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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 11, 2018

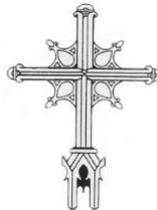
10:30 a.m.

A Lenten Message from the Rector

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

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers, and child care is provided in the education wing for children 0 to 5 years old. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY By the waters of Babylon, BWV 563b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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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. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Numbers 21:4–9

All sit.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no

water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

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

Give thanks to the LORD, whose mercy endures for ever.

Leader Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

People **Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

Leader He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.** *Antiphon*

Leader They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

People **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Leader He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

People **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.** *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been

saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

NEW BRITAIN

All stand and sing. During the hymn, children are invited to follow the acolyte to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.

With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed, and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, Amazing Grace is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Its writer, John Newton, wrote the text out of personal experience: After being been forced into service in the English Royal Navy, Newton found work in the slave trade. A huge storm battered his trade ship in 1779, and in his despair, Newton had a profound conversion experience, and wrote the now-famous hymn as soon as he reached shore. He later dedicated his life to Christian theology.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

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

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

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

We thank you, God, for your body the Church, for all who gather in the name of Jesus to confess and repent, to help and heal, to listen to your Word and proclaim the good news of your love and forgiveness. Help us to go forth from this place with revived hope, fresh energy and strengthened commitment. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; **God's mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, God, for the places we call home—for our neighborhoods; our towns and cities; our nation; and this beautiful, fragile world. When we become complacent with what is familiar and comfortable, stir us up and lead us out to new places, new relationships and new dreams. When we are impatient and miserable in the wilderness, provide for us and bring us home. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; **God's mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, God, for those who pray, work, and speak out on behalf of the forgotten, wounded, vulnerable and lost. Show us how to use our hands and our voices to work for healing, reconciliation and hope. We pray for all who suffer, and those who care for them, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; **God's mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, God, for those who have died, especially for those whom we loved and who loved us, and for those whose lives continue to inspire us. In quiet confidence may we continue our course on

earth until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant We give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for all God's children. We pray in the name of the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Greater love hath no man John Ireland (1879-1962)

Words: Song of Solomon 8:7,6; John 15:13;

1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:1

Claudia Ayer, soprano; John Nowacki, baritone

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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

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

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

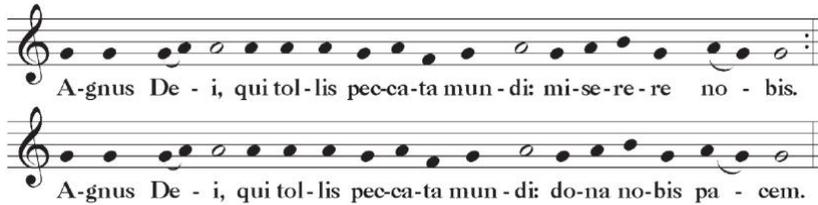
and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like healing prayers for yourself or someone else, please go to the baptismal font at the back of the nave after receiving Communion, where someone is available to pray with you.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Words from John 3:16-17

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son; that whoso believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

The short text of God so loved the world is so well-known because it explains the whole Easter story, encapsulating the essence of the Christian gospel in less than 30 words. John Stainer's choral setting of the text is a standard of the choral repertoire, and part of a larger work, The Crucifixion, that was written as a meditation to aid in understanding the passion and death of Christ. The work is still performed annually at St. Marylebone in London, which commissioned it in 1887.

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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in F minor, BWV 534

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 William J. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Craig Wilkinson

Psalterer: Julia Foust

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich

Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Eleanor Barnes,
Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp

Acolytes: Sophie Murchie, Teddy Babbitt, Isabel Grant, Alice Murchie

Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Hal Rives

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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	Janis Milroy	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Edith Connolly	Nancy Skeele
Ronald Hensley	Ginny Kemp
Missy Cipriano	Bob Todaro
Sam Bainbridge	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Wendy & Richard Bartlett

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of England.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; and for the Connecticut Episcopal Clergy Association (ConnECA), clergy peer groups, and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

Happening Today!**Faith@Work Forum with Eleanor Barnes, 9:30 a.m.**

The second of this four-part Faith Forum series features Eleanor Barnes, co-chair of St. John's Stewardship Committee and a financial planner with Morgan Stanley. In an informal Q&A format, Eleanor will talk about the intersections between her work and her faith. The final Faith@Work session next week will feature Mary Mushinsky, state representative from Wallingford.

Worship Committee meeting, after 10:30 service

All are welcome to come help plan Palm Sunday and Holy Week services. Light snacks will be served in the Reception Room.

Pick up an "Osternest" in Hubbard Hall

Last Sunday, the church school made Osternest ("Easter nest") kits. Pick one up in Hubbard Hall today.

Choral Music for the Soul: Fauré Requiem, 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, along with a solo organ work and 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.

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.

Save the Date

Day of Lamentation and Action, March 14

Please join our Bishops, Ian T. Douglas and Laura J. Ahrens, retired Bishop Jim Curry, and Dean Lina Howell, as we gather at our Cathedral on March 14 at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church St, Hartford for a day of lamentation, confession, fasting, contrition, and action. We will commemorate a month since the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, and pray for the victims and families. The schedule is as follows. All are welcome to come for part or all of the activities. Parking is available at the MAT garage and will be validated at the Cathedral.

12 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

12:45 p.m. - BYO lunch and table conversations

3 p.m. - Cathedral open for an hour of prayer, ringing of bells

7 p.m. - Evening service and vigil

8 p.m. - Refreshments and conversation

Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

The Chili Cook-off is an annual St. John’s tradition. Parishioners of all ages, and friends, are invited to come enjoy a variety of homemade chili along with sides, desserts and beverages. If you’re not contributing a pot of chili, please bring a side or dessert to share, along with a favorite family board game or two. If you’d like to contribute your special chili recipe, contact Stewart Murchie at murchgs@comcast.net.

“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.

Sacred Circle monthly meeting, March 20

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. The topic this month will be “An Interfaith Look at Prophecy and Prophethood.” We will discuss the question, “What does it mean to be a prophet?” and examine Christian, Hebrew, and Islamic scripture selections to learn and appreciate the common and different perspectives on this topic. Please come. All women are welcome!

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/>.

Holy Week at St. John's



Palm Sunday - March 25
8 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - March 29
7 p.m.

Good Friday - March 30
7 a.m.
10 a.m. children's service
12 noon (at St. James's)
7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 1
8 & 10:30 a.m.

Choral Music for the Soul

Fauré REQUIEM Rutter VISIONS

Sunday • March 11 • 4:00pm

St. John's Choir with St. Paul's Choir, Norwalk
70-voice Youth and Adult Choir with Chamber Orchestra
Scott Lamlein and Jacob Street, conductors
Diana Chou, organ

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