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The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II and THE BAPTISM OF
Harper Rose Dolch

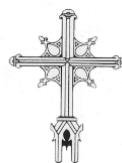
January 14, 2018

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 Hymns by the Hot Cat Jazz Band:
 We'll understand it better by and by
 Come Sunday
 Let us break bread together

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local Dixieland-style band that specializes in Jazz Worship—they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. The service music responses continue to be our traditional music with organ to provide an anchor in our traditional worship style. But everything else, including and especially the hymns, are a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy. Don't be afraid—join in and sing loudly!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN Shall we gather at the river

AT THE RIVER

All stand and sing.

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;____
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,____
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur-den down;____
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim-age will cease,____

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the_ throne of_ God?____
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py_ gold - en_ day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a_ robe and_ crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of_ peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful_ riv - er;
 Gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of_ God.

*Words and music: Robert Lowry (1826–1899)**Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;***Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;*People* **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 139:1–5,12–17

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

LORD, _____ you _____ have _____ searched _____ me _____ out _____ and _____ known _____ me.

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *Antiphon*
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Swing low, sweet chariot

SWING LOW

All stand and sing.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

Fine

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see____
2. If you get____ there be - fore____ I do,____
3. The bright - est day that____ ev - er I saw____
4. I'm some - times up and____ some - times down,____

1. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. A band____ of an - gels
2. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all____ my friends I'm
3. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
4. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. But still____ my soul feels

D.C.

1. com-ing af - ter me, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
2. com - ing too, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
3. sins a - way, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
4. heaven - ly bound, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,

THE GOSPEL

John 1:43–51

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Harper Rose Dolch to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest asks the parents and godparents when presented

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

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Priest

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

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Harper in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

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

All stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- Priest* Let us now pray for Harper who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Priest continues

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

All **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Priest says to the candidate

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

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTTGART

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

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

THE PEACE

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 What a friend we have in Jesus

Harold M. Best, 1985

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866), found at hymn 109

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,
heav - en 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

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.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Today's Communion bread was made by parish children and adults during this morning's Faith Forum.

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 Agnus Dei (from *A Little Jazz Mass*)

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Latin words from the Eucharist liturgy, at the Breaking of the Bread.

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 Take my hand, precious Lord

PRECIOUS LORD

All stand and sing.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat (F#), and treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are provided below each staff.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Music: Thomas A. Dorsey; arrs. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: John Hardy

Psalterer: Cate Emerick

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Hot Cat Jazz Band:

Trumpet: Ross Tucker

Clarinet: Andy Sherwood

Trombone: Tom Boates

Guitar: Norman Johnson

Bass: Donn Doucette

Drums: Sal Ranniello

Ushers: John & Laura Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Christoph Stretz,
Don Polk, Lyn Walker, Claude Brouillard

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Margaret Babbitt, Abby Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Michael Wilkinson and Ginny Kemp

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
Marie D. Smedley, Laurie Kerby, Mary L. Holland, Alfred Haddad, Margaret Bowie Berry,
James Belt Berry, and Mr. and Mrs. Sal Zamor**

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 missioner 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	James
Annie	Matthew	Jane	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Giselle Genece	Celia Kosinski
Sam Verney	Aidan Wrubleski

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; and for wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members, elected delegates and annual parish meetings.

Happening Today!**Faith Forum to honor Martin Luther King**

The intergenerational Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m. will honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's work for justice and reconciliation with a variety of activities for people of all ages. You'll get to bake bread, record a video blog entry, decorate candles and more. All are welcome!

Coffee hour for Buffy Cech

After the 10:30 service, we'll host a special coffee hour to say farewell to Buffy Cech, a long-time member and former warden of St. John's who is moving to Virginia. We'll have cake, snacks provided by the Vestry, and an opportunity to celebrate Buffy's ministry here and wish her well.

Poinsettias for homebound parishioners

We still have a few white poinsettias in good shape that can be delivered to homebound parishioners. Please pick up a poinsettia and card in Hubbard Hall (on the windowsill near the kitchen), and make a stop on your way home today to drop them off. The cards have names and addresses on them. This ministry means a lot to people who cannot get to church regularly but still feel very connected to their St. John's family. Thank you!

New World Trio concert, 2 p.m.

The New World Trio, for whom St. John's is their concert home, will offer a program titled *Darkness and Light* featuring music by Piazzolla, Rachmaninoff, and Turina. This chamber music trio features Ann Stowe on violin, Peter Zay on cello, and Pi-Hsun Shih on piano. Suggested donation: \$20.

Save the Date

Town Martin Luther King Day celebration, tomorrow at 10 a.m.

The Town of West Hartford invites you to 90 minutes of joy, music and inspirational messages on Monday, January 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main Street. Highlights include a keynote talk from Jay Williams of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and music by ensembles from Conard, Hall and Bristow.

Sacred Circle meeting, January 16 at 7 p.m.

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, January 16 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 Group, Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

The Women Together book group meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. Women Together is a book discussion group for women from St. John's and other churches in the area. The group is discussing a collection of reflections titled *In God's Holy Light: Wisdom from the Desert Monastics* by Joan Chittister. New members are always welcome!

Annual Meeting and potluck brunch, January 28

The St. John's Annual Meeting, including Vestry elections, presentation of the 2018 budget, and reports on various ministries, will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018. There will be NO 8 a.m. service that day. The Annual Meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and reconvene after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with a potluck brunch. **Please bring a brunch item as follows:** *Last name A to G* - Bring baked goods; *Last name H to M* - Bring fruit or salad; *Last name N to Z* - Bring a main dish such as small sandwiches, quiche, or breakfast casserole. Child care will be provided from 9:30 a.m. until the meeting's conclusion.

Choral Evensong with the Choirs of Trinity Church, Hartford, January 28, 5 p.m.

Evensong is an ancient Anglican service of music and prayers, at which you're invited to sit quietly, allowing the music and words offered by the choir and clergy to refresh your soul. Come take part in this opportunity to connect with the sacred and enjoy a peaceful, centered start to your week.

Midwinter Party & Food Auction, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

This annual event raises funds to support St. John's ministries, but more important, is a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, while enjoying delicious food and drink, and bidding on many unique food-related auction items, from themed dinners to sweet or savory treats to take home with you. *Everyone* is welcome, whether or not you plan to bid on auction items. If you'd like to donate an item, contact Marki Ware at mware17@comcast.net. The event will be held at the home of David Beers and Marian Browning, located just three blocks from St. John's at 30 Walbridge Road. Please come, and bring a friend!

Pipes Alive! with James Barry, February 4, 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. James Barry, director of music and organist at St. James' Church, Glastonbury, will present a program of *Odds and Evens*, with compositions written in various meters, from the standard to the extraordinary. Selections include works by Susa, Bourgeois, Brubeck, and Rutter.

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. The ECCT hasn't yet listed their Spring 2018 trainings online, but registration is open. If you'd like to register, contact Ellen in the parish office for a registration link.



We are in great need of TOILETRIES for the Blessing Bags that we offer to people in need, often homeless, who come to St. John's looking for help. Both men's and women's items are needed: Deodorant, small/trial size shampoo, small/trial size toothpaste, soft adult toothbrushes, small packs of wet wipes, lip balm, lotion, soap or small/trial size body wash. (Thanks to the students and staff at our community partner, Grace Academy, we currently have plenty of winter hats, gloves and warm socks.) Please put donations in the large bin in Hubbard Hall.

When you take down your Christmas decorations, please return wreath decor items (small ornaments, bows, faux greenery/flowers/fruit, etc.) in good condition to St. John's for use again next year.

Vestry Nominees 2018

Nominated as Co-Treasurers

Tim Goetz — A lifelong Episcopalian, Tim was baptized and confirmed at Church of the Epiphany in Southbury, CT. He moved to West Hartford in 2012. St. John's became his spiritual home in 2014, when he started to attend the 8:00 a.m. service, and he has been ushering at that service for the last two years. In 2016, Tim married his wife Neha at St. John's; their son Maxom is being baptized here in January 2018. Tim was voted onto the Vestry in 2016 and has since been named chair of the Growth Committee. He graduated from Central Connecticut State University in 2005 with degrees in economics and political science, graduated from Western New England Law School in 2010, and earned a master of law degree in estate planning in 2012. He is self-employed as an attorney at Goetz Law, LLC.



John Roche — John moved to West Hartford from Boston with his wife Laura in 1992 and joined St. John's shortly afterward. Their children Morgan, Will and Carolyn benefited from the religious education program, and served as acolytes and lay readers. John has been involved in many facets of St. John's including teaching 4th grade and Rite 13; co-chairing the Newcomers Committee; and serving as a Vestry member and member of the Discernment Committee — not to mention Santa Claus. John is a graduate of Cornell University, and works as a sales manager in the printing industry. He likes to ski, sail, cycle and generally be outdoors. John is thankful for the spiritual and moral guidance offered by St. John's, and looks forward to working to help enhance the vibrancy of the church.

Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry

Stephen Crocker — Stephen was born in Canada, where he was raised a practicing Anglican. With his grandfather serving as dean of Nova Scotia at All Saint's Cathedral (Halifax) for 21 years, religion was a very personal aspect of Stephen's childhood and upbringing. Stephen has been a parishioner of St. John's for the past 10 years and resides in West Hartford with his wife Rosa (Guzzo) and their two children, Bradley (10) and Dana (7), both of whom were baptized at St. John's. Stephen completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma at King's Edgehill School and went on to receive his bachelor of science degree from the University of King's College (Halifax) and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Ottawa, and completed postdoctoral training at the Neuroscience Research Institute (Ottawa) and then at the Scripps Research Institute (La Jolla, CA). He is currently a tenured associate professor of neuroscience at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where he teaches medical, dental and graduate students and runs a federally (NIH) funded research lab. As an active faculty member, he serves on a variety of committees, including as associate director of the Neuroscience Graduate Program, vice-chair of IACUC, and chair of the Graduate School Admissions Committee. Outside of work, he is the board president for Morley Extended Day Care, a 30-year-old nonprofit after-care program for more than 100 elementary school children with more than 15 employees. He is also an active father and choir parent for his daughter, and has coached his son's soccer teams in the West Hartford Youth Soccer Association, and more recently at FSA in Farmington. Currently, Stephen is serving as an usher at St. John's. He hopes that his experience and perspective will benefit St. John's and would be honored to serve the church in its mission.





Ann Hutchinson — Ann is a “cradle Episcopalian” who attended Episcopal schools for her primary and secondary education in her hometown of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She earned a bachelor’s degree in drama from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro, and a master’s in theater arts from UCLA. She worked for more than 20 years in local theater in Connecticut until about five years ago, when she resumed her study of classical piano, which is her first love. Ann serves as the director of human resources at the Pez Candy company in Orange, CT, and holds numerous professional certifications and memberships. Ann started attending St. John’s in 2015; is a member of the choir, Sacred Circle, and the Worship Committee; and will go on the Holy Land pilgrimage with a group from St. John’s in September. She is very interested in using the arts in liturgy (she directed the Passion reading here on Palm Sunday 2017), interfaith dialogue, and the power of prayer. She also loves classical music, reading and comedy. Ann lives in Newington with her husband Dan and three cats, and has two adult stepdaughters.

Sonia Michel — Sonia Michel is a graduate of the University of California at San Diego with a major in urban studies & planning, and minors in economics and Spanish literature. Her professional experience includes five years as a contract administrator for the San Diego Convention Center and eight years in sales and marketing program management for international IT manufacturers serving clients in Mexico, Central America, and Latin America. Upon moving to Connecticut in 2003, Sonia served as an educational consultant for local nonprofit organizations and then became a certified CT World Languages teacher. Since 2014, she has taught Spanish and French at East Granby Middle School. A member of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Sonia is currently pursuing a master’s degree in teaching French with Southern Oregon University. She has volunteered with the citizenship education program hosted here at St. John’s since 2012, and lives in Windsor with her husband Paul.



Alex Nelson — Alexander Nelson joined St. John’s parish three years ago with his wife, Elizabeth. Subsequently, their son Edward was baptized at St. John’s. They are expecting another child in May. Alex has been a member of the men’s Bible study group since its inception two years ago. He also sat on the discernment committee for Mike Corey’s decision to join the ministry. Just recently, Alex was on the parish block party committee and enjoyed working the first-aid station. Alex has lived in the Hartford area for almost 10 years working as an aerospace engineer, first at R&D Dynamics, currently at Pratt & Whitney. He received both his MBA and master of mechanical engineering from University of Hartford; and holds bachelor degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering. As a child, he attended Wyoming Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, and was an active member of the youth choir and youth ministry. As a young adult, he attended St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in New Jersey. He is very excited to serve St. John’s in a new way and become more actively involved in the parish.

Choral Evensong at St. John's



Worship Ancient and Beautiful
Last Sunday of Selected Months, 5pm

An opportunity to connect with the sacred through sublime liturgy with music for choir and organ. Give yourself the gift of quiet to begin your week.

January 28 Choirs of Trinity Church
Trinity Church Choir and the Choir School of Hartford
Jackson Merrill, organist/choirmaster

February 25 St. John's Schola
Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster

April 29 St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs
Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster



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St. John's Midwinter Party & Food Auction

Friday, February 2

6:30 p.m.

30 Walbridge Road, West Hartford

Home of David Beers and Marian Browning
Three blocks from church

Join us for the St. John's annual midwinter party and food auction. All adult parishioners (and friends!) are invited for a fun evening of food, drinks and fellowship.

The auction features delicious items, from themed dinner parties to sweet and savory treats to enjoy at home. Come and bid — or just enjoy an evening out with good food, drinks and friends!

If you'd like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Marki Ware at mware17@comcast.net.

All are
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Invite a
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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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The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	<i>Rector</i>
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*These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.

VESTRY

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