

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

www.sjparish.net



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 3, 2018

10:30 a.m.

An Ordinary Time Message from the Rector

This is the time of year when the church goes “green.” The church’s ancient wheel of liturgical time slowly turns from season to season. We keep track of the seasons with the specific colors associated with each one. In Medieval times, the colors were the way that most people, who were illiterate, kept track of which liturgical season it was. Two weeks ago, we celebrated the Day of Pentecost with vibrant red vestments and altar hangings (the fabric draped on the altar and the bands of fabric that hang from the lectern and the pulpit). On Trinity Sunday, we switched to white, the color of Jesus’s burial garments. Now, we enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar, ordinary time, with the color green, representing the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. Now and until the beginning of Advent, we will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest and shortest of the four Gospels that tells the story of Jesus in a most compelling 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. 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. During the program year (September – June), 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. On Sundays when child care and/or *Word Alive* are not provided, the Good Shepherd Room is available for parents and children to use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fantasia

Margaretha Christina de Jong, 2016

Margaretha Christina de Jong is a Dutch organist and composer whose music has wide appeal. Researching one of de Jong’s larger works, Christa Rakich (our new organ artist-in-residence) arranged to meet her in person in 2012. Since de Jong was raised in the Dutch Reform tradition, much of her organ music is based on Dutch Psalm tunes. As their friendship grew, Christa commissioned de Jong to compose a piece based on the Gregorian melody Salve Regina. The result is a Fantasia that uses French Romantic harmonies, with a hint of Duke Ellington mixed in.

INTROIT Choristers’ Prayer

Jack Richard Hodkinson, 2015

Words: Sir Sidney Nicholson (1875–1947)

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48 O day of radiant gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

All stand and sing.

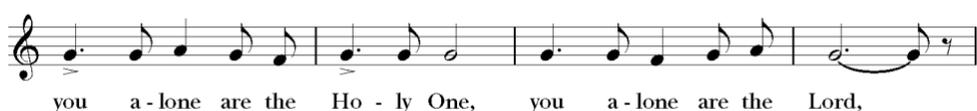
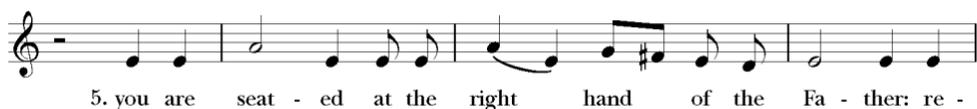
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

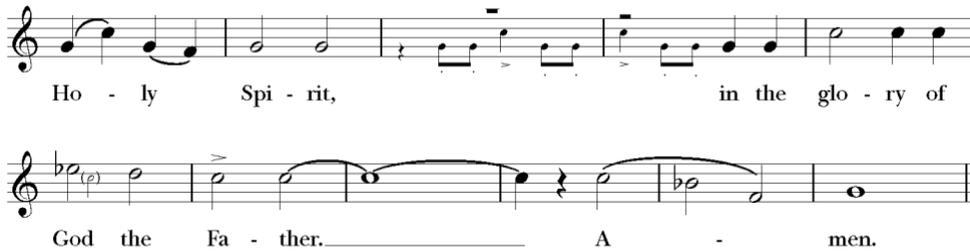
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





Title: Canticum 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Music: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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

1 Samuel 3:1–10

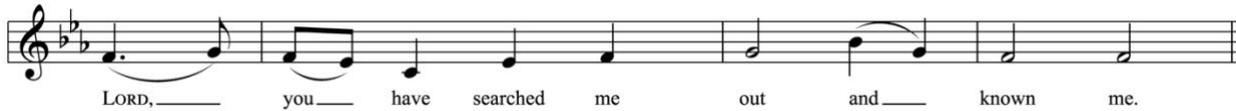
All sit.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *Antiphon*
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised

NYLAND

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:23–3:6

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

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

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

All sit. The children are invited to come forward for a children's sermon.

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.

Let us pray to God, giving thanks for God's wonderful works and saying: **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

God of love, we thank you that we are marvelously made. May your love for us make us whole, and inspire us to share that love with others. **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

How deep are your thoughts, O God, and how great is the sum of them. Open the hearts and minds of our leaders to your wisdom, that they may govern with justice, compassion and mercy. **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

O God, you press upon us behind and before, and lay your hand upon us. Comfort and heal those who are coping with illness, injury, addiction, loneliness, grief, violence, and danger. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

You trace our journeys and our resting places, O God, and are acquainted with all our ways. Guide those who are exhausted or anxious toward rest and contentment, and inspire those who are complacent or cynical with fresh hope and energy. **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

We give thanks for those whose earthly journey has ended, and whose final resting place is in you, O God. We remember especially Ida McKenney and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given. May their witness lead us toward greater wisdom and love. **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Celebrant Lord, you have searched us and known us; you know our sitting down and our rising up; you discern our thoughts from afar. Transform our minds, energize our bodies and refresh our spirits so we may serve you and others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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 Psalm 150

Philip Stopford, 2017

O praise God in his holiness
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath
praise the Lord.

Philip Stopford is a contemporary English composer who began his career as a youth chorister at Westminster Abbey, singing under Simon Preston and Martin Neary. His music is equally popular with American choirs as it is with English ones, due to his accessible yet thought-provoking compositional style. Our Youth Choir (along with the choir of St. James's Church and the Trinity College Chapel Singers) premiered Stopford's Psalm 150 at the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival in October, and collaborated on recording it two weeks ago.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand and sing.*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.***The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*Music:* William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal

Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

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.

You are also welcome to light a candle, located near the baptismal font, in memory of a loved one or to lift a prayer to God.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Eternal light

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Words: Alcuin Albinus Flaccus (c. 735–804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek thy face
and be brought by thy infinite mercy to thy holy presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
All stand and sing.

RATISBON

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Pro Organo Pleno

James Woodman, 2012

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 Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Layreader: Craig Wilkinson

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Emma Evica, Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

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

Healing Prayers: Karen Licht

Altar Guild: Shirley Blean and Audrey Walker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
 and in memory of Father George Gooderham.**

The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons, except where noted, are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.

Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992. All rights reserved.

Psalms Antiphon from A HymnTune Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition ©2007 Carl P. Daw, Jr., and Kevin R. Hackett. All rights reserved. Used by permission

HAPPENING TODAY

Pipes Alive! Organ Concert, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for the final Pipes Alive! concert of the program year, today at 12:30 p.m., featuring Susan Carroll of Asylum Hill Congregational Church. A light soup lunch will be available after the 10:30 service for those who stay for the concert. The concert is free and open to the public; donations are accepted.

Celtic Service, 4 p.m. pre-service singing/4:30 service

Today's Celtic service, held at St. John's in partnership with St. James's, will be held outside in the Cloister Garden (weather permitting). In honor of this being the last Celtic service before a summer hiatus, worship will be preceded by a sing-along of music featured throughout the past year. The sing-along starts at 4 p.m., and the service begins with an extended period of silence at 4:30 p.m. Celtic services will resume on the first Sunday of the month from October 2018 to June 2019. All are welcome—if you've never attended a Celtic service, give it a try!

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	Janis Milroy
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Chas	Clark Hendley
Carol Grieco	Dorothy Nelson	Meg	Janet Cochran
Janet Ray	Susan	Lina	Michael Scripko
Susan Murray	Vicky	Edward Shaker	Meghan
Cait Semanie	Maelie	Karen Prior	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Rosemary Deming	Marki Ware	John Roche
Jake Farrell	Stephanie Donofrio	Stephanie Niemiroski
Greg Burt	Hal Rives	James Manise
Evelyn Reidenbaugh	Lil Nolan	Ted Babbitt

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Joseph Howard and Dorothy Uhrlass
 Harry and Jessie Fulton
 Bert and Mary Jo Keating

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; St. John's, Niantic; Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication; and Education for Ministry leaders and students.

Please extend a warm welcome to Christa Rakich



We welcome Christa Rakich as our new organ artist-in-residence. Christa will be assisting Scott with service playing on occasion, especially when there are complicated organ accompaniments for pieces sung by our choir. While this is primarily an honorary position in exchange for regular practice time, Christa will also fill an important role as primary supply organist when Scott is away. More important, Christa and her wife Janis have come to love our community here, and are excited to make St. John's their spiritual home.

Christa recently retired as music director at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford. She lives in Bloomfield and maintains an active career as a performer and recording artist. She has served on the faculties of Westminster Choir College, Brandeis University, New England Conservatory, and the University of Connecticut, and as assistant university organist at Harvard. Previous artist-in-residencies have included the University of Pennsylvania and First Lutheran Church in Boston. She recently performed at Rikkyo University in Tokyo. You can learn more about Christa at www.christarakich.com, and be sure to greet her warmly after church today.

The "Love Welcomes" Project

St. John's recently purchased several items from Thistle Farms, an organization founded by the Reverend Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest in Nashville. Thistle Farms provides supportive housing and employment to women who are recovering from addiction, abuse and violence.

One of the items we purchased is this welcome mat, which will be used on the altar today in lieu of our regular linens. These mats are woven out of used life vests by refugee women who have made the dangerous overseas journey from the Middle East to Greece.

According to Thistle Farms, they have named this project #LOVEWELCOMES in an effort to "keep the emphasis on welcoming refugees and recognize that love is the most powerful force for change. A couple hundred people still arrive in Greece every day. Daily life in the camps is hard and legal assistance for relocating to a permanent home can be a long waiting game. Women sit with idle hands with a low sense of drive for day to day living. #LOVEWELCOMES has been a pivotal movement to employ and support women in the camp. Through their weaving, the #LOVEWELCOMES team are able to provide key services to the whole community. One mat at a time, these life vests, once representing tragedy and loss, are being transformed into a symbol of prosperity and hope."

The \$100 purchase price for each mat is divided in the following way:

- \$50 for the women weaving;
- \$20 for transportation to legal meetings, food markets and medical appointments and for I AM YOU, Thistle Farms's partners on the ground (in Greece); and
- \$30 to Thistle Farms for shipping, materials, and administration.

Save the Date

Cloister Garden work morning June 9, 9 a.m.

Our beautiful Cloister Garden, which serves as a final resting place for those whose ashes are interred there as well as a peaceful spot for quiet reflection, needs some basic maintenance. Please join us for a Cloister Garden work morning on Saturday, June 9 at 9 a.m. (rain date June 16). Work to be done includes weeding, dead heading and pruning as needed. We could especially use someone who knows enough about gardening to provide some guidance and instruction. If you can help (as either a garden guru or a worker bee!), please call or email Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sparish.net or 860-523-5201). Work will only take a couple of hours with sufficient help.

Blessing of our missionaries, June 10, 10:30 a.m. service

In late June, six young people from St. John's will travel with a group from other Episcopal Church in Connecticut parishes to the Dominican Republic, where they will help lead a Vacation Bible School and engage in other work and fellowship. We will bless and send them off with our good wishes at the 10:30 service on June 10.

Summer service schedule begins June 17

St. John's summer Sunday schedule—a 9 a.m. service in the nave and a 5 p.m. service in the garden (weather permitting)—begins on June 17 and goes through Labor Day weekend (September 2). The regular service schedule resumes on Sunday, September 9, followed by the annual Neighborhood Block Party. The parish office will begin summer hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m., M–F) on Monday, June 11.



Supplies needed for Dominican Republic mission trip: Six of our young members will be going on a mission trip with the Episcopal Church in CT this summer. They will be helping with a Vacation Bible School for 400 children and need craft supplies to take with them. We are collecting the following items, either new or gently used: Popsicle sticks (the craft kind, not the kind with leftover grape or cherry flavor on them), school glue (liquid), Scotch tape (on its own roll), kid scissors, markers and crayons, beads. Please give them to Mary Scripko, our religious education assistant, or drop them off in the office during the week.

Musicians needed for Hughes Home services: Throughout the year, St. John's volunteers lead a 10 a.m. Sunday morning service at Hughes Home, just across Farmington Avenue on Highland Street. We need additional people to accompany hymns on the piano (or another instrument, such as guitar). We need accompanists both during the summer and during the program year. If you'd like to help lead the services instead, consider becoming a St. John's layreader. Layreaders at St. John's wear many hats—they read scriptures and the Prayers of the People at our services, serve as chalice bearers for communion, and lead services at Hughes Home. We'd love to have new people join this ministry! Contact Kim Byrd (kimberley.byrd@comcast.net) or the rector for more information.

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

www.sjparish.net

679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut 06119
860 523 5201 office@sjparish.net



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

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 J. Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net) *Priest Associate*
Janet Babbitt (janet@sjparish.net) *Director of Religious Education*
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net) *Parish Manager and Assistant to the Rector*
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net) *Sexton*
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net) *Financial Administrator*
Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net) *Religious Education Assistant*
Christa Rakich *Organ Artist-in-Residence*
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