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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 11, 2018

10:30 a.m.

An Epiphany Message from the Rector

The Feast of the Epiphany, marking the end of Christmastide, is celebrated each year on January 6th by Christians all over the world. Since the 3rd century, the Church has celebrated the time when three kings, also known as the three wise men or the Magi, traveled from a long distance at King Herod's request to find the baby Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read about how the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem to find Mary, Joseph and the Christ child. This is a most momentous event for all Christians, because the Christ child, God incarnate, is revealed to the Magi — who represent all Gentiles in the world — for the very first time. At the sight of the holy infant, the three wise men kneel and pay homage with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Not trusting King Herod's motives, the Magi leave the Holy Family by a secret route to avoid revealing the whereabouts of the Messiah. This holy "appearance," when Jesus was revealed to the Magi, is referred to as an "epiphany" — a word taken from ancient Greek that means "showing" or an appearance of the divine, also known as a "theophany." As faithful followers of Christ, we continue to experience the epiphany, the appearance of Jesus, in our lives and we give humble thanks, like the Magi, for God's presence with us.

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, and child care is provided in the education wing for children 0 to 5 years old. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY	Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
	Préambule	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

This tremendous work is an example of Bach's use of concentrated material within a piece of music. The entire musical fabric of the prelude is presented in the first eight measures. The rest of the prelude explores various combinations of this material in a number of keys, often in quick succession.

THE OPENING HYMN 427	When morning gilds the skies	LAUDES DOMINI
	<i>All stand and sing.</i>	

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1–12

All sit.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 50:1–6

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

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken." The word "LORD" is in all caps and bold. The word "spoken" is split across two notes with a long horizontal line underneath. There are fermatas over the notes for "has" and "spoken".

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

WAREHAM

All stand and sing. Children are invited to follow the acolyte to Word Alive. The children will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

O God, as your Son drew apart to pray on the holy mountain, we now offer our prayers for the world and for all whom we love. We pray for the peoples of the earth and for their leaders, for wisdom and forbearance in all places of conflict, and for liberty and justice for all. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that it may shine the light of your truth and love into places of confusion, doubt, and despair. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the athletes and coaches and administrators of the 23rd Olympic Winter Games, that their dedication and proficiency may inspire us to persist in our good endeavors and strive for excellence in whatever we do. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and for the dying, for those in troubled relationships, for the depressed and the addicted, that they may find in you, O God, the hope they long for. We remember those on our parish prayer list and those whose needs we bear in our own hearts. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died that they may go from strength to strength in the light of your heavenly Kingdom. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the ministry of the St. Paul's Mission to the Deaf, and pray that by welcoming those of all languages, voices and abilities, our communities will reflect your love and hospitality for every human being. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Mighty God, you revealed the splendor of your love and presence in the face of Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see your Spirit still alive and powerful in our lives, and give us faith to trust that you will answer our prayers according to your wisdom and mercy.

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

Priest 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

Alleluia banner

Vestry commissioning

Prayer for St. Paul's Mission to the Deaf

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Heilig (Holy)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Sanctus from the liturgy of the Eucharist

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist Gott, der Herr Zebaoth!
 Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll.
 Hosianna in der Höh'!
 Gelobt sei, der da kommt im Namen des Herrn!
 Hosianna in der Höh'!

*Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord Sabaoth!
 Ev'ry nation proclaims his glorious praise.
 Sing Hosanna in the heights.
 O blest is he that comes in God's holy name.
 Sing Hosanna in the heights.*

The posthumously published Three Sacred Pieces were composed towards the end of 1846. Mendelssohn was never physically the most robust of men, and the years of constant traveling, performing, composing and conducting were now taking their toll on his fragile frame—he was to pass away the following year, completely burnt out. His letters of the period are brimful of references to his state of exhaustion, and by the time he came to compose these short choral works, he had already begun pulling out of upcoming performances. This perfectly conceived miniature is typical both in terms of its sheer mastery of choral writing and effortless command of musical expression and structure.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 healing prayers for yourself or someone else, please go to the baptismal font at the back of the nave after receiving Communion, where someone is available to pray with you.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM My God, how wonderful thou art

Richard Scarth, 1983

Words: Frederick Faber (1814-1863)

My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful Thy mercy seat,
In depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
And awesome purity!

Father of Jesus, love's reward,
What rapture will it be,
Prostrate before Thy throne to lie,
And ever gaze on Thee!

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 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

A trumpet Mardi Gras for organ! This is the last time we'll hear the Trompette-en-Chamade (horizontal trumpet over the main entrance) and Trompette Harmonique (high pressure trumpet in the chancel) in worship until Easter Sunday, as Lent begins this coming week.

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Hope Eakins**Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Psalterer:** Ted Babbitt**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Stephen Crocker, Julia O'Brien, Ross Hatch, Will Smith, Courtney Bass**Acolytes:** Gus Murchie, Eddie Genece, Britt Emerick, Kylie Murphy**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi**Altar Guild:** Michael Wilkinson, Audrey Walker, Carol Sonne**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Jeff Verney**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the 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.

Séminaire 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	Ed Cleavenger	John McCain
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Pauline Feole	David A. Valfer
Ida McKenney	James Varga	Jeff	John
Jane	Dorothy Nelson	Christine Laird	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Katherine Foust	Maisie Smith
Mary Scripko	Caroline Smith

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saints, East Hartford; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; and for the Haitian Ministry Network and Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Happening Today!**Two-part Storytelling Workshop for adults and teens, today and February 18 at 9:30 a.m.**

We're hosting two very special Faith Forums at 9:30 a.m. today and next Sunday. Matthew and Elysha Dicks, founders of Speak Up Hartford, will give a storytelling workshop for adults and teens (our middle and high school groups). Speak Up Hartford sponsors storytelling events in the area that regularly sell out. They also run storytelling workshops that cost as much as \$95 per person...but come to our workshops and you won't pay a dime! Matthew is a bestselling author and a 32-time Moth Story Slam champion; he and Elysha are both teachers in West Hartford. They are sure to be wise, funny and captivating, and you'll learn tips and techniques for telling a great story—a useful skill for everything from dinner parties to college application essays. Don't miss this one!

Lenten materials in Hubbard Hall

The second annual St. John's Lent devotional, featuring poems, writing and artwork from parishioners of all ages, is available on the table in Hubbard Hall, as are devotionals from Episcopal Relief and Development. Pick up one or both to support your Lenten practice.

Confirmation classes and the Holy Land Pilgrimage group will both meet after the 10:30 service, and there is also an extra choir rehearsal at that time.

Go to church even if you can't get to church!

Starting today, St. John's 10:30 Sunday service (and select special services) are being live streamed online. This allows you to watch and listen to the service—music, readings, sermon, Holy Eucharist—in real time or later on, from anywhere that has a good Internet connection.

The live stream videos are accessible on our web site page for each service, which also includes a listing of service music and links to the bulletin, sermon text and audio podcasts of the entire service or the sermon only. Go to <https://sjparish.net/services/>.

Try it the next time you can't be at church but want to stay connected to your faith community. Send the links to St. John's friends who are homebound or recovering from illness, and to faraway friends and relatives so they can take part in our beautiful services or hear a sermon on a favorite passage. And when you're at St. John's on a Sunday morning, remember those joining us in prayer and worship from afar!

Storytelling Workshop

During the Faith Forum
February 11 and 18
9:30 a.m.

Join Matthew and Elysha Dicks, founders of Speak Up Hartford, for a two-part workshop in which you'll learn tips and techniques for telling a great story. Sure to be fun, engaging and informative, this is a Faith Forum you don't want to miss. People pay as much as \$95 to take a storytelling workshop with these experts—and you're getting this one FREE. Adults and youth (middle and high school) are invited. This is a two-part workshop on Feb. 11 and 18 during the Faith Forum.



WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?

Save the Date

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7 a.m. Service at St. John's

Noon Service at St. James's, 1018 Farmington Avenue
with sermon by the Rev. Susan Pinkerton

7 p.m. Service at St. John's

"Ashes to Go" all day – All are welcome to stop in at St. John's during the day to receive ashes if they are unable to attend a service.

Note: The Mardi Gras pancake supper on February 13 that was in the 2017-2018 program brochure has been cancelled.

Celtic book study, February 11, 18, 25

Back by popular demand is another book study on Celtic spirituality, to be held February 11, 18 and 25 at 4:30 p.m., at St. James's. Led by the Rev. Dr. Molly O'Neill Loudon, this series will focus on John Philip Newell's book *Christ of the Celts*, and offer another way of learning about this ancient and relevant way to understand God and Jesus.

Sacred Circle meeting, February 20

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, February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. The topic this month will be "Vision and Blindness: In the Bible and in Our Lives." Please come. All women are welcome!

Women Together book study, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

The Women Together group meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. This group of women is from St. John's, St James's, Trinity, and other churches in the area. For Lent, we are reading and discussing *The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. New members are always welcome!

Youth Lock-In, February 23

All middle and high school youth are invited to attend a special overnight event at St. John's Church: a Harry Potter themed lock-in on February 23, from 6:30 p.m. on Friday until 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. Mary Scripko, our religious education assistant, has planned a special evening that will explore faith and Harry Potter. We will begin the evening with the Rev. Susan Pinkerton for worship activities and a shared meal, followed by games, movies, more food and eventually some sleep! Please RSVP to Mary@sjparish.net or Janet@sjparish.net to let us know you are coming!

Choral Evensong, February 25 at 5 p.m.

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the last Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on February 25 at 5 p.m. for music by the St. John's Schola, a small ensemble of eight voices directed by Scott Lamlein, organist and choirmaster.

Companions in Mission Conference, March 3 at St. John's

The Companions in Mission Ministry Network is a fellowship of clergy and laity from various parishes and mission organizations within the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Our mission is to inspire, encourage, and equip individuals and parishes for active mission engagement locally and around the world. We meet regularly for prayer, mutual encouragement, sharing of information and strategies for mission, and to fulfill certain responsibilities delegated to us by our bishop and diocesan leadership. Once a year we put together a Mission Conference. This year the theme is: "GO." Please plan to be inspired, encouraged, and equipped for your calling in the mission field. We will gather on Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. here at St. John's. For registration

information, go to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's web site www.episcopalct.org and search for "Companions in Mission."

Labyrinth Quiet Day for women, March 3

The Hartford Chapter of the Companions of the Holy Cross invite the women of the parish to join them for a Quiet Day to be held at Duncaster Retirement Community on Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will be led by Cathy Rigali, author of *Labyrinth Reflections*, with the opportunity to walk a labyrinth (indoors!). Please join us to learn about the history of the labyrinth and how it can be used in your spiritual journey. For more information, contact Kate Smith: kate48smith@comcast.net. To learn more about the Companions of the Holy Cross, visit www.adelynrood.org.

Pipes Alive! with Jacob Street, March 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Pipes Alive! is a monthly series (January – June) featuring local organists performing a 30-minute program on the St. John's Austin organ. Jacob Street, director of music and organist at St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk, will present a concert of Bs—music by Bairstow, Bach, Buxtehude, and Boëllmann.

Choral Music for the Soul: Fauré Requiem, March 11, 4 p.m.

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs join with the choirs of St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk in presenting the sublime *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, with organ and chamber orchestra. Disconnect from the outside world and connect with the sacred in this concert that also includes a solo organ work and music for the children's choirs, the newly composed *Visions* by John Rutter. This concert is free and open to the public—all are welcome with no tickets required. Suggested donation: \$20. A reception will follow the concert.

"Happening" for high school students at Camp Washington, March 16–18

Go to campwashington.org for more information about this dynamic weekend program for high school students in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Safe Church training at St. John's, March 24, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

St. John's will be hosting one of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Safe Church trainings on Saturday, March 24 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Safe church training is **required** for anyone who volunteers in a direct ministry capacity, such as in the church school, youth program or as a lay Eucharistic visitor. We encourage all members involved in volunteer ministries to participate if you can, as it's useful for anyone interacting with fellow parishioners and visitors to the church. This will be a "hybrid" training, in which participants will do some work at home before the class (short online videos and questionnaires, about 1–2 hours of work) and then get 2.5 hours of training here at St. John's. The training covers topics such as recognizing elder and child abuse, and how to manage church programs to ensure oversight and safety for everyone involved. Registration is free. St. John's will provide a continental breakfast and coffee. To register for the St. John's training, or one at another site on another day, go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/safe-church-training-option-2/>.

Read the Good Book this Lent and Easter

For Lent and Eastertide this year, Episcopalians around the country and the world are invited to join the "Good Book Club" by reading the books of Luke and Acts. Go to GoodBookClub.org for resources, including a schedule of daily readings, booklets, podcasts, videos and more. St. John's will use the Good Book Club readings from Luke and Acts for our second annual Lent devotional, which is available in Hubbard Hall today. The *Forward Day by Day* devotionals (available in the narthex or inside the back door) will also follow these readings.



Traveling companion needed for trip to Haiti: Global Missions chairperson Giselle Genece is planning a trip to visit St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti, the week of April 16, and is looking for another parishioner to accompany her. St. John's provides financial support to St. Sauveur, and this trip is an opportunity to foster our relationship with the school and see firsthand how our contributions make a difference. If you are interested in going to Haiti with Giselle, please email her ASAP at geneceegj@sbcglobal.net. The parish will provide partial financial support for the trip.

Choral Music for the Soul

Fauré REQUIEM Rutter VISIONS

Sunday • March 11 • 4:00pm

St. John's Choir with St. Paul's Choir, Norwalk
70-voice Youth and Adult Choir with Chamber Orchestra
Scott Lamlein and Jacob Street, conductors
Diana Chou, organ

Free Admission
Suggested Donation \$20



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Friday, February 23, 2018

**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL**

6:30PM-8:00AM

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fun, prayer,
shenanigans, food,
and Harry Potter!

Games, food, movies
and even occasional
sleep!

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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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ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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