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All Saints Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 5, 2017

10:30 a.m.

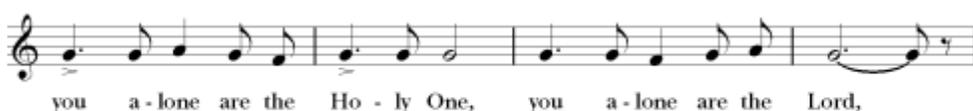
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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





Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 34:1–10, 22

The people read aloud the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Taste and see that the LORD is good." The word "LORD" is underlined, and "is" has a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Antiphon

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith to rise

SAN ROCCO

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

All sit. Children are invited to come forward for the children’s sermon.

THE SERMON

Erin Flinn

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.*

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! We bring into your eternal presence our prayers and intercessions, as we say: Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

You have blessed and called your church to be your own children, O Holy One, and to live in the spirit of Christ: Bless and sustain us until we join with those who have led the way into your eternal presence. Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

You bring into your glory a multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, Almighty One: May those who exercise authority in the world live in the light of your eternal wisdom. Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

Your eternal glory fills earth and heaven, Eternal God: Look throughout the earth to bless the poor in spirit and those who mourn; the meek and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers; and those who are persecuted for right. Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

You bless our community with gracious affection, O Loving One: May all who live among us live as Jesus has taught us to live. Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

Listen for those who call in their affliction, and save them from their troubles, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*].

Let us exalt God's Name together, as we offer our grateful thanksgivings, especially for those we name now [*pause for silent or spoken thanksgivings*].

Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb: We remember those who have died and entrust them into your eternal glory; may they praise you before your heavenly throne. Taste and see that God is good; **happy are they who trust in the Most High.**

Celebrant May your eternal glory shine in heaven and earth to cast away all darkness by the light of your presence, O God: As we join the heavenly hosts to worship you in our prayers, may the Lamb be our shepherd to guide all people to the springs of the water of life; and may your Spirit wipe away every tear from every eye, through Jesus Christ the Blessed One, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

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 ANTHEM The Beatitudes

Bob Chilcott, 2006

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Bob Chilcott has been involved with choral music all his life, first as a chorister and then a choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge. Later, he sang and composed music for 12 years with the King's Singers. His experiences with that group, his

passionate commitment to young and amateur choirs, and his profound belief that music can unite people have inspired him both to compose full-time and, through proactive workshopping, to promote choral music worldwide. This beautiful setting of the Beatitudes from Matthew's gospel exemplifies the composer's skill and versatility in writing for mixed voices. He leads the choir smoothly through a range of keys and moods, from the gentle simplicity of the opening, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" to the more dramatic and colorful, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you."

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.**

THE DEDICATION

Celebrant This Holy Communion is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the people of St. John's Church, those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we pray, and those whose prayers are known to God alone, and on this All Saints' Day, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Daniel Nelson Adams III
Margaret Ashford
Thomas Collier Babbitt
Theodore Babbitt
Margaret Crossette Fisher
Babbitt
Alan Bachman
Roberta Bataillon
Georges Bataillon
Kate Bower
Gerald & Nolda Cissen
Cyril & Mildred Connolly
William M. Daly
Joe & Mary DeLuca
James Drake
Bill & Ruth Eakins
Wilson Hinsdale Faude
Richard Fiore
Miguel Garcia
Dorothy Guthrie
Orson Henry Hart, Jr.
Effie Hennessey
Elizabeth Hetherington
Noble & Sara Hetherington

Helen & Harlod Howlett
Fred & Rose Hubel
Bill & Toni Hutchinson
Richard LaBranche
Edward W. Lamlein, Jr.
Lillian LeBlanc
Mary G. McCleary
Archibald McNulty
Elizabeth McNulty
Kneeland McNulty
Nathan Weidner Miller
Edna Monroe
Arthur Dexter Monroe
Mary Caroline Monroe
Jacques L. Montas
Carol Montas
Christopher Stephen Moore
Edward & Eleanor d'Este
Mosehauer
Frank J. Murray, Jr.
John & Grace Potter
Robert Reiersen
Rhoda Render
Sally Ann Stake

Paul Edward Stake
George Stoughton
Peter Stoughton
Dwight Stoughton
Aileen Stoughton
Wende Taylor
James E. Tracy
Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Joseph John Uricchio
Wendy F. Vance
Herbert A. Vance
James E.C. Walker
N. William Wawro
Kenneth Wilkinson
Brad Wilkinson
Roselle & Alexander
Winterbottom
Laura Kate Winterbottom
Eva & Edmund Winterbottom
Jean Winterbottom
Mary Jane Winterbottom
Ronald Young

A period of silence is held.

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, 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
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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.

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*

Music: *Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.*

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 *Agnus Dei* from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

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 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY We all believe in one God

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Vestry members are on hand to welcome you to St. John's today. Today's greeter is Bess Amamoo.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** Erin Flinn**Assisting:** The Reverend Hope Eakins**Layreader:** Wes Winterbottom**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** David Chrzanowski**Ushers:** John Roche, Christoph Stretz, Don Polk, Paul Shaker**Acolytes:** Margaret Babbitt, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, John O'Brien**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi**Altar Guild:** Bess Amamoo and Paul Shaker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Musician:** Joyce Burke

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Prayers of the People are adapted from those on the web site of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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	Cheryl Trahan	Jay	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Susan	Meg
Carol Grieco	Susan Murray	Donald Myers	Robin
Janet Ray	Mary Stoughton	Barbara Proft	John McCain
Ida McKenney	Walter McKenney	Amara	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Trig Cooley
Britt Emerick

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Toungoo, Church of the Province of Myanmar.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Matthew's, Wilton; St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; and for women's ministries, Women's Global Mission groups, and Anglican Women's Empowerment.

Happening Today!

Guest preacher and Faith Forum leader — Erin Flinn

St. John's welcomes Erin Flinn, region missionary for the North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) as our guest preacher and leader of the Faith Forum between the services. The six region missionaries of the ECCT are called to challenge Episcopal parishes and worshiping communities to expand our reach into local neighborhoods by collaboration with potential community partners. In the Faith Forum and sermon, Erin will talk about her work as a region missionary and engage with us in conversation about St. John's mission and ministries in our community.

Bethlehem Artworks Sale

Husam Qumsieh will be at St. John's all morning selling beautiful handmade olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to more than 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends, or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item to your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by Christian families in the Holy Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began 2,000 years ago. Crafting these religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.

Coffee hour

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

Celtic service, today at 4:30

On the first Sunday of each month (October to June), St. John's and St. James's Episcopal Churches co-sponsor a Celtic service here at St. John's. The service draws on ancient Celtic spirituality, offering periods of silence, prayers, reflections, and live music from a variety of traditions. These services invite us to experience God in new ways through ancient practices. All are welcome — please come and bring a friend. The service starts at 4:30 with a period of silence.

Confirmation Dinner, tonight at 6 p.m.

All who are participating in this year's youth confirmation program are invited, with their parents, to a dinner tonight at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about the program and get to know one another.



St. John's is again supporting 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas gift bags. Volunteer to fill a bag and make a child's Christmas brighter! Sign-up sheets will be outside Hubbard Hall for all Sundays in November. Please shop and place *unwrapped* items in a gift bag, and **return your bag to St. John's by Monday, November 27.** If you bring in your bag on a Sunday morning, please put it in the small room to the right as soon as you enter the Education Wing. Or you may drop off your bag in the office during the week. Thanks in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Brittany Bass at britbrown76@aol.com.

Time to replenish our Blessing Bag supplies! We've given out slightly more than half of the 50 Blessing Bags that parishioners put together back in September. Blessing Bags contain toiletries, snacks, warm gloves and hats, socks, bus passes, a Walgreens or CVS gift card, and a resource list. Parish staff give them to people in need who come to St. John's in need of a listening ear and some help. We need to replenish our Blessing Bag supplies so we can make new ones when our current supply runs out. We are particularly in need of:

- \$10 gift cards to Walgreens or CVS
- Warm gloves for men and women
- Warm socks for men and women
- Small size toiletries, especially deodorant, body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste

Please put your donations of gloves, socks, and toiletries in the labeled bins in Hubbard Hall. Gift cards should be handed directly to a staff member on Sunday mornings, or dropped off in the parish office during the week. Our current Blessing Bag donation drive will go until **December 3.** Thank you!

Help needed for refugee families in Connecticut: IRIS (the group we and St. James's are working with to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family) has numerous needs for donations and volunteer assistance right now. IRIS needs **1 to 3 volunteers who could spend one full day a week in New Haven for a minimum of 3 months. The hours will generally be from 9 to 5, but there will be some early mornings.** The primary volunteer role would be to assist the case management team in providing reception and placement services to newly arriving families. Tasks will include taking refugees to SSA, DSS, and conducting bus orientations. Training will be provided. Volunteers will need to have a car, a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. They are also seeking **1 to 2 volunteers to work with an Iraqi-Palestinian refugee to help his brother access an art program for people with intellectual disabilities** through the Department of Developmental Services. If interested in any of these volunteer jobs, please email amakar@irisct.org.

Donate new or gently used toys to the Children's Boutique at the Christmas Festival. Do you have unopened toys that your son or daughter received as gifts but never used? Outgrown toys, puzzles or games in good condition? Boxes and boxes of Legos, wooden train sets, blocks, or dolls that are sitting in your house unused? Please consider donating your **gently used or new toys** to St. John's Children's Boutique at the Christmas Festival. Donations are being accepted NOW! Your generous support is greatly needed to help make our first Children's Boutique a success!

Save the Date

Guest preacher/ speaker on Kahlil Gibran and interfaith dialogue

On **November 12**, the **Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler**, an expert in interfaith relations and an Episcopal priest who has served churches in Cairo, Egypt and elsewhere, will preach and lead the Faith Forum. Canon 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. Copies of his book will be available for sale at the Forum.

Prayer Shawl Knitters Group monthly meeting, November 9

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the second Thursday of the month to knit together. All are welcome to join this ministry to give those who are sick a tangible sign of our and God's care for them. The next meeting is Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m. up in the Library. Contact Cindy Lawler at lawlercindy@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Parents Night Out/Kids Night In, November 10

Kids age 4 to 11 are invited to a night of pizza and games, while parents can take advantage of a night of inexpensive child care! The event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and costs \$20 for one or two children, and \$5 for each additional child. Please RSVP to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net or Janet at janet@sjparish.net.

St. John's Youth Orchestra

On Sunday, November 19, the St. John's Youth Orchestra will perform during the 10:30 service! Whether you've played before with us, or never played with us, all are welcome! We will rehearse Sunday, November 12 immediately after church, and then during the church school hour on Sunday, November 19 (9:30 AM). The song is "This Land Is Your Land." All instruments are welcome! Please email Mary Scripko at mary@sjparish.net, or talk to her today to sign up.

Sacred Circle, November 14

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm in the Reception Room. The topic this month will be "Gratitude: What Does It Really Mean To Us?" As we approach Thanksgiving, we'll explore our traditional understanding of gratitude and how the practice of gratitude reaps its own spiritual rewards. Please come. All women are welcome!

Altar Guild Lunch, November 19

The Altar Guild will hold a luncheon for all current members and interested new members on Sunday, November 19 at noon (after the 10:30 service). Everyone is welcome to join the Altar Guild for this catered luncheon, to learn about our ministry and enjoy fellowship with current and former members. Come and see what we do behind the scenes in this important aspect of church life. Please RSVP to the Office by November 15.

St. John's Annual Christmas Festival, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One of St. John's most beloved traditions, the annual Christmas Festival is less than a month away. Festival coordinators (Karen Licht, David Grimaldi, and Christoph and Dale Stretz) are busy making sure that each of the Festival areas has leaders in place. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins and e-mail newsletters about volunteers and donations that will be needed.

Women's Book Group, Tuesdays starting on December 5

The Women Together book group will be discussing a collection of Advent meditations titled *Watch for the Light* (Plough Publishing 2001) on December 5, 12 and 19 from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. at St. John's. The Women Together group is a book discussion group led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore for women from St. John's and other churches in the area. New members are always welcome! If you plan to attend, please purchase the book from Amazon or your favorite book store before the first meeting.

Vestry Notes

A monthly summary of St. John's Vestry meetings

The St. John's Vestry met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Key discussions included the following:

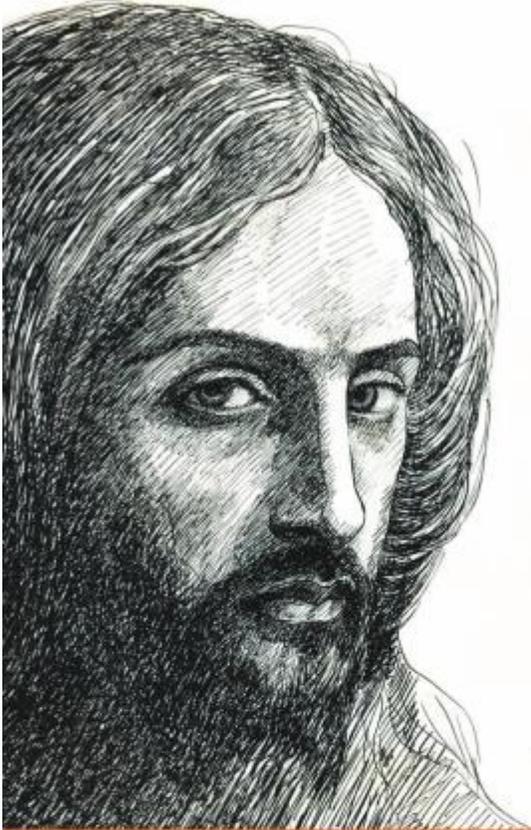
- Janet Babbitt, director of religious education, updated the Vestry on the children and youth education programs. She is exploring ways of having more consistent staffing in the Good Shepherd room for children age 0 to 5; introducing a "Children's Boutique" at the annual Christmas Festival featuring quality new or gently used toys; planning for a youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic; overseeing a confirmation program culminating in a visit from Bishop Douglas in April; and engaging new volunteers in the church school program.
- The Vestry discussed chapter 2 of *Barnabas vs. Paul* by the Rev. Chuck Robertson, who was guest preacher at St. John's on October 15. The Vestry is studying this book, which offers a fresh look at church leadership, together throughout the 2017-2018 program year.
- A Community Garden task force has researched possibilities for planting and maintaining a garden on our property to grow vegetables that would be given to low-income residents of our community. Look for a parish survey coming up to gauge interest in and ideas for a community garden.
- The Vestry Nominating Committee (consisting of outgoing Vestry members Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, John Roche and Heather Simson) is working on a slate of nominees to present at the annual meeting in January. Anyone interested in serving on the Vestry or nominating someone to do so should speak with one of these people.
- The Vestry received the names of people who have visited or recently started attending St. John's. Vestry members will pray for these people by name to help foster stronger connections between current and prospective members.
- The Vestry heard additional reports and updates on the fall stewardship pledge campaign, the recent women's retreat with author Jennifer Grant, Christmas Festival plans, the new Celtic service, the Growth Task Force, year-to-date financial reports, and plans to incorporate the Music at the Red Door program as an independent non-profit organization.

Complete minutes of the Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule between Hubbard Hall and the Education Wing, or you may request them from the parish office.

We are accepting nominations for new Vestry members

The St. John's Vestry provides spiritual leadership to the congregation, and works with the rector to oversee policies and priorities. Vestry meetings take place every month (normally on the fourth Tuesday) from September through June. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a three-year Vestry term, please contact outgoing Vestry member Courtney Bass, or the rector, Susan Pinkerton. They would be happy to take nominations and answer any questions you have about Vestry service.

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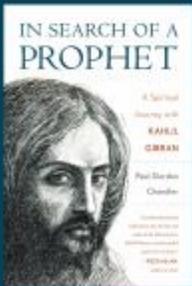
November 12, 2017, 9:30 am
FAITH FORUM

Paul-Gordon Chandler

Episcopal priest, author, art curator, interfaith advocate and authority on Christian-Muslim relations [www.paulgordonchandler.com]



Paul-Gordon Chandler will take the listener on a fascinating journey through the all-embracing spirituality of Kahlil Gibran, the early 20th century Lebanese-American poet artist and mystic, author of the bestselling book *The Prophet*. He explores how Kahlil Gibran, a supreme East-West figure, can be a much-needed guide in the midst of today's global challenges, related to peace, harmony and building bridges between the creeds of the Middle East and West.



Based on his new book:
IN SEARCH OF A PROPHET: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran
 (Rowman & Littlefield, September 2017).

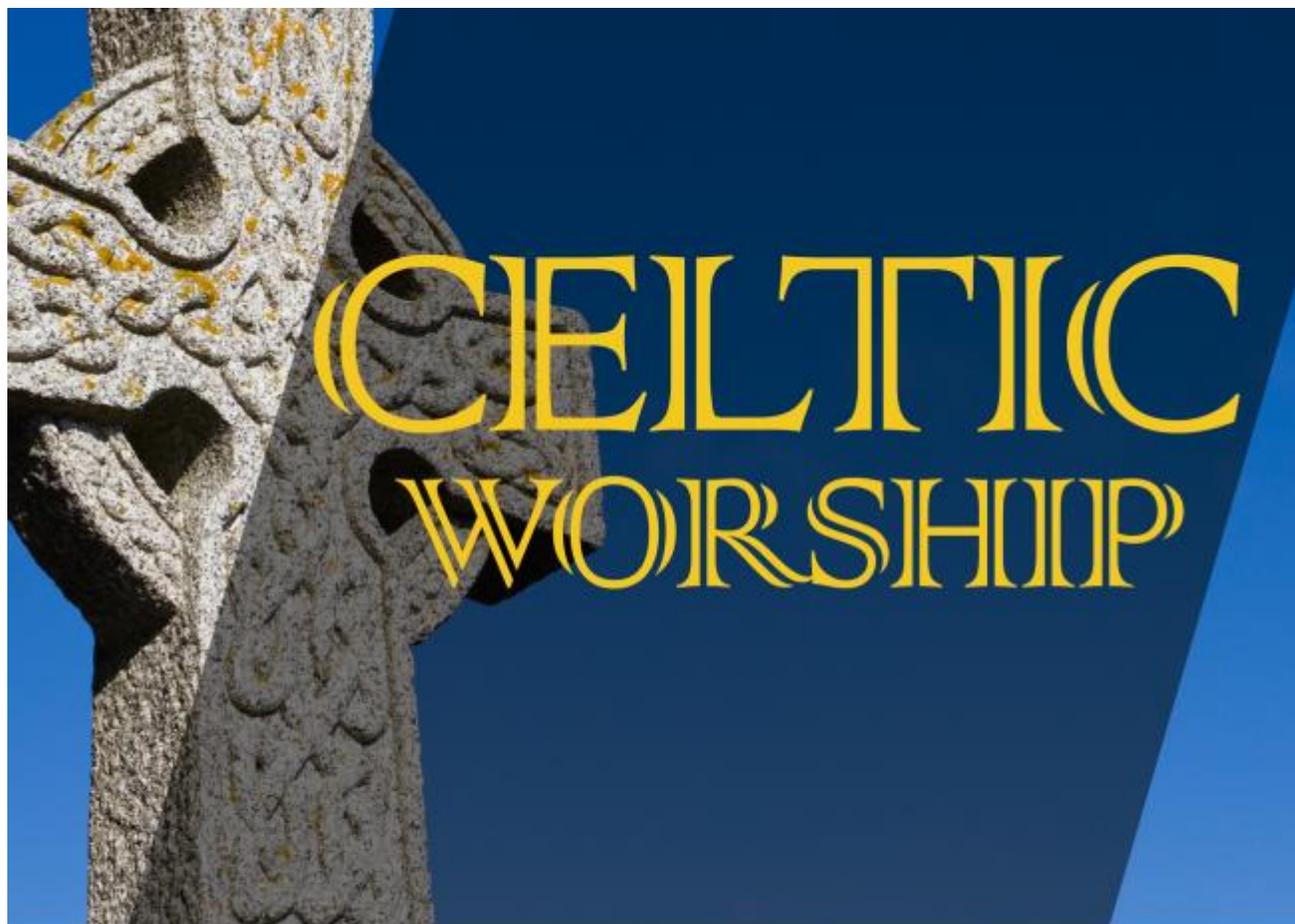
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— REZA ASLAN, author of *No god but God* and *Zealot*



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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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VESTRY

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

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

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

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

ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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