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The Second Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

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 Two Pieces

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

Monodie – Choral cistercien pour une élévation

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

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Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16**All sit.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 22:22–30**Chanted by the choir.*

Plainchant

Antiphon: We beheld him despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31–38

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

We pray for the Church and for all of God's creation—for our Bishops, Ian and Laura; our ministers; and for all of God's people, that we may serve you with humility, compassion and love. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for those of us who are grieving. May we know God's healing touch, and mend our broken hearts. We hold in our hearts the victims of the shooting in Parkland, Florida, their family and friends, and all victims of violence. We pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed. **Lord, have mercy.**

We hold up in prayer all those who are suffering, sick or infirm. May they be comforted by your healing touch and loving care. We offer prayers for those on our prayer list, either silently or aloud. [*Pause for silent or spoken prayers.*] **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray to be people of fierce and tender love, caring for each other, building strong communities, and welcoming each other. Give us vision to see what needs to be seen. Give us courage to do what needs to be done. And in all that we do, guide our steps so that we may find ourselves following the path that Jesus set. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, O Holy One. We lift up refugees and immigrants the world over, in Syria and surrounding nations, in northern Africa, in Europe, and here in the United States. May they know your accompanying presence. Sustain the support they so desperately need and make possible the new beginnings for which they yearn. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for our nation and its leaders. Give them a vision of the kind of world you envision. Guide lawmakers to make laws that are just. Guide leaders throughout the world, when hard decisions are at hand and people's lives are at stake, to be compassionate, wise and just. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Introit and Kyrie *from* Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Words: from *Missa pro defunctis*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet in hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:
and light perpetual shine on them for ever.*

Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion; thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

O hear us; O Lord God, hear thy faithful servants' prayer; to thee shall all mortal flesh return.

Fauré wrote of the work, "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." The opening of the Introit resembles in some ways the choral opening of the Brahms Requiem, entering in unaccompanied chords. But for Fauré, there is a different set of emphases: he contrasts the piano requiem (rest) with the forte luceat (light). Then he introduces two chant-inspired tunes, one sung by the tenors and the Te decet tune, sung by the sopranos. The choir then pleads for attention to its prayer, and the Kyrie setting, a remarkably short one, derives from the Requiem aeternam chant tune.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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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. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and

Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - 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.



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 Offertory *from* RequiemGabriel Fauré
Nicholas Filippides, baritone

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Glorïae
 libera animas defunctorum
 de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
 O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Glorïae
 libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis
 ne absorbeat eus Tartarus ne cadant in obscurum
 Hostias et preces tibi Domine, laudis offerimus
 tu suscipe pro animabus illis
 quarum hodie memoriam facimus
 Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam
 Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eus.

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
 deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hells and from the bottomless pit.
 Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
 Deliver them from the lion's mouth,
 nor let them fall into darkness,
 neither the black abyss swallow them up.
 We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer and praise
 Receive it for those souls
 whom today we commemorate.
 Allow them, o Lord, to cross from death into the life which once Thou didst promise to Abraham and his seed.*

This setting is in a sort of ABA format, beginning and ending with an eerie chant-like tune set in canon, with one voice mirroring and following another. Between these two segments is the baritone solo, based on the Hostias text. Listen for the accompaniment, which inserts the Te decet tune in right before the baritone sings fac eas, Domine. And observe how the accompaniment turns the wavering accompaniment of the somber introduction into something different entirely under the baritone soloist.

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 401 The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures
de la cathédral de Soissons

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Layreader: Bess Amamoo

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ben & Ellen Flynn,
Wes Winterbottom, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Margaret Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Altar Guild: Michael Wilkinson, Janet Willard, Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Carol Sonne

Musician: Joyce Burke

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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	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Alexander Beir	Emily Foust
Joyce Milliken	Brielle Worrell
Nina Rosselli del Turco	Scott Lamlein
Katherine Powell	Ann Newbury

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Bill & Erika Ulrich

Those who have died:

Rehanna Suleka Mungroo

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; and for all parish-based mission partnerships, ECCT-wide mission partnership networks and the Companions in Mission Network.

Happening Today!**Faith@Work Forum with Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, 9:30 a.m.**

This year's Faith@Work series kicks off today, with special guest Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman. Other guests include parishioners Wes Winterbottom (March 4) and Eleanor Barnes (March 11), along with Mary Mushinsky (March 25), a state representative from Wallingford. They will share their stories in an informal Q&A format. This popular series is sure to be inspiring and thought provoking. Please join us.

Choral Evensong, 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. The perfect way to end one week and begin another, Choral Evensong invites you to sit quietly as you take in the peace and beauty of sacred music and sacred space. Invite a friend to join you.

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/>.

Save the Date

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. 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 Boëllmann.

Monthly Celtic service, March 4 at 4:30 p.m.

On the first Sunday of the month (October - June), St. John's holds a Celtic contemplative service in partnership with St. James's Church. All are welcome to this ancient yet relevant way to connect with God and nourish your soul. The service starts with an extended period of silence at 4:30, and goes on to include prayer, chant, music from many traditions, and a brief spoken reflection. Please come and invite a friend—this is an especially good resource for people who are unlikely to attend a traditional Sunday morning service but are seeking a deeper engagement with the sacred.

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. 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. 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/>.



Help the Kattoub girls play soccer this spring: The Kattoubs arrived in West Hartford from Syria and Jordan in August 2016, and were cosponsored by St. John’s and St. James’s. Can you help Hala, age 7, and Jana, age 5, play West Hartford league soccer this spring? The cost is \$130. The family would be so happy for their daughters to have this opportunity. If you would like to contribute any amount toward this cost, please contact Abigail Fisher Williamson at abigail.williamson@trincoll.edu.

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.



Security Guidelines for After-hours Meetings

St. John's is a busy place many evenings and weekends, with church committees and community groups holding meetings and events. Our magnetic door-lock system allows us to schedule the doors to be unlocked shortly before a meeting starts and to lock again later on. The system governs the parish office entrance and the back entrance (with the ramp). All other doors are kept locked. During busy times, when multiple meetings have staggered start times, the doors may be unlocked for several hours. As we strive to be welcoming while ensuring the safety of people and property, we ask everyone to keep the following guidelines in mind:

- If you stop by the church for a reason other than a scheduled event, the doors may be locked. During office hours, come to the parish office door (Farmington Avenue side, near the Cloister Garden) and ring the bell. There are times when no one is in the front office because of meetings or staff members' schedules, so call ahead to be sure someone can let you in.
- If you arrive more than 15 minutes early for an event, the doors may not yet be unlocked.
- Make sure everyone in your group/committee has a cell phone number for at least one other group member, so that if they are late to a meeting and the doors have already re-locked, they can call or text someone at the meeting to come let them in.
- Dwight Latif, our sexton, is on site on Wednesday evenings, which are particularly busy, to monitor comings and goings. Because he lives in the house behind the church, he is often available at other times should there be concerns. Committee/group chairpeople: If you don't have Dwight's phone number, please ask him for it or contact the office to get it.
- When leaving a meeting, particularly after dark, "buddy up" with others so no one is leaving alone.
- If you are approached by someone asking for money or food, refer them to the office during office hours. We have items we can give them (bus passes, toiletries, hats and gloves, etc.), and can also refer them to community resources.
- If at any time you feel unsafe, don't hesitate to call 911 or the police nonemergency number (860-523-5203). Our local police are very supportive and want us to call on them when needed. They are also very supportive of people in crisis, who may come to the church looking for help.
- Let the rector or Ellen in the parish office know of any questions, concerns or incidents.

St. John's is blessed to have a remarkable property that provides space for many groups to hold meetings and events. We are continually assessing security, balancing the need for safety with our desire to welcome all of God's people into our beautiful space.



Faith@Work

A St. John's Faith Forum series on the connections between our working life and our faith

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
March 18	Mary Mushinsky, Connecticut state representative for Wallingford



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Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster

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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)	Rector
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Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net)	Religious Education Assistant
Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

**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	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
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Ellen Painter Dollar	Clerk

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