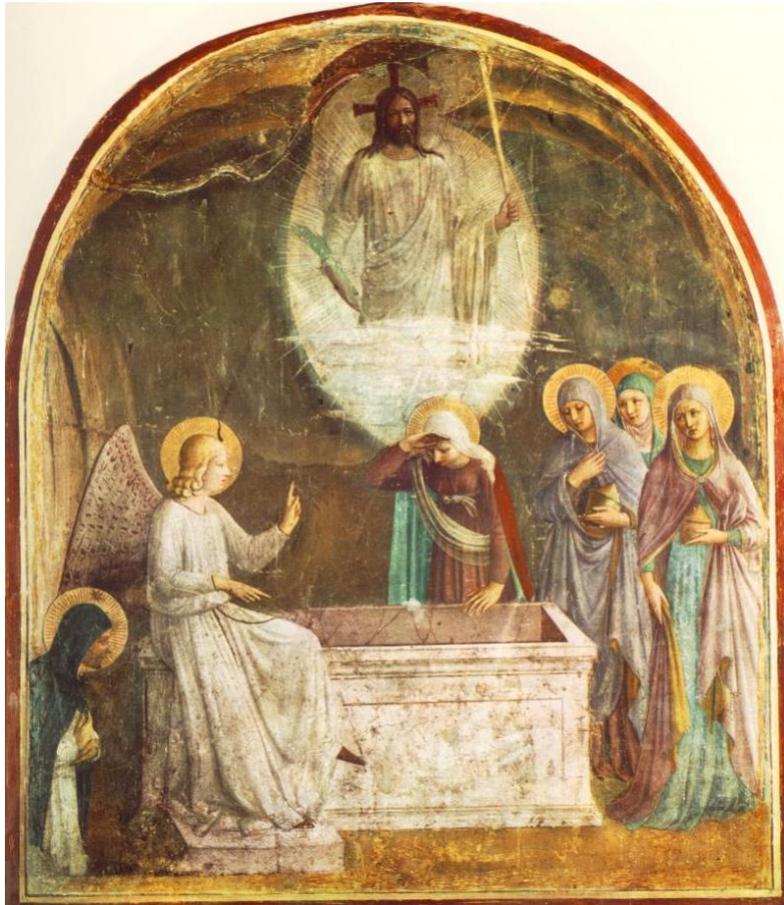


St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II and CONFIRMATION

April 15, 2018

10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

How wonderful it is to lift our voices as we shout out with joy, *Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!* After journeying through the 40 days of Lent, a time spent in quiet prayer and reflection in the darkened winter months, we are ready to embrace the hope and promise of the new life we are promised in the Risen Christ. We are assured by Christ's death and resurrection that nothing can vanquish God's love, not even the sting of death. The Light of Christ has come into the world through God's boundless grace for you and me, with the promise of new life without end. The Paschal candle, the large single candle to the left of the altar that burns during the 50 days of the Easter season, is a reminder of the Resurrection, where we are reunited with God as the Living Body of Christ. Every Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, (*eucharist* is Greek for thanksgiving) as a reminder that we each have been given new life in Christ that will never end. So, there is much to celebrate and give thanks for as we shout, *Alleluia, He is risen!*

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. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests.

We welcome children of all ages at St. John's. Your children are always welcome to stay with you in church. We encourage you to sit up front, as children are more engaged if they can see what's happening. We also have supplies for quiet play available at both entrances to the church, which children are welcome to use as they sit in the pews. We offer child care (infant – 5 years old) from 10:15 a.m. to the end of the service, in the Good Shepherd Room. For older children, we offer a Children's Sermon on most first Sundays of the month, and on most other Sundays, children are invited to attend *Word Alive* during the 10:30 service. At the sequence hymn (marked in the bulletin), the children follow an acolyte out to *Word Alive*, where they do age-appropriate activities to engage with the Sunday scripture readings. The children return at the Peace to take part in Holy Eucharist with their families.

Cover image: Resurrection by Fra Angelico. This is one of the frescoes with which Fra Angelico adorned the walls of the Convent of San Marco in Florence—known for their understated beauty as they are free of the bright colors and gold flourishes found in much sacred art. As an Early Renaissance (15th century) artist, Fra Angelico exhibits qualities of both Medieval and Renaissance art. In this resurrection scene, for example, his use of perspective in depicting the empty tomb and the angel's appearing in profile are examples of Renaissance naturalism. But the angel is also glowing with uncreated light—that is, there is no obvious light source shining from a particular point, which is a common quality of Medieval iconographic art. In this and others of his works, Fra Angelico painted Christ's face in shadow, despite painting Christ's body and other figures as bathed in light. One possible explanation is that he wanted to remind viewers that the light of Christ is far too bright for human beings to perceive and understand.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Adagio from Symphony no. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

TRURO

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12–19

All sit.

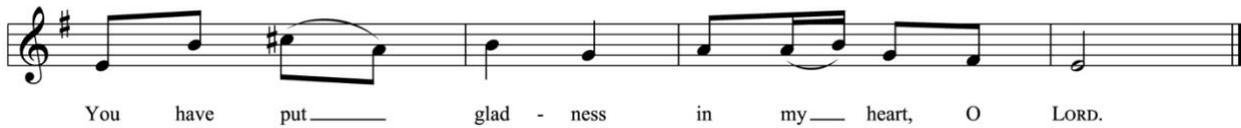
Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 4

The people say the text in **bold**, and sing the antiphon where indicated.



Leader Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

People **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

Leader Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

People **Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Leader Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

People **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

Leader You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

People **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.** *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN What shall I cry?

FINLANDIA

All stand and sing.

Adam Michael Wood

FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

Isaiah 40

1. What shall I cry, O God, un - to your peo - ple? What word of truth, what
 2. Pre - pare the way. Sing com - fort to my peo - ple: Your God has come, Sal -
 3. Cry out to all, to weak - ness and to pow - er: The bread of just - ice
 4. With ma - ny voi - ces we cry out to - geth - er, in all the pla - ces

bles - sing shall I speak? Shall I shout harsh - ly, call - ing out in - just - ice,
 va - tion has drawn near. Your war - fare done, there is no need of fight - ing;
 breaks for eve - ry one. The wine is poured and blessed, and of - fered free - ly.
 we are called to stand, with trump - et blasts, with soft and sooth - ing whisp - ers,

Or gent - ly sing of com - fort to the weak? What voice is yours, O
 put down your swords, put down your life of fear. Your bro - ken hearts shall
 The gifts of God, the ban - quet of the Son, pre - pared for all, and
 with eyes set firm - ly on your prom - ised land, through all our lives, in

Moth - er of the Hea - vens, a sound - ing trum - pet or a whis - per meek?
 be for - ev - er mend - ed, your Lord and Sav - ior be for - ev - er here.
 for all peo - ple giv - en, sus - tain the work so long a - go be - gun.
 sor - row and re - joic - ing: your reign of peace, the realm of God at hand.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present _____ for Confirmation.

Then the Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation saying

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

People **We will.**

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

All stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate and prays

Strengthen O Lord this your servant (name) with your Holy Spirit, empower him/her for your service, and sustain her/him all the days of her/his life.

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop 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

All undesignated offerings today will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise in the course of the year.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Spirit of the Lord

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)
Words from Isaiah 61

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor.
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives
And recovering of sight to the blind, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord,
To give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,
That they might be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations.

Philip Stopford is a contemporary English composer who began his career as a youth chorister at Westminster Abbey, singing under Simon Preston and Martin Neary. His music is equally popular with American choirs as it is with English ones, due to his accessible yet thought-provoking compositional style. Our Youth Choir (along with the choir of St. James's Church) premiered a new work by Philip at the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival in October, and will collaborate on recording it in May.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Bishop continues.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All remain standing or kneel.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop 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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop 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.

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 to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM God be in my head

Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Words: Sarum Primer, 1514, found at Hymn 694

The apparent simplicity of God be in my head, with its repetition of the key phrase, suddenly gives way to very effective harmonic sophistication on the word "heart" that lays the path for the twilit ambience of the final phrase. H. Walford Davies was composer and musical director at the University of Wales as well as organist at, among others, Temple Church, where his student Leopold Stokowski (later one of the leading conductors of the 20th century) assisted him.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Bishop Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Bishop gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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

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THE CONFIRMANDS

Margaret (Meg) Babbitt

Theodore (Ted) Babbitt

Claire Brouillard

Elsa Ciscel

Emma Evica

Jacob (Jake) Farrell

Troy Gostyla

Margaret (Maggie) Grant

Lillian (Lilley) Hohl

Augustus (Gus) Murchie

Sophie Murchie

Kiley Murphy

John O'Brien

Caroline Smith

Maisie Smith

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas**Assisting:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton, The Reverend Hope Eakins, the Reverend William J. Eakins**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Psalterer:** Emma Evica**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Margaret Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton**Ushers:** Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Eleanor Barnes, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** David Beers**Musician:** Hal Rives

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	Jeff	Ida McKenney
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Chas	Janis Milroy
Carol Grieco	Dorothy Nelson	Meg	Clark Hendley
Janet Ray	Susan	Waylon Mumma	Kenneth

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Dana Crocker
Ann Hanlon
Alexander Giuliano
Atticus Vasconcelos

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Gary Cesca & Sarah Burke

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; All Saints', Meriden; and for the Program & Budget Committee.

Happening Today

The Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas, bishop diocesan for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, is with us today to preach, celebrate and confirm 15 of our young people. Please introduce yourself at coffee hour after the 10:30 service. Bishop Douglas will also meet with the Vestry over lunch to discuss St. John's and the wider ministry of the Episcopal Church.

We need coffee hour hosts for the rest of April, May and early June. Please sign up on the clipboard in Hubbard Hall this morning. We provide the coffee and fixings, you provide a light snack and help with set-up and clean-up. You're welcome to partner with another family to make it extra easy for everyone.

Statements of 2018 first quarter pledge payments were mailed out last week. If you have questions about your statement, see an error, or don't receive a statement by the end of the week, please contact our financial administrator, Peggy O'Toole, at peggy@sjparish.net or at 860-523-5201. She is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Save the Date

Roundtables on Christian education for children and youth, various dates

We are inviting parents and all interested parishioners to several roundtable discussions to share your ideas, concerns and vision for our Christian education program. This is an exciting time to be part of our parish family as we discern together where the Spirit is calling us, and 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, one session remaining on April 25—5:30 p.m. in the St. John's Room (**NOTE time change from previous announcement.)

Fellowship opportunities for women coming up in April

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet monthly to explore our relationship to the sacred and honor the divine in everyday life. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. Please come, all women are welcome! **Women Together**, a fellowship group for women from local Episcopal churches, will begin a new four-week series on April 24. The series will feature the Gospel of John and *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life* by Henri Nouwen. Women Together meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

Faith Forum on a special piece of St. John's history, April 29

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (rector) and William Uricchio (parish historian) visited Central Connecticut State University earlier this year to receive copy of the latest book penned by Geological Sciences Professor Kristine Larsen (left). The publication, *Women Who Popularized Geology in the 19th Century*, contains a chapter about poet, artist and science writer Delia W. Godding, who was also St. John's first school teacher when the parish was located in Hartford. Mr. Uricchio assisted Professor Larsen with some of the Godding research and in doing so "discovered exciting new information about a thoroughly remarkable individual." Professor Larsen will speak about Delia Godding at the April 29 Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall. *Photo credit: Marisa Nadolny, CCSU*





Spring 2018 Music at the Red Door Events

A Springtime Chamber Concert on April 22 at 3 p.m. features the Fa-Re-La duo (Tanya Anisimova on cello, Pi-Hsun Shih on piano).

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs will sing Choral Evensong on April 29 at 5:00 p.m.

The Whiffenpoofs from Yale University, the world's oldest collegiate *a cappella* group, will perform on Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Pipes Alive! organ concert on May 6 at 12:30 p.m. features Ezequiel Melendez from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. The final Pipes Alive! concert of the year, on June 3, features Susan Carroll from Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

All Music at the Red Door events are free and open to the public, and donations are accepted. Please come and invite a friend.

Join us in growing something new in the neighborhood!

St. John's is starting a new ministry in our neighborhood: In collaboration with a local non-profit, Jessie's Community Garden Project, we are in the beginning stages of starting our own community garden. Using the ample space south of the sexton's home behind our church, we will be planting seedlings in six raised beds in mid-May. The beds are a generous gift from one of our parish families, for which we are most grateful. The garden will be blessed immediately after our 10:30 a.m. service next Sunday, April 22, on Earth Day, a reminder of how God has called us to be good stewards of this most sacred planet we call home.

Look for more information to follow as we organize volunteers to assist with the upkeep of this wonderful space that holds the promise of providing healthy, fresh produce, free of charge, for those who have little or no access to nutritious food in our neighborhood. J.P. Evans, a member of our parish family, and his fellow Boy Scouts will be helping us as part of J.P.'s Eagle Scout project. Please contact Susan Pinkerton or Bill Eakins if you would like to be part of this project, either in an ongoing leadership position or by helping with garden maintenance. Many hands make for light work!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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Wes Winterbottom *Warden*
Tim Goetz and John Roche *Co-Treasurers*
Ellen Painter Dollar *Scribe*

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