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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 4, 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 Aria

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

THE OPENING HYMN 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

All stand and sing.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 40:21–31**All sit.*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 147:1–12**The people read aloud the text 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#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving." The word "LORD" is in all caps and bold. There are rests in the melody for the words "giving" and "ing".

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; ***
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 **He counts the number of the stars ***
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

- 6 **The Lord lifts up the lowly, ***
but casts the wicked to the ground. *Antiphon*
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds ***
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 **He provides food for flocks and herds ***
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 **But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, ***
in those who await his gracious favor.
Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 529 In Christ there is no East or West

MCKEE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:29–39

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who

were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

All sit. The children are invited forward for a brief children's sermon before the main sermon.

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**.*

To whom will we compare you, Holy One, the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain: Be near to us in our weakness and uphold us with your might, as we pray: Great is our God and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

Holy One, who never faints or grows weary: Heal and empower your Church, entrusted with a commission to bear the Good News to all the earth, that we may be all things to all people, serving as slaves to all for the sake of the gospel. Great is our God and mighty in power; **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Holy One, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing: Guide our nation and all who lead hold authority in the world, that they may be servants of healing and may cast out all forms of oppression throughout your creation. Great is our God and mighty in power; **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Holy One, who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless: Reach out your hand and lift up all who suffer from illness or fear, violence or threat, that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint. Great is our God and mighty in power; **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Holy One, who lifts up the lowly and makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind: Bless this community with compassion and grace, that we may serve one another with deference and respect. Great is our God and mighty in power; **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Holy One, whose understanding is unsearchable: Touch with your healing compassion those for whom we pray, especially those on our parish prayer list. Hear our gratefulness for all the blessings of our lives. Enfold into your eternal love those who have died, especially William Church. Great is our God and mighty in power; **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Celebrant We look toward your eternal glory, O Holy One, and raise our voices to you in prayer: Enter our homes and towns, our solitudes and cities; cast out all that oppresses and threatens your people, heal all who are weak and bring peace in our time, that your whole creation may sing out in praise to proclaim your message of love and hope, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Words: David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,
 Fill our emptiness with your presence,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
 In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,
 In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,
 In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in Organ Performance from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawton Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982. During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely anthem was commissioned for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, director of music and organist, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church, 2011.

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.

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.

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

Alan MacMillan, 1995

Words: attrib. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

O sacrum convivium,
 In quo Christus sumitur,
 Recolitur memoria passionis eius;
 Mens impletur gratia,
 Et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
 Alleluia.
 O sacred banquet,
 in which Christ is received,
 the memory of His Passion is renewed,
 the mind is filled with grace,
 and a pledge of future glory is given us.
 Alleluia.

Connecticut composer and friend of St. John's Alan MacMillan uses supple melodic lines and harmonies to color his setting of this Eucharistic text. The organ part reflects the contemporary French school of chant accompaniment with both sustained, quasi-impressionistic harmonies and use of quiet solo stops.

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 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Gloria from Organoedia ad missam lectam

Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

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.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Psalterer:** John Church**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Eleanor Barnes, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Dawson Biondi, Ford Gillespie, Elise Biondi**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie**Altar Guild:** Janet Willard, Carol Sonne, and Michael Wilkinson**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Helen Hughlett**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Altha Brooks Roy.****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	Donald Myers	John McCain
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Richard Myers	David A. Valfer
Ida McKenney	James Varga	Alison Johnson	Buffy Ineson
Jane	Dorothy Nelson	Ed Cleavenger	Pauline Feole

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Paul Thaxton	Maggie Willard	Alice Murchie	Cate Emerick
Cindy Lawler	Spencer Sloan	Frank Berall	

Those who have died:

William Church

In thanksgiving for the birth of:

William Frank Ineson, son of Chris and Kate Ineson, grandson of Buffy and John Ineson

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Immanuel St. James, Derby; Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; and for Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministry in Connecticut.

Happening Today!

Pipes Alive! at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a half-hour organ concert by James Barry, organist and music director at St. James's in Glastonbury. He will play a program titled "Odds and Evens," featuring pieces in a variety of meters by Susa, Bourgeois, Brubeck, and Rutter. Pipes Alive! concerts take place the first Sunday of the month from January to June as part of the Music at the Red Door concert series. They are free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

Celtic service at 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to the monthly Celtic service here at St. John's, co-sponsored with St. James's Church. The service starts at 4:30 with 20 minutes of silence, and also includes prayer, chants, a spoken reflection and music from a variety of traditions. This month's theme is a foundation of Celtic theology: the divine feminine.

Save the Date

Two-part Storytelling Workshop for adults and teens, February 11 and February 18 at 9:30 a.m.

We're hosting two very special Faith Forums at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 11 and Sunday, February 18. Matthew and Elysha Dicks, founders of Speak Up Hartford, will give a two-part 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!

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!

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!

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."

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.

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 will be available next Sunday, February 11. The *Forward Day by Day* devotionals (available in the narthex or inside the back door) will also follow these readings.



How can
I help?



Coffee hour hosts needed: Please look for a clipboard with a sign-up sheet at today's coffee hour and choose a Sunday to host. We provide the coffee and fixings, you provide a simple light snack, and help with set-up and clean-up. Feel free to partner with another family.

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.

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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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VESTRY

Buffy Ineson	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
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2016–18: Bess Amamoo, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

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

2018–20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Sonia Michel, Alex Nelson

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