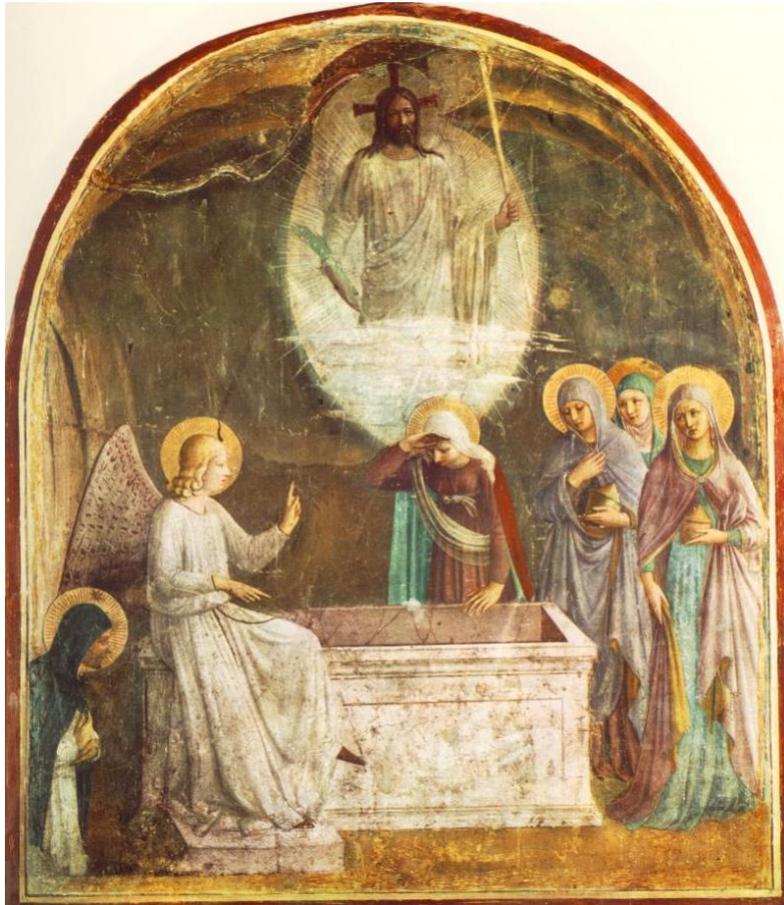


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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 22, 2018

10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

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

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

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

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Passacaglia: The prodigal son

James Biery (b. 1956)

A passacaglia is a musical work in which a single line of music is repeated over and over, usually in the bass, and continuous thematic development happens in the upper parts—much like the famous Pachelbel Canon. James Biery's Passacaglia takes the listener through all of the emotions of the Prodigal Son story—questioning, loss, pain, quiet resolution—finally quoting the hymn-tune St. Columba.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

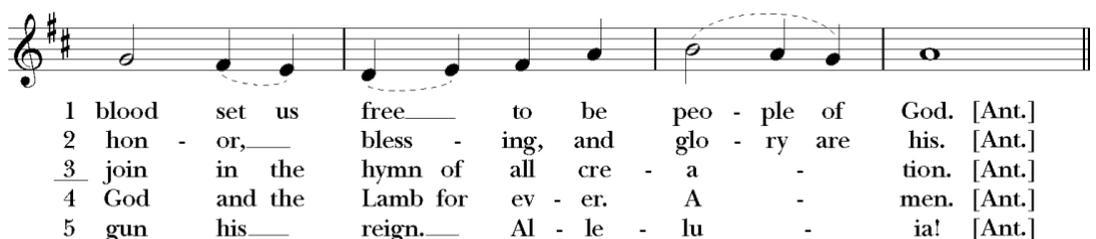
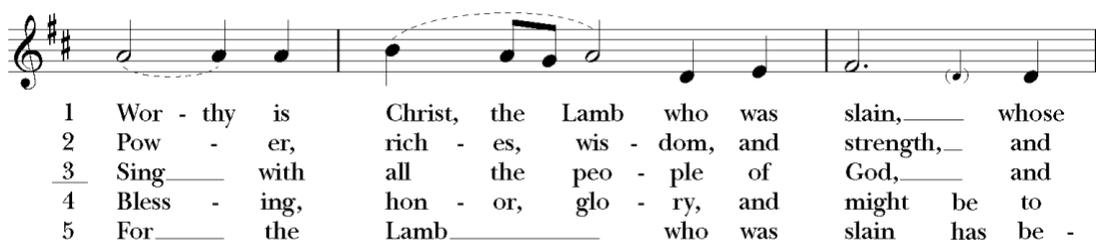
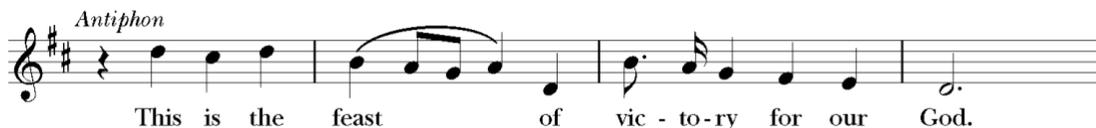
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

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

People **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.*People* **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 4:5–12**All sit.*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

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

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; ***
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 645 The King of love my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

All stand and sing. Children are invited to follow the acolyte to the Word Alive program. They will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

*John 10:11–18**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

O God our Shepherd, you spread a table before us and reassure our hearts with your guiding care: Hear our prayers for all your people, as we say, the Lord is our shepherd; we shall not be in want.

You know your own and your own know you, good Shepherd of the sheep: Guide the Church in gentleness and peace, that we may obey your commandment to love one another and live out that love in truth and action. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

The rejected stone has become the cornerstone for the whole world's salvation, the power and name for all healing: Be present, O God, among our leaders and with those who exercise authority for the nations of the world, that they may guide us along right pathways for your Name's sake. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

You have given your life for the protection of your people: Open our eyes to see our brothers' and sisters' need throughout the world, and then empower us to respond with generous help. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those whom we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

The Spirit that you have given us is alive in this community: Revive our souls that we may abide in Christ, lay down our lives for one another, and lie down in green pastures beside the still waters of fellowship and reconciliation. Hear our prayers for all who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death; grant that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We remember especially Dora Reese, Barbara Bush, and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Celebrant Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 My shepherd will supply my need

American Folk Melody
arr. Virgil Thompson (1896–1989)
Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748),
paraphrase of Psalm 23, found at Hymn 664

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues. The People say the words in bold.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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

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

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

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All remain standing or kneel.

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd *from Requiem*

John Rutter, b. 1945

Words: Psalm 23

Nancy Skeeel, flute

Quiet and serene, this pastoral setting of Psalm 23 offers a sweeping Rutter melody and a gorgeous flute solo that hovers gently above the choir. It creates an ethereal moment that so capably interprets the peaceful assurance of the beloved text.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

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 Hope Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Psalterer: Anne Harney

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Emma Evica, Abby Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Ushers: Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Will Smith, Courtney Bass, Steve Crocker

Healing Prayers: Karen Licht

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Paul Shaker and Rosa Guzzo

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

Musician: Joyce Burke

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James F. Gammill, Mary Walker Gammill, Ruth Sloan Parr, and James Charnley Parr.

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The Prayers of the People are adapted from those on the web site of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Jeff	Ida McKenney
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Chas	Janis Milroy
Carol Grieco	Dorothy Nelson	Meg	Clark Hendley
Janet Ray	Susan	Waylon Mumma	Kenneth
Susan Murray	Helen Moore	Naomi Cipriano	Michael Scripko
Cait Semanie	Vicky		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jane Bartlett	Ross Hatch
Margaret Beers	Paul Smith
Stacey Alemany	Caroline Grant
Linda Evans	Barbara Lennox
Charlie Todaro	Tim Goetz
Dianne Jones	Ethen Worrell

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kristie Harrington & Tony Fournier

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; and for hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministers, other pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, parish nurses, wellness programs, and recovery ministries.

Happening Today

Faith Forum at 9:30 on the new community garden. In collaboration with a local non-profit, Jessie's Community Garden, we are in the beginning stages of starting our own community garden. Using the ample space south of the sexton's home behind our church, we will be planting seedlings in six raised beds in mid-May. The beds are a generous gift from one of our parish families, for which we are most grateful. Come to today's 9:30 Faith Forum to learn more about this exciting project. We will also have a garden blessing immediately after our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 6. (Note: This is a date change from earlier announcements.) Whether you'd like to take on an ongoing job, such as scheduling volunteers or helping with publicity, or spend a few hours planting, weeding, watering and harvesting, we need your participation! Sign up to help at the Faith Forum or coffee hour, or contact the parish office.

A Springtime Chamber Concert today at 3 p.m. features the Fa-Re-La duo (Tanya Anisimova on cello, Pi-Hsun Shih on piano). This concert, part of the Music at the Red Door series, is free and open to the public; donations are accepted.

From the Director of Religious Education

Dear St. John's Families and Students,

I am writing to share that at the end of this program year I will be retiring as the Director of Religious Education (DRE). The Rev. Susan Pinkerton is working with our wardens and the Vestry to form a DRE search committee as a first step in hiring a new DRE in the near future.

We will continue to offer quality Christian education in the meantime and we look forward to your help in doing so. It's exciting for St. John's to begin a new chapter—as one door closes, another opens!

On a personal level, I have been a member of St. John's since 1998. This is our church home. The Babbitts are not leaving St. John's! But as my oldest daughter, Christine, is headed to college this fall, I am looking forward to enjoying an occasional weekend college visit!

Please mark your calendars to attend our listening sessions about our children's and youth programs. We want to hear from you!

Weds. April 25th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Youth Program Discussion in the St. John's Room

Sun. April 29th 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Children's Program Discussion in the Christian Ed wing

Sun. May 6th 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Children's Program Discussion in the Christian Ed wing

Peace,

Janet Babbitt

Save the Date

Camp Washington Open House, today at 3 p.m.

Check out our beautiful diocesan camp in Litchfield County at today's open house and cookout. For more information about the Open House and summer camp, visit www.campwashington.org.

Women's book group begins a new series, April 24 at 3 p.m.

Women Together, a fellowship group for women from local Episcopal churches, will begin a new four-week series on April 24. The series will feature the Gospel of John and *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life* by Henri Nouwen. Women Together meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

"Talking about Faith and Politics" at the Connecticut Forum, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information and to buy tickets, go to <https://humilityandconviction.uconn.edu>.

Grand opening of children's wellness center, April 26 at 5 p.m.

Family Life Education, a St. John's community partner, invites all to join them for the grand opening of the Louise Earle Loomis Children's Wellness Center, 57 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford. St. John's was a founding sponsor of this initiative. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served; dress is business attire. If you'd like to attend, RSVP by calling 860-231-7744.

Choral Evensong, April 29 at 5 p.m.

The final Choral Evensong for the 2017–2018 program year will feature our own St. John's Choirs, next Sunday at 5 p.m. Evensong is an ancient form of worship in which the choir and clergy offer up songs and prayers in a peaceful, reflective atmosphere. It is a powerful way to finish up your weekend, and our parish program year. Please come and invite a friend.

Upcoming Faith Forums, April 29 and May 6, 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m., Professor Kristine Larsen of Central Connecticut State University will share a unique piece of St. John's history. As author of *Women Who Popularized Geology in the 19th Century*, Professor Larsen studied the life of Delia W. Godding, St. John's first church school teacher as well as a poet, artist and science writer. Come learn more about Ms. Godding's legacy here at St. John's and beyond.

On Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m., Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, head rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel until his retirement, will preach at both services and also speak at the 9:30 Faith Forum. His Faith Forum presentation will focus on his latest book *Who Created God? and Other Essays*. He will have books available to purchase and have signed.

Syrian Cookie Making Class, May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. James's Episcopal Church

Syrian refugee Ghosoun Alansari will teach you how to make traditional ma'amoul cookies. A suggested donation of \$25 covers the class along with tea, a cookie mold and extra dough to bake at home. RSVP by emailing mamoulleson@gmail.com by May 2.

Grace Episcopal Church Dance Party, May 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Our Episcopal sisters and brothers at Grace Episcopal (55 New Park Avenue) are celebrating their 150th anniversary with a dance party on May 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The Ray Gonzalez Salsa Orchestra will provide music, and the Glastonbury Arthur Murray Dance Studio will provide dance instruction. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



Blessing Bag donations: Blessing Bags are small bags of necessities that we offer to people in need who come to St. John's looking for help. We are always in need of the following:

- Small size toiletries: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, soap, deodorant, wet wipes
 - Non-perishable single-serving snacks: Fruit sauce, dried fruit, trail mix, granola bars, cookies, crackers, candy bars, small bottles of water or juice
 - Clothing accessories for both men and women: Durable socks, hats and gloves
- Please leave Blessing Bag donations in the marked bin in Hubbard Hall.

Food Pantry donations: While the first Sunday of the month is our "official" collection day for food donations, you may bring them in any Sunday. The food is delivered once a month to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry on Prospect Avenue. They particularly need protein sources (such as peanut butter and tuna), dry cereal, and canned fruit and vegetables. They also have limited refrigerated space for donations of fresh fruit and vegetables. If you'd like to donate fresh produce, please let Ellen in the parish office know so we can make sure that a St. John's volunteer can deliver it to the food pantry ASAP. Please leave non-perishable food donations in the wagon in the back of the church.

Pray for St. John's parishioner and choir member Cait Semanie, who began a hike of the Appalachian Trail last week! While she has had to endure our cold and damp "spring" weather and waterproof matches that didn't quite live up to their name, she reports that so far the hike is going well.





Spring 2018 Music at the Red Door Events

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

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

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

The next **Pipes Alive! organ concert** on May 6 at 12:30 p.m. features Ezequiel Melendez from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. A light soup lunch will be provided for those staying after church for the concert. The final Pipes Alive! concert of the year, on June 3, features Susan Carroll from Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

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



A Springtime Chamber Music Concert The Fa-Re-La Duo

Sunday, April 22, 2018
3:00pm



Tanya Anisimova, cello

Chamber works by:
Bach, Schumann, and Rachmaninoff

Free Admission, Suggested Donation \$20
Reception Follows



Pi-Hsun Shih, piano

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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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