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The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 18, 2018

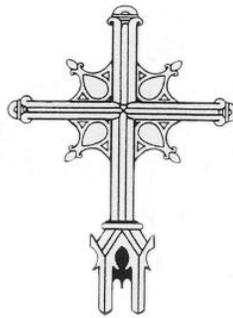
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A Lenten Message from the Rector

Our 40-day season of Lent can mean many things to many people. For some, Lent is a time of personal sacrifice, a time to give up something they particularly enjoy, such as a favorite food like chocolate, a favorite activity like going to the movies, or following social media platforms like Facebook or Instagram. Lent can also be a time to take something on, such as keeping a prayer journal, setting aside time each day to be still and listen for God, or taking walks while lifting up your prayers to God. No matter whether you give something up or take something on, Lent offers us a unique opportunity to better know ourselves and to deepen our relationship with God. It is a time for prayer and deep reflection on the hard questions of faith and life. It is also about simply creating time for God in our busy, overscheduled lives. Whether you take something on or give something up for Lent, you will find that Easter morning will hold a much deeper meaning as a result of your 40 days of thoughtful preparation. May this Lenten season be a time of grace and holy waiting, knowing that Jesus goes before us and shows us the way.

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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE GREAT LITANY

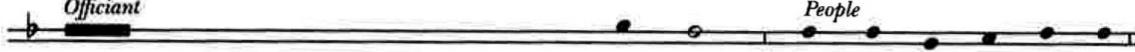
All stand at the sound of the bell.

Officiant  *People*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People*

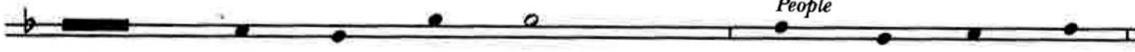
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

 *People*

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

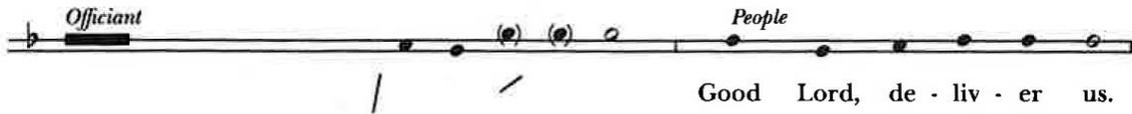
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all / want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, / and
the dévil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy
Word / and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

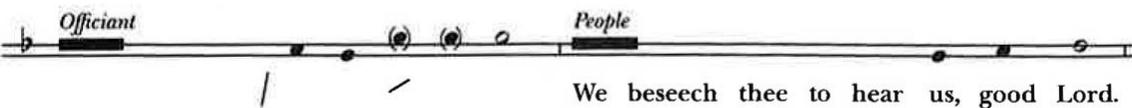
From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestil-/ence, and
famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from
dying suddenly and / unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy
Baptism, Fasting, / and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial;
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the / Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the / day
of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and
govern thy holy Church Universal in / the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and
understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth,
and show / it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind in-/to thy kíngdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits / of the Spírit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and / are decéived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after / thy commándments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the / ways of trúth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom up- / on all péoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all / may enjój them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the / common góod,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor / or their trável,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or / torn by strífe,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing / and infírm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and / tribulátion,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy up-/on all mánkind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentence; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy / holy Wórd,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant *People*

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their héarts
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise
 up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan un- / der our féet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all faithful departed eternal / life and péace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to
 thy hea- / venly kíngdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
People Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
 Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the
 weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 9:8–17**All sit.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 25:1–9**The people read aloud the text in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Your paths, O LORD, are love and faith - ful - ness, to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

Leader To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

People **Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Leader Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

People **Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Antiphon

Leader Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

People **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Leader Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

People **He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Antiphon***

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:18–22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

CAITHNESS

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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.

As people of the everlasting covenant, may we, the Church, be inspired and equipped to reconcile all people to God and one another. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy, and all who proclaim the good news of God's love. O God, lead us in your truth and teach us; **for you are the God of our salvation.**

We pray that Jesus Christ, the One to whom angels, authorities and powers are subject, will guide those in positions of authority in our communities, our nation and the world. May their policies and priorities reflect God's love of every human being and all of creation. O God, lead us in your truth and teach us; **for you are the God of our salvation.**

We pray for all who are in the wilderness—for those who are alone, tempted, scared, exhausted, hungry, under threat and in need. We remember those on our parish prayer list and those whom we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. We pray that your angels will wait on them in their wilderness places, and that they will be restored to health, hope and community. O God, lead us in your truth and teach us; **for you are the God of our salvation.**

We pray for the people of Parkland, Florida—for those broken by fear, trauma and loss, and for the wounded, the dead and those who love them. We pray for those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in the light of your heavenly Kingdom. We ask for wisdom and courage as we respond to violence and work toward safety and healing for all children, schools and communities. O God, lead us in your truth and teach us; **for you are the God of our salvation.**

Celebrant Remember us and hear our prayers according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. We pray in the name of the Beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

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 O for a closer walk with God Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), found at Hymn 683

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves

alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na
 in ex - céel - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - céel - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The image shows two staves of Gregorian chant notation. The first staff has the lyrics: "A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis." The second staff has the lyrics: "A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem." The notation consists of a single melodic line on a four-line staff with a treble clef, using a system of square neumes.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us 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 Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Words: Psalm 119: 33

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

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 143 The glory of these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in E minor, BWV 533

Johann Sebastian Bach

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: Christoph Stretz

Psalterer: John Nowacki

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: John & Laura Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow,

Lyn Walker, Christoph Stretz, Don Polk, Claude Brouillard

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Emma Evica, Elsa Ciscel, Britt Emerick

Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler

Altar Guild: Michael Wilkinson, Audrey Walker, Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Bess Amamoo

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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
Albert Lennox	Dorothy Nelson	Christine Laird	Leah

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nancy Pedersen	Lydia Henning
Joyce Burke	Lori Noyes
Wolfie Parsons	Heidi Gostyla
Mary Hardy	Olivia Giuliano
Joel Grieco	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Laura & George Hicks
Ginny & Mark Proft

Those who have died:

Nancy Smedley Morrell

Rehanna Mungroo

With the Hart/Uricchio family, we honor the memory of and give thanks for the life of Orson H. Hart, Jr.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; and for the Union of Black Episcopalians CT, and all ministries of racial reconciliation and racial justice.

Happening Today!

Storytelling Workshop for adults and teens, 9:30 a.m.

Matt and Elysha Dicks, founders of Speak Up Hartford, will lead Part 2 of 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. You'll learn tips and techniques for telling a great story—a useful skill for everything from dinner parties to college application essays.

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 and "Lent in a Bag" kits to support your family's Lenten practice at home.

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

The 10:30 Sunday service and select special services (such as last week's Ash Wednesday evening service) are now 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!

Save the Date

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 offers 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!

North Central Region Convocation, February 24 at 9 a.m.

This event, on Saturday, February 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Commons in Meriden, is open to ANYONE affiliated with a parish or worshiping community in the North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Our Convocation will feature Bishop Laura Ahrens and your fellow members of the North Central Region. This is a time for us all to gather to pray, play, and eat together as we imagine where God is calling us next. Food, childcare and parking are provided. Registration will be open until Wednesday, February 21. More information is available on the ECCT web site episcopalct.org. Click on "Events" then "ECCT Calendar," then scroll down to February 24 and click on the Convocation link.

Faith@Work Forums, February 25, March 4, 11 & 18, 9:30 a.m.

Last year's inaugural Faith@Work Forum series, featuring two guest speakers and two parishioners talking about how their faith is connected to their daily work, was extremely popular and well-received—so we're doing another series this year. The series kicks off at the Faith Forum on Sunday, February 25, with Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman. Other guests include parishioners Wes Winterbottom and Eleanor Barnes, along with Mary Mushinsky, a state representative from Wallingford. They will share their stories in an informal Q&A format.

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.

Diana Butler Bass speaking at First Church, West Hartford, March 3, 7 to 9 p.m.

Nationally known author and scholar Diana Butler Bass, whose latest book is *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, will speak at First Church in West Hartford (12 South Main Street) on Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m. For more information and to register, go to whfirstchurch.org and click on the banner advertising the event.

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 Böellmann.

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.

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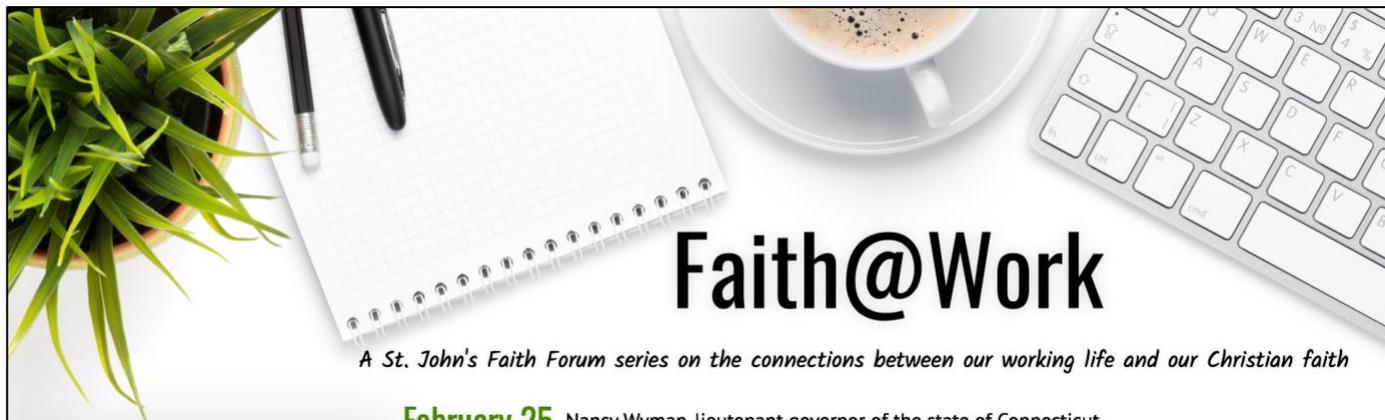
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9:30 a.m.
Sundays in Lent

- February 25** Nancy Wyman, lieutenant governor of the state of Connecticut
- March 4** Wesley Winterbottom, professor at Gateway Community College
- March 11** Eleanor Barnes, financial advisor at Morgan Stanley
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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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