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The Third Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 4, 2018

10:30 a.m.

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. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 20:1–17**All sit.*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 19**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon where indicated.*

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "The statutes of the LORD rejoice the heart." The words "LORD" and "re-joice" are underlined. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.

Antiphon

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Antiphon**Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness

to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 676 There is a balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13–22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

All sit. Children are invited to come forward for a brief children's sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the commandments you have set before us; they lead us away from false idols and free us from slavery to what would destroy us. **The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.**

We thank you for commanding us to rest, for giving us time to love and time to appreciate the world you have made; we thank you for charging us to worship and remember your goodness. **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.**

We thank you for leading us on paths of righteousness, for the teachers and friends who have taught us of truth and virtue, for the people of St. John's, its staff and clergy, and for our bishops, Ian and Laura. **The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

We pray for our public servants: for Dannel our governor, Nancy our lieutenant governor, and Donald our president. Inspire and guide them, and those who give them counsel. **The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

We give you thanks for the young people calling this nation to end gun violence. Bless them and those who support them, and give wisdom and prudence to those working on gun legislation. **Although they have no words or language, their sound has gone out into all lands.**

We pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those who mourn and are heavy laden; we ask your protection of those who serve in armed forces. **The heavens declare your glory, and the firmament shows your handiwork.**

We entrust into your loving care those we love but see no longer, remembering especially Leah Susan Crossley Greger. **The heavens declare your glory, and the firmament shows your handiwork.**

Celebrant Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

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 Libera me *from* Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Nicholas Filippides, baritone

*Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa tremenda
Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem
Tremens factus sum ego et timeo
dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira
Dies illa dies irae
calamitatis et miseriae
dies illa, dies magna
et amara valde
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Deliver me, o Lord, from everlasting death on that dreadful day
when the heavens and the earth shall be moved
when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
I quake with fear and I tremble
awaiting the day of account and the wrath to come.
That day, the day of anger,
of calamity, of misery,

that day, the great day,
and most bitter.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

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.**

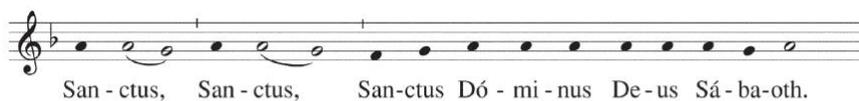
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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



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,

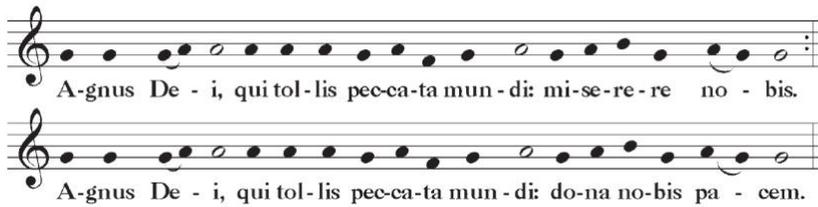
and the power,

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.



A-g-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-g-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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 A new heaven from Visions

John Rutter, 2016
Words from Revelation 21

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem. Hosannah, hosannah!
And the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.
And I saw no temple therein:
for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it:
For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

John Rutter writes: Visions was the result of a most unusual invitation: to write a piece combining solo violin, string ensemble (to which I added a harp), and the boy choristers of the Temple Church choir. Having immediately decided to accept, my thoughts soon turned to the historic associations of the Temple Church with the Knights Templar—the church takes its name from the Temple at Jerusalem, and the round shape of its most ancient part is a deliberate echo of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. 'Jerusalem' is of course more than the name of a middle-eastern city: it stands as a symbol both of God's people and of a utopian ideal of heavenly peace and seraphic bliss in store for redeemed humanity.

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.**

PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

*The Celebrant prays and the people respond, **Amen.***

THE CLOSING HYMN 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

ST. PETERSBURG

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Final Variation: Christ der du bist der helle Tag, BWV 766

J.S. 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 Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

Psalterer: Olivia Tummescheit

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: David Chrzanowski

Ushers: John Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Hardersen,
Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Eddie Genece, Caroline Thaxton, Abby Thaxton

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie

Altar Guild: Shirley Blean, Bess Amamoo

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

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	Susan	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Ed Cleavenger	Meg
Carol Grieco	Susan Murray	Pauline Feole	John McCain
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Jeff	David A. Valfer
Ida McKenney	James Varga	Christine Laird	Karen & Bruce Connal
Albert Lennox	Dorothy Nelson		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Lynn Brooks	Jonathan Hammond III
Katy Hart	Emma Evica
Rees Pinney	Olivia Tummescheit
Alice Fraioli	Peggy Dimmitt
Kate Lovas	Karan Emerick
Cricket Barnes	Emma Bass
Richard Bartlett	Jenefer Berall
Martha Church	Geoff Emerick

Those who have died:

Leah Susan Crossley Greger, grandmother of Mary Scripko, St. John's religious education assistant

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; prison ministry and prison chaplains; and the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

Live streaming of Sunday services: How it works

The 10:30 Sunday service and select special services 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. Here’s what to do:

Method 1: Go to www.sjparish.net/services, scroll to the upcoming service video, and watch. If you want to watch live, then click on the video at the scheduled service start time.

Method 2: Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7b3jof8>, and view any of the upcoming or past services. You can also SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel to get notifications and reminders.

Note that our videos are live during the actual service, and then become archival videos that you can watch later. So don’t worry if you miss the service, you can watch it any time.

Happening Today!

Faith@Work Forum with Wes Winterbottom, 9:30 a.m.

The second of this four-part Faith Forum series features Wes Winterbottom, St. John’s warden and a professor at Gateway Community College. In an informal Q&A format, he will talk about the intersections between his work and his faith. Additional Faith@Work sessions will feature Eleanor Barnes, a St. John’s parishioner and financial advisor (March 11), and Mary Mushinsky, state representative from Wallingford (March 18).

Pipes Alive! with Jacob Street, 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 music by Bairstow, Bach, and Mendelssohn.

Monthly Celtic service, 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.

Save the Date

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

The Happening movement believes that Christianity is relevant to youth today and can transform a rapidly changing world. We provide an opportunity for youth to develop and nourish spirituality in a fun, thoughtful, and welcoming community. Happening weekends are open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The program begins Friday at 6 p.m. and concludes on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. after a closing Eucharist. Go to campwashington.org for more information and to register for 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/>. *Please register ASAP so you'll have time to complete the at-home assignments before the training.*

Roundtables on Christian education for children and youth, various dates in March and April

Now is the time to plan for next year's children and youth program. We greatly value our Christian Education program at St. John's and are exploring how to make it an enriching and formative experience of what it means to be a Christian in today's world, from tiny toddlers to high schoolers preparing for adulthood. Toward this end, we are inviting parents and all interested parishioners to several roundtable discussions to share your ideas, concerns and vision. This is an exciting time to be part of our parish family as we discern together where the Spirit is calling us, as we equip our children and future generations to become the Living Body of Christ in the world. Please plan to join the rector, our Christian ed staff, and volunteer teachers and leaders at these very important meetings. You're welcome to attend one, several or all.

Children's Program, April 29 & May 6—Immediately after the 10:30 service (childcare provided) in the Christian Ed wing

Youth Program, March 28 & April 25—Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the St. John's Room

Girls Night Out, April 4, 6 to 8 p.m.

All women of the parish and their friends are invited to the annual "Girls Night Out" at Virginia Van Dyk's home, 50 Walbridge Road. This informal evening of conversation, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages is a popular annual item at the Midwinter Food Auction—but all are welcome even if you didn't participate in the auction. The cost is \$25/person, with proceeds supplementing the funds raised at the auction to support St. John's many ministries. Please send your payment to the office (exact cash or check payable to St. John's with "Auction - Girls Night Out" in the memo line).

ECCT Spring Training, April 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 6th Annual Spring Training & Gathering of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will be held Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden. Join Episcopalians from across the state for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome—people in the pews, Vestry members, parish leaders and staff. For more information on workshops that will be offered and to register, go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/>.

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 used the Good Book Club readings from Luke and Acts for our second annual Lent devotional. 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. In addition, 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.



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

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

9:30 a.m.
Sundays in Lent



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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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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

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Buffy Ineson	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