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## *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 18, 2018*

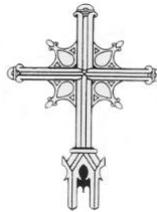
*10:30 a.m.*

## *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    O man, bewail thy grievous sin, BWV 622                      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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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*Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

*Jeremiah 31:31–34**All sit.*

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 51:1–13**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon where indicated.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

*Antiphon*

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*Hebrews 5:5–10*

**C**hrist did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 170 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

THE THIRD TUNE

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

THE GOSPEL

*John 12:20–33*

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

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

**N**ow among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*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.*

Eternal and loving God, through the glorification of your Son Jesus you have taught us to follow him through death into eternal life. Glorify your name in us, as we bring before you the concerns of the world, saying: **Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

Holy God, your Son Jesus has taught your Church that when a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit: Empower your people in our journey of sacrifice and compassion to follow Christ in such faithfulness that we may be glorified with him. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Almighty One, put your law of love within the hearts of all who hold authority among the nations, that they may hear of joy and gladness, and the broken body of the world may rejoice. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Bring the joy of your saving help to all who suffer throughout the world, including the people of Syria, the Middle East and North Africa, and all those who are victims of violence and injustice. We pray that they may be treated with love and compassion and be healed. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Gracious God, you have promised that all who serve your beloved will be honored in your sight: Have mercy upon this community, that all may know you and follow in the way that Christ has shown us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Let our prayers ascend unto Jesus our eternal high priest, as we offer up our intercessions and supplications, especially for those listed on our prayer list. We thank you for the incarnation of your Son Jesus, who shares our sorrows and our joys. We entrust into your life all of those who have surrendered their lives into your eternal keeping. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Celebrant* Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, O God, as we follow Jesus in service to your world, that the salvation and glorification you have accomplished through his cross and resurrection may extend your eternal life throughout creation, now and forever,

*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 Create in me a clean heart, O God

Carl Mueller (1892-1982)

Words: Psalm 50:10-13

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me, uphold me with thy free Spirit.  
 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will be converted unto thee.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand.*

**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

*All remain standing.**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, followed by a moment of silence.*

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.*

The image shows two staves of Gregorian chant notation. The first staff is a treble clef with a single melodic line. The second staff is a treble clef with a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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

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

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme*

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

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

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

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM When rooks fly homeward

Arthur Baynon (1889-1954)

Words: Joseph Campbell (1879-1944)

When rooks fly homeward  
 And shadows fall,  
 When roses fold  
 On the hay-yard wall,  
 When blind moths flutter  
 By door and tree,  
 Then comes the quiet  
 Of Christ to me.

When stars look out  
 On the Children's Path,  
 And grey mists gather  
 On carn and rath,  
 When night is one  
 With the brooding sea,  
 Then comes the quiet  
 Of Christ to me.

*Arthur Baynon worked mostly as a teacher, serving as music master and organist at St. Michael's College, then known for its focus on Anglican church music, in Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire from 1913 to 1916. From 1920 he directed the music at Caterham School, a boarding school south of London. He was also the organist, a position that traditionally includes the training of the choir, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in nearby Croydon. Baynon composed songs for voice and piano, choral works, and music for organ.*

*carn = cairn, a pile of stones constructed as a landmark or monument*

*rath = round, or ringfort, an ancient circular earthen fortification*

## 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 473 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

CRUCIFER

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Fugue *from* Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Cindy Lawler**Psalterer:** John Nowacki**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Julia O'Brien, Will Smith, Courtney Bass**Acolytes:** John O'Brien, Francis Lamlein, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Altar Guild:** Bess Amamoo, Buffy Ineson**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Jeff Verney**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

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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:**

David Grimaldi	William Sloan
Emily Hardy	Margaret Thomas
John Hardy	Andrew Worrell
Elizabeth Hammond	Shirley Blean
Clara Tummescheit	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this past week:**

Giselle & Edwin Genece

**Those who have died:**

We honor the memory and give thanks for the life of Shirley LaValley Uricchio and Joseph John Uricchio.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Grace & St. Peter's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; and for bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees and their families.

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

The Faith@Work series concludes this Sunday with guest Mary Mushinsky, a Connecticut state representative from Wallingford. In an informal Q&A format, Faith@Work guests discuss how their faith and working life intersect.

**Hartt@Home Concert with Perry Roth on saxophone, 4 p.m.**

In the first event of our new partnership with the Hartt School's community recital series, Music at the Red Door welcomes Perry Roth, saxophonist, in concert. Perry is a doctoral candidate at the Hartt School, and is on the faculty of Hartt's community division. Join us for a delightful program in a beautiful space! Free admission, donations accepted.

### **Make sure 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@sjparish.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!

### **Send in your Easter flower offerings**

Easter flower offering envelopes are available in the pews. If you'd like to make a contribution toward Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please write a check in any amount, put "Easter flower offering" in the memo line, put it in the offering envelope along with the name(s) of those you'd like listed in the Easter bulletin, and put the envelope in the offering plate. You may also mail or drop off your contribution and names in a regular envelope. **Easter flower offerings must be received by Monday, March 26.**

## Save the Date

### **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!

### **March for Our Lives, March 24**

Our ECCT bishops invite parishioners to join with the youth of our diocese, state, and nation by participating in a March for Our Lives on March 24 in Hartford. Bishop Laura Ahrens, and women from across ECCT who will be attending an International Women's Day Conference at Christ Church Cathedral, will walk from the Cathedral to the State Capitol starting around noon or 12:30 p.m. Connecticut Episcopalians are invited to join them, either at the Cathedral or by joining the march at the Capitol, which begins at 12:30 p.m.

### **Children's interactive Good Friday service, March 30**

This is the second year that St. John's will host an interactive "walk through Holy Week" for children at 10 a.m. on Good Friday. This special service features hands-on activities, music, and more. All children 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/>.

### 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 approximately a dozen 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 collect nonperishable groceries for a local food pantry on the first Sunday of the month (though people are welcome to donate items any Sunday). 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](mailto:lrwing@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Help with Sunday flower deliveries to homebound or sick parishioners:** For much of the year, we get two beautiful flower arrangements for the altar on Sundays. We love to share these 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. Ellen in the parish office can get you started with a list of current volunteers and homebound parishioners. Contact Ellen or the rector if you can help. **We will also need volunteers to deliver Easter lilies after church on Easter Sunday**—look for an announcement in the bulletin that day about where to pick up a lily and a card with name and address for delivery.

**Donate candy to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday. Suggestions include Skittles, plain M&Ms, jellybeans, or Starburst. *Please, no nuts!* Deliver your donations to the parish office or give them to Janet Babbitt or Mary Scripko.

## 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.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. September – May

## CLERGY and STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net) .....	Director of Music
The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net) .....	Deacon
The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net) .....	Priest Associate
The Rev. William Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net) .....	Priest Associate
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Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net) .....	Religious Education Assistant
Ralph Valentine .....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

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

## VESTRY

Buffy Ineson .....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
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