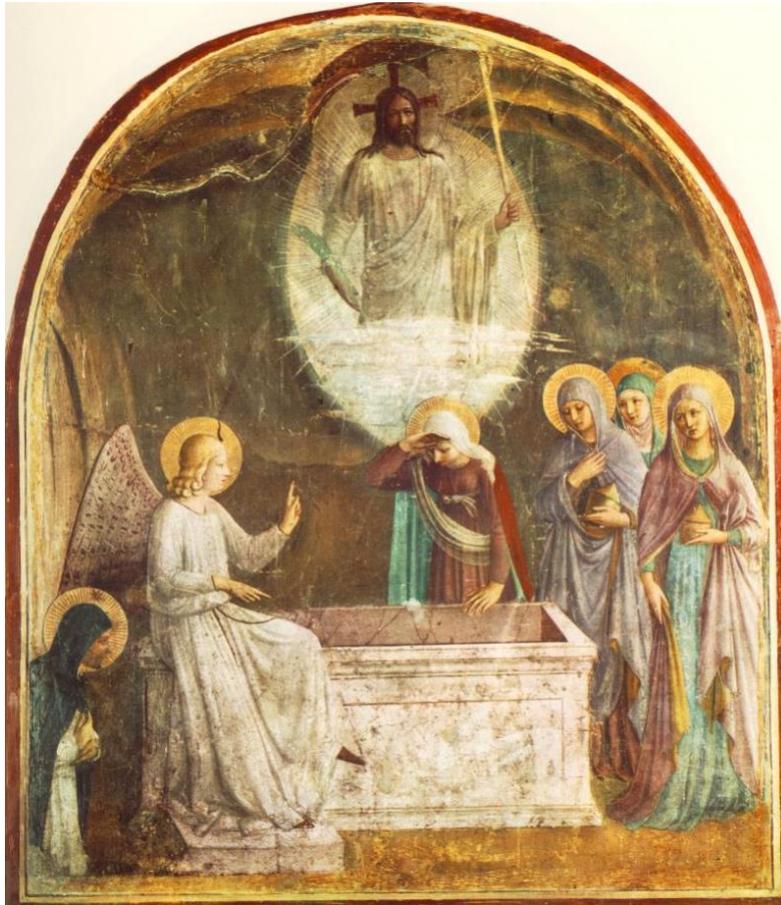


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The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

FESTAL EUCHARIST

April 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. and 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, and we offer child care in the education wing. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

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 Pièce héroïque

César Franck (1822–1890)

INTROIT Easter people, raise your voices!

Scott Lamlein, 2014

Words: William M. James (1913–2013)

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The children are invited to join the rector at the front of the church to lead the acclamation, unfurl the "Alleluia" banner, and then join the procession, carrying the banner.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 207 Jesus Christ is risen today

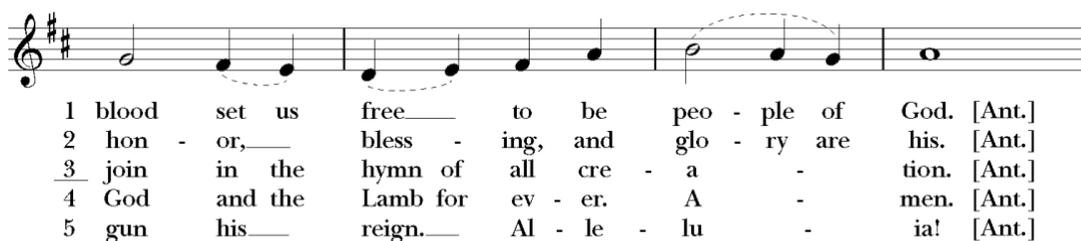
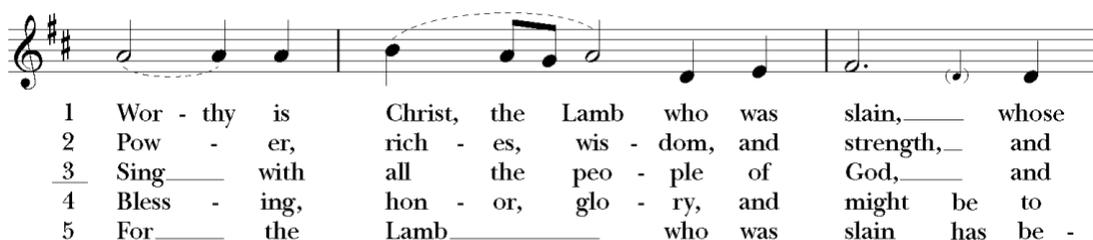
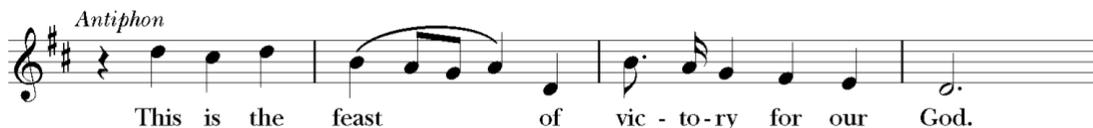
EASTER HYMN

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Text: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6–9

All sit.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

The people say the text in bold print, and sing the antiphon as indicated.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes in the bass line.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord. *Antiphon*
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord’s doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 **On this day the Lord has acted; ***
we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

ST. KEVIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*John 20:1–18**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

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

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

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.

We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Eternal One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Apostle Peter has taught us that you show no partiality, O God, but you accept and love all: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us. Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever. We offer our grateful gladness this Easter Day, especially for our many blessings. *[Pause for silent or spoken thanksgivings.]* Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We remember those who have died, especially those in whose memory the Easter flowers have been given. May they live in him and share in the joy of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Gracious Eternal and Loving God, you have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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 Hallelujah *from* Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!

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

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of 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.

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may

be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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!

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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Alleluia

Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

THE COMMUNION HYMN 305 Come, risen Lord

ROSEDALE

Remain seated and sing.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.**Celebrant* 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 Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 210 The day of resurrection

ELLACOMBE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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.

Happening Today!

An Easter egg hunt will be held outdoors (weather permitting) after the 10:30 service. All children are welcome to take part. The eggs are filled with nut-free candy as well as tickets with which children can vote on the next service project that our middle school youth have generously offered to do for the church. We also have an egg recycling station, which will be available for several weeks, for returning the plastic eggs. You may bring in eggs from home as well.

Please take an Easter lily to one of our homebound parishioners after the 10:30 service. Cards with names and addresses on them are on the windowsill in the carpeted area of Hubbard Hall, just outside the entrance to the nave, and the lilies are in the nave. If the person whose name you pick is at church, give it to them in person! You may also feel free to offer a lily to a newcomer, someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or someone going through a tough time. Help us spread some Easter hope and ensure that these beautiful lilies don't go to waste!

The monthly Celtic Contemplative service, held at St. John's in partnership with St. James's Church, will take place today with the theme of "rebirth." The service starts at 4:30 p.m. with an extended period of silence. Celtic services feature prayer, reflection, meditation, chants, and live music from around the world. This service is a good option for people who are unlikely to attend a traditional Easter service, but want to mark this sacred day. All are welcome.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Assisting: The Reverend Hope Eakins, the Reverend William J. Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreaders: Lissie Brooks (8:00), Jeff Verney and Jyothsna Vijaya (10:30)

The St. John's Adult Choir (8:00 and 10:30):

The St. John's Youth Choir (10:30)

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist/Choirmaster: David Chrzanowski

Trumpet: Tom Hintz, Jeff Higgins

Timpani: Bill Solomon

Acolytes: Sophie Murchie, Eddie Genece, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi

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

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Paul Shaker, Shirley Blean

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Steve Metcalf

St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs:

Youth Choristers: Britt Emerick (Head Chorister), Christine Babbitt (Lead Girl), Ted Babbitt, Naomi Cipriano, Dana Crocker, Elsa Ciscel, Frances Eikel, Cate Emerick, Emma Evica, Maria Foust, Francis Lamlein, Olivia Tummescheit, Philip Tummescheit

Soprano: Claudia Ayer, Helen Douglas, Nancy Eaton, Julia Foust, Anne Harney, Jackie McCauley, Caitlyn Semanie, Laura Stabile

Alto: Emily Bigger, Mariana Evica, Ann Hutchinson, Mary Beth Lamlein, Janet Poisson, Elizabeth Proteau, Evelyn Reidenbaugh, Nancy Skeelee

Tenor: Lynn Brooks, Stephan Christiansen, John Church, Michael Mei, Odanice Olibrice

Bass: Richard Barstow, Nicholas Filippides, John Nowacki, Hal Rives

Notes on the Easter Butterfly Mobile

The Easter mobile was created by the children of St. John's Church using paper towels, food coloring, pipe cleaners and scissors. The butterflies represent the "New Life" theme of Easter. Please continue to join us to celebrate the season of Easter. In our Christian formation classes in April and May, we will discuss faith, belief, miracles, coincidence, friendship and more.

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	Clark Hendley	Karen & Bruce Connal
Janis Milroy	Dorothy Nelson	Kenneth	Waylon Mumma

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Dylan Farrell	Elizabeth Simson
Kay Cox	John Amamoo
Susie Hatch	Janet Faude
Caroline Wilcox	Kristie Harrington
Buffy Ineson	Billy Ulrich

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and for collaborative ministries and ministry networks, ECCT regions and region missionaries.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

The beautiful flowers adorning the church are given in memory of the following people:

Daniel N. Adams III	Lillian LeBlanc
Thomas W. Bailey	Lillian & Robert Miller
William O. Bailey	Rihanna Mungroo
Barbara & Maggie	Frank J. Murray, Jr.
Harry O. Bartlett	Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson
Marguerite & Harry Bartlett	Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson
Robin Bataillon	George & Edith Phillips
Georges Bataillon	John & Grace Potter
Nolda & Gerard Cissen	Barbara Proft
Wendy Wright Collins	Andrya Ramer
Cyril & Mildred Connolly	E. Clair Rankin
Mary & Joseph DeLuca	Robert Reiersen
Edward & Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer	Frank & Mary Reilly
Robert K. Dimmitt	Francis P. Reilly
Ruth & Bill Eakins	Lillian M. Shaker
George M. Evica	Kate Chapman Simpkin
John Paul & Helen H. Faude	Oliver Henry Simpkin
John Paul Faude, Jr.	Peter Stoughton
Wilson Hinsdale Faude	George Stoughton
Orson Henry Hart, Jr.	Aileen Stoughton
Donald J. Hayes	Dwight Stoughton
Elizabeth Hetherington	Thomas R. Tight
Noble & Sara Hetherington	Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Helen & Howard Howlett	John Joseph Uricchio
Beverly Ann Kingsley	George E. & Abbie B. Van Siclen
Arline Simpkin Kingsley	N. William Wawro
Arthur Charles Kingsley	Brad Wilkinson
Ted Lamlein	Kenneth Wilkinson
Elsa M. Lattey	M. Searle Wright
Erik F. Lattey	

Do we have your birthday and anniversary dates? It is a St. John's tradition to list upcoming birthdays and anniversaries in the Sunday bulletin. We can only list your special day if we have that information in our database! If we don't have it, please email the dates to Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sparish.net. (If you're not sure whether we have your dates, go ahead and send them!) Please include the full date, including the year. We don't share your age, but our database doesn't accept dates without a year included. And remember also to notify us of changes to your mailing address, e-mail or phone numbers. Thank you!

If you or a loved one are **hospitalized, ill or otherwise in need of a pastoral visit or prayer**, please call the office as soon as possible to let us know. If you call after hours and your situation is urgent, follow the instructions to press 333 and leave a message in the pastoral emergency mailbox. If you think we may already know about your or someone else's situation but you're not sure, go ahead and call—we'd rather hear about it twice than not at all.

Save the Date

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, one session remaining on April 25—5:30 p.m. in the St. John's Room (**NOTE time change from previous announcement.)

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).

Bells to toll in remembrance of MLK, April 4

On April 4—the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination—the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis is coordinating a series of nationwide remembrances, including a tolling of bells. Bells will toll 39 times (to symbolize Dr. King's age when he died) at 7:06 p.m., the time at which he was shot. St. John's and several other West Hartford faith communities will take part. The night before, on April 3 at 6 p.m., the community is also invited to gather in Blue Back Square for a reading of Dr. King's "mountaintop speech."

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/>.

Bishop's visitation at St. John's, April 15

St. John's will welcome the Right Reverend Ian Douglas, bishop diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, at the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 15. Bishop Douglas will confirm 15 St. John's young people, as well as preach, meet parishioners at a special coffee hour to honor our confirmands, and have a working lunch with the Vestry. Please mark your calendars now to be here on this very special day in our parish life.



Deliver donated groceries to the food pantry each month: We could use an additional volunteer or two to make a monthly delivery of food to the pantry at Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church, 870 Prospect Avenue. You'll need a vehicle with cargo space and the ability to carry heavy groceries. If we get several volunteers, the commitment could be less than once per month. Contact Lisa Mahoney at lrwing@gmail.com.

Help with Sunday flower deliveries to homebound or sick parishioners: We love to share each Sunday's altar flowers with parishioners who can't make it to church. We need someone to coordinate the process—manage a list of volunteers to make deliveries, get information from the clergy and parish office about homebound and sick members, and schedule volunteers for each Sunday. Contact Ellen or the rector if you can help.

THE SONG OF ST. JOHN'S

What is your favorite hymn and why?

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 A.M.

Join Music Director Scott Lamlein for a Faith Forum on the hymns
that connect us, personally and corporately, to God.

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.

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



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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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