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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

A Holy Week Message from the Rector

The time of Lent has passed and we are journeying with Jesus during Holy Week as he makes his final entrance into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, we wave our palms and sing our favorite songs of joy and jubilation as we recall how the crowds in Jesus's time cheered and watched him pass by, riding on a humble donkey. However, within a short time the atmosphere changes from joy to a sense of dread and foreboding. During the three days leading up to Easter Sunday, we mark Jesus's journey to the cross with the special services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These services make up the Triduum, where we relive Jesus's last few hours on earth. On Maundy Thursday, we will hear Jesus's words that instituted our Holy Communion, wash one another's feet and strip the altar. Good Friday is a somber time when we recall Jesus's betrayal, trial and agonizing death on the cross. All children and their parents are invited to *Walk with Jesus* on Friday morning, a special Good Friday service for our younger members, with hands-on storytelling and songs. Holy Saturday, the day that Jesus lay in his tomb, is a time of faithful vigil as we prepare for Easter Sunday, a time of rebirth and joy. May you have a blessed Holy Week. We hope you will join us for one or all of these special services as we journey with Jesus, placing our hope and faith in the promise of new life we will find in the Risen Christ on Easter morning.

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 as is nursery care for young children. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other requests. Again, welcome.

Weather permitting, we invite you to join the clergy and choir in the Cloister Garden for the blessing of the palms and a procession into the church, where we will continue our celebration. If the weather is poor, the blessing of the palms will take place in Hubbard Hall. If you prefer to remain in church, palms will be distributed inside the church.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL

*Mark 11:1–11**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Palms are distributed after the blessing.**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

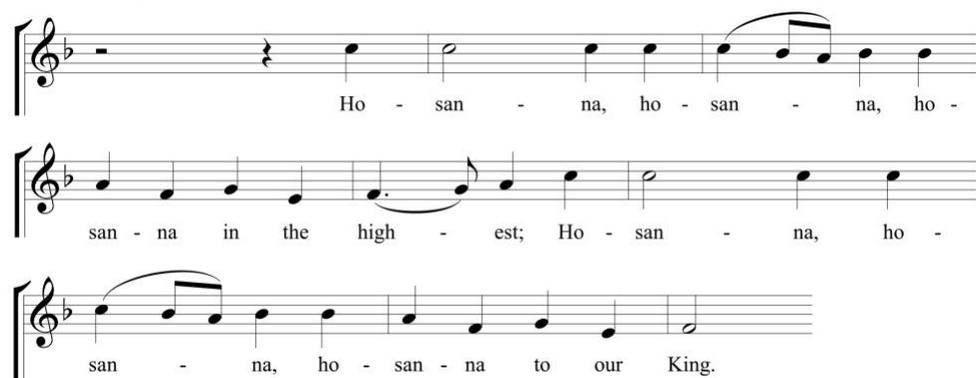
It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL ROUND

Start singing any time you wish, and repeat while walking.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - est; Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na to our King.

THE COLLECT AT THE DOOR

When the congregation is at the church door, the Celebrant says:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION All glory, laud, and honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

As the congregation enters the church, the choir and congregation sing.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.**Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*People* **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 50:4-9a**All sit.*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who indicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 31:9-16**The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated*

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff: "Have — mer - cy on — me, — O — God." The notes are simple, with some rests and a final cadence.

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 **For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; ***
**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; ***
I am as useless as a broken pot. *Antiphon*
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. ***
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

All stand and sing. All sing verse 1, men sing verse 2, women sing verse 3, all sing remaining verses.

The children will be led to the education wing for Word Alive and will return at the Peace.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

All sit.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

*The Passion reading is printed on the bulletin insert. **The congregation says aloud** the lines marked "congregation."*

*At the mention of Golgotha, **the congregation should stand** and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Gracious Lord Jesus, as we remember your walk to the cross, give us insight and determination to see the perils that lead to our death and to turn away from them, toward the new life and hope that you have promised to those who put their trust in you.

Bless your Church with prudence and courage; bless our clergy and musicians as they prepare for the Easter feast; guide your people to live so that the world will indeed know that we are Christians by our love. Let us now proclaim, **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Bless our elected leaders with wisdom and prudence as they work to make our country prosperous and just; bless those seeking a solution to the gun violence that besets us. Let us now proclaim, **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Bless the fifteen young people preparing for confirmation next month; bless all who are gathering for family Easter celebrations and students returning home this week. Let us now proclaim, **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Bless those who come to St. John's to study for their high school equivalencies and learn skills in English and citizenship. Bless those who come to strengthen their recovery from addictions. Let us now proclaim, **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Bless those who are sick and suffering, those who are depressed and sad, those who are homeless and hungry, those who are poor in spirit; use us as you will to bring them healing and hope. Let us now proclaim, **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Bless those who have died; receive them into your loving care and console those who mourn. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Sanctus *from* Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Heidi Tummescheit, violin

In the Sanctus Fauré offers something like a vision of the Kingdom of Heaven itself. Over an almost minimalist harp-and-string figure (perhaps representing the clouds themselves?) and a high solo violin, the sopranos and high men play duetting choirs of angels, calling and responding and slowly building to the triumphant Hosanna.

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.**

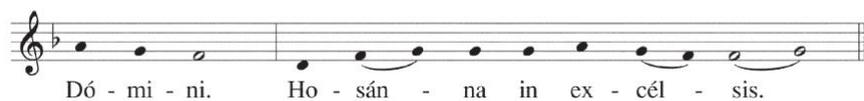
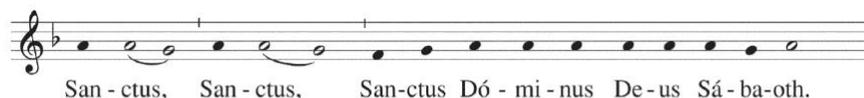
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

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

All remain standing or kneel, followed by a moment of silence.

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.



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. Healing prayers are offered at the font immediately after receiving communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET *Salvator mundi*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Words from the Sarum Manual

Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos. Auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

Saviour of the world, save us, thou who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us. Come to our rescue, we beseech thee, our God.

Salvator mundi has a personal text (“Saviour, help us, redeem us!”) but it still inhabits a spiritual realm. English Renaissance composers enjoyed a certain musical technique called cross-relationships (for example, a G-natural and a G-sharp sung at the same time). Tallis employs that “crunching sound” frequently here to establish the poignant pleading of the text.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People: **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.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 168 O sacred head, sore wounded

PASSION CHORALE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people, and the people all say, Thanks be to God.

Please return your Passion Narrative inserts at either entrance to the church so they can be used again in future years. Thank you!

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Bess Amamoo

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Claire O'Brien, Ford Gillespie, Kiley Murphy

Ushers: John & Laura Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Lyn Walker,

Claude Brouillard, Christoph Stretz, Don Polk

Healing Prayers: Marie Montas

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson and Bess Amamoo

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

Musician: Joyce Burke

THE READERS OF THE PASSION GOSPEL

John Nowacki and Douglas Hyland – Jesus; **Patrick Curtis** – Narrator (p. 1); **Ann Hutchinson** – Pilate, Servant Girl; **Paul Shaker** – Disciple, Soldier; **Jeff Verney** – High Priest, Judas; **Annabel Clapp** – Narrator (pg. 2); **Matt Ciscel** – Bystander, Witness; **Elsa Ciscel** – Peter, Centurion; **Congregation** – Crowd

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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	Clark Hendley	Karen & Bruce Connal
Janis Milroy	Dorothy Nelson		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Laura Hicks	Stuart Carlisle
Molly Fowler	Pam Dimock
Paul Farrell	Jay Noyes
Emeline Carlisle	Patricia Hensley
Maggie Grant	Toby Aguiar
Rich Barstow	Katherine Rives
Linda Fiske	Brityn Todaro
Tita Hyland	John O'Brien
John Beir	

Those who have died:

Christine Laird

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; and for clergy whose work is not in parishes, multivocational priests, and clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

Happening Today!

At the 9:30 **Intergenerational Faith Forum**, all ages are invited to prepare for Easter by making Easter cards, making butterflies for our Easter mobile, stuffing eggs for Easter Day, and hearing Easter stories.

Last chance to send in your Easter flower offerings: Easter flower offering envelopes are available in the pews. If you wish, 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 in the office by Monday, March 26.**

A planning meeting for the 2018 Community Block Party is scheduled for after the 10:30 service. All are welcome to attend. The block party will be on Sunday, September 9.

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@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!

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

Holy Week opportunities for prayer and reflection

Our **labyrinth** will be placed in Hubbard Hall after Palm Sunday services and remain there through Good Friday. The use of labyrinths predates Christianity, and was adopted by Christians as a spiritual practice. The labyrinth's sacred geometry can symbolize the cosmos or the unending nature of God. Walking toward the center of the labyrinth can mirror a faith journey that brings you closer to God. The act of walking on the labyrinth path fosters a contemplative rhythm that echoes and supports prayer. You are welcome to stop by this week to see what the labyrinth might mean for you. The **altar of repose** is a place where the communion wine and bread consecrated on Maundy Thursday are set aside, or "reserved," for use on Good Friday. St. John's altar of repose will be available near the High Altar for quiet prayer and reflection after the Maundy Thursday evening service. You may also hold a "virtual vigil" via a live-stream video of the altar of repose, available at www.sjparish.net/vigil.

Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m.

Good Friday: 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at St. John's, noon at St. James's (1018 Farmington Avenue), children's service at 10 a.m. (see below)

Children's interactive Good Friday service

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.

Celtic service on Easter Day, April 1

The monthly Celtic Contemplative service, held at St. John's in partnership with St. James's Church, will take place on Easter Sunday 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.

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.

Upcoming Music at the Red Door events in April

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), and a **Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. on April 29** features the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs. All Music at the Red Door events are free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$20.



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. **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.
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service

Walking with Jesus

*An interactive Good Friday
service for children with
storytelling and music*

**Friday, March 30
10 a.m.**

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All are welcome!



**St. John's Annual
Easter Egg Hunt**
Easter Day - Sunday, April 1
after the 10:30 a.m. service



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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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**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