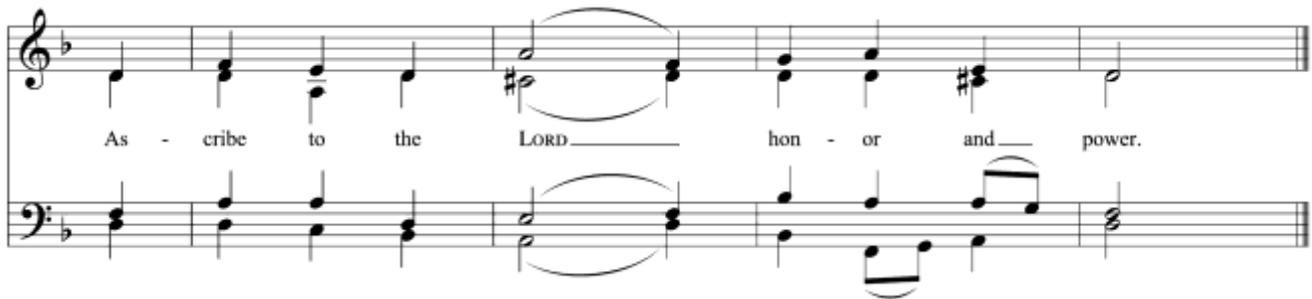
Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 96:1–9**The people read aloud the text in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and

to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 684 O for a closer walk with God

CAITHNESS

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Eloise Amalia Charlotte Rosen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents We present Cecilia Whitney Booker to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents when presented

Will you be responsible for seeing that they are being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Eloise and Cricket in their lives in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for Eloise and Cricket who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says to each candidate

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on each child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

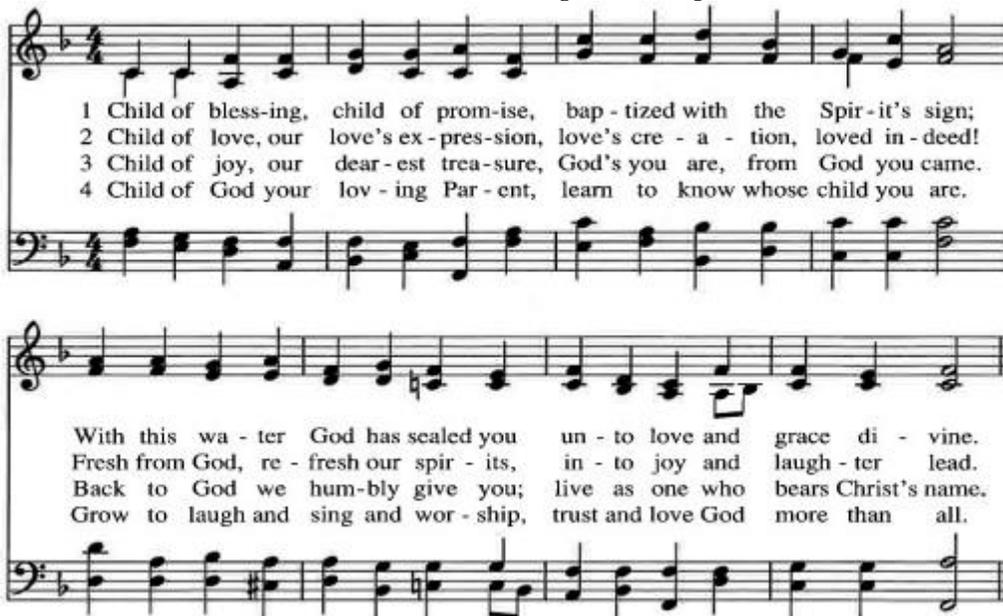
All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTTGART



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Treasures in heaven

Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)
Words: Matthew 6:19-21, 7:7-8

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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 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 ANTHEM To everything there is a season

Alfred Fedak, 1988
Words: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To everything there is a season,
 and a time to every purpose under heaven:
 a time to be born and a time to die;
 a time to plant and time to uproot;
 a time to kill and time to heal;
 a time to break down and time to build up;
 to everything there is a season,
 and a time to every purpose under heaven,
 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn and time to dance;
 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones together,
 a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
 to everything there is a season,
 a time to seek and time to lose;
 a time to keep and time to cast away;
 a time to rend and time to sew;
 a time to keep silent and time to speak;
 a time of love and a time of hate;
 a time for war and a time for peace.
 To everything there is a season.

It is difficult to hear this comforting text from Ecclesiastes without calling to mind the popular 60's song, Turn, turn, turn. Seeing a far greater need to inspire the hearing of these powerful words, Albany, New York composer Al Fedak has crafted a melody that allows the choir to communicate the deep meaning of the text clearly and with great feeling.

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 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Maurice Duruflé

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Hope Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Wes Winterbottom**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Jeff Verney, Annabel Clapp, Brad Babbitt**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Britt Emerick, Elsa Ciscel, Francis Lamlein**Healing Prayers:** Buffy Cech**Altar Guild:** Nancy Pedersen and Audrey Walker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Cecilia Whitney Booker and Eloise Amalia Charlotte Rosen, who are being baptized today.**

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

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

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

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

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

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher. Pray especially for Mike as he travels to Puerto Rico to help with hurricane relief efforts there.

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

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Don Hamer	Chas
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Jay	Meg
Carol Grieco	Andrew Lee	Susan	Robin
Janet Ray	Susan Murray	Donald Myers	John McCain
Ida McKenney	Mary Stoughton	Barbara Proft	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Hannah Davis	David Beers IV
Jackie McCauley	Jean Mitchell

Those who have died:

Rosemary Collins

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kim and Chris Byrd
 Lisa and Paul Farrell
 Susie and Ross Hatch
 Ann and Richard Krissingner

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Temotu, Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; and for Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild, local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

All Saints Day Remembrances

If you would like your loved ones' names included in the All Saints Day (November 5) service bulletin and prayers for those who have died, please fill out this form, tear it off and put it in the offering plate OR e-mail Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net. Please send in names no later than **Monday, October 30**.

Name(s): _____

Happening Today!

Intergenerational Faith Forum with guest speaker

Jennifer Grant is author of *Maybe God Is Like That Too*, a new award-winning picture book for children (and their grownups). At the Faith Forum today, Jennifer will read her book, talk about its spiritual content, and answer questions. Adults and children will also participate in a short activity where they, as Jennifer does in her book, creatively reflect on where they see God's Spirit at work around them. Jennifer also led a wonderful women's retreat on Saturday, with about 15 participants from St. John's and other area churches.

Coffee hour

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service will be hosted by Lynn and Lissie Brooks. Please stay for a cup of coffee, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know!

Training and information sessions (plus lunch!) for acolytes and youth interested in the Dominican Republic mission trip

All youth who are involved in the **acolyte program** (old and new acolytes) and/or who are considering going on next summer's **Dominican Republic mission trip** are invited to stay after the 10:30 service. The acolytes will do a brief training in the nave, followed by pizza lunch for everyone, and then a mission trip information session after lunch (those who are ONLY interested in acolyting may leave after lunch).

Multimedia presentation on "The Rise of Beatlemania in America" at 1:00 p.m.

Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz for a multimedia presentation on connections between the life and death of John F. Kennedy and the Beatles' unprecedented fame and success in America. Part of the Music at the Red Door series, this event is free and open to the public; donations in any amount are welcome.

Save the Date

Commitment Sunday and upcoming guest preachers

October 29 (next week) is 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. On **November 12**, the **Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler**, an Episcopal priest who has served churches in Cairo, Egypt and elsewhere, and an expert in interfaith relations, will preach and lead the Faith Forum. Chandler is author of *In Search of a Prophet: A Spiritual Journey with Khalil Gibran*, and will speak about how Gibran's work provides an opportunity for dialogue among people of different faiths.

"Women Together" Book Group starts a new series on Tuesday, October 24

Women Together will start a new series on Tuesday, October 24th from 3 to 4:15 p.m. with Laura Swan's *The Forgotten Desert Mothers: Sayings, Lives, and Stories of Early Christian Women*. Author Swan presents women leaders in the early emerging Christian spirituality and invites the reader to travel along on a spiritual journey. Described as unearthing the hidden caverns of Christian memory, this work promises to inspire and inform. Women Together is a group of about a dozen women from St. John's, St. James's, and Trinity churches who meet weekly for discussion and fellowship. New people are always welcome. For more information, please call the Reverend Helen M. Moore at 860-331-1127.

Pipescreams! Organ Concert, October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Hear the celebrated St. John's Austin organ played by a stunning cast of costumed players in this *spooktacular* concert. The music will be kooky, creepy, dramatic, doleful — featuring old favorites as well as some pieces you may not have heard before. Reception with ghoulish treats follows the concert. Fun for all ages. Don't miss it! Co-sponsored by the Greater Hartford Chapter, American Guild of Organists. A freewill offering helps support the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition for young organists.

A Night with the Saints ECCT Event, October 28, 6 to 9 p.m.

Join kids and parents from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) for a night of fun, tricks and treats at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. The evening will feature karaoke in costume, refreshments, and more. Bring some treats to share if you'd like. Free admission and free parking (with validation) available in the MAT garage.

Choral Evensong featuring the St. John's Youth Choir, October 29 at 5 p.m.

Evensong offers us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening to and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Evensong is a wonderful way to bring your weekend to a close in peace and beauty, and prepare for the week ahead. Please come and bring a friend.

FREE Counseling Services at St. John's

The St. John's Center for Pastoral Counseling has openings for new clients. We provide professional, confidential mental health support through pastoral counseling and/or spiritual direction. This service is open to all, regardless of religious faith or affiliation. Thanks to grant funding and the generous commitment of the Center's director, the Rev. Helen Moore, counseling is provided FREE OF CHARGE. We expect to add additional volunteer counselors to our staff soon. Are you, or is someone you know, in need of a confidential, safe space in which to get help for better mental health and tools for improving relationships, health, working life, family life and/or spiritual life? Our counseling staff works with individuals, couples and families. We can meet with you for a limited time, or for ongoing weekly, biweekly or monthly sessions. Give us a call in the parish office, or call or email the Rev. Helen Moore at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net to learn more.

Parents Night Out!

 Kids

 Night

Friday

November 10, 2017

5:30—8:30 p.m.

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Want a night away from your parents?

Wish the older kids' Youth Night was for you?

Come join us for pizza, games and laughs!

Ages 4-11. Cost: \$20 for 1-2 kids, addl \$5 per child for 3 or more children.

RSVP to Janet or Ellen by Sunday, November 5th!



This is a service provided by our youth going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July 2018.



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Friday, October 27th
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September 24 St. John's Adult Choir

Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster

Responses: Radcliffe

Canticles: Byrd Short Service

Bairdow: I sat down

Bruckner: Locust iste

Duruflé: Prelude & Fugue on ALAIN

October 29 St. John's Youth Choir

Scott Lamlein, choirmaster Christa Rakich, organist

Responses: MacDonald

Canticles: Sumsion in D

Plumstead: A grateful heart

Fauré: Maria, mater gratiae

Mendelssohn: Sonata in B-flat, Op. 65, No. 4



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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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