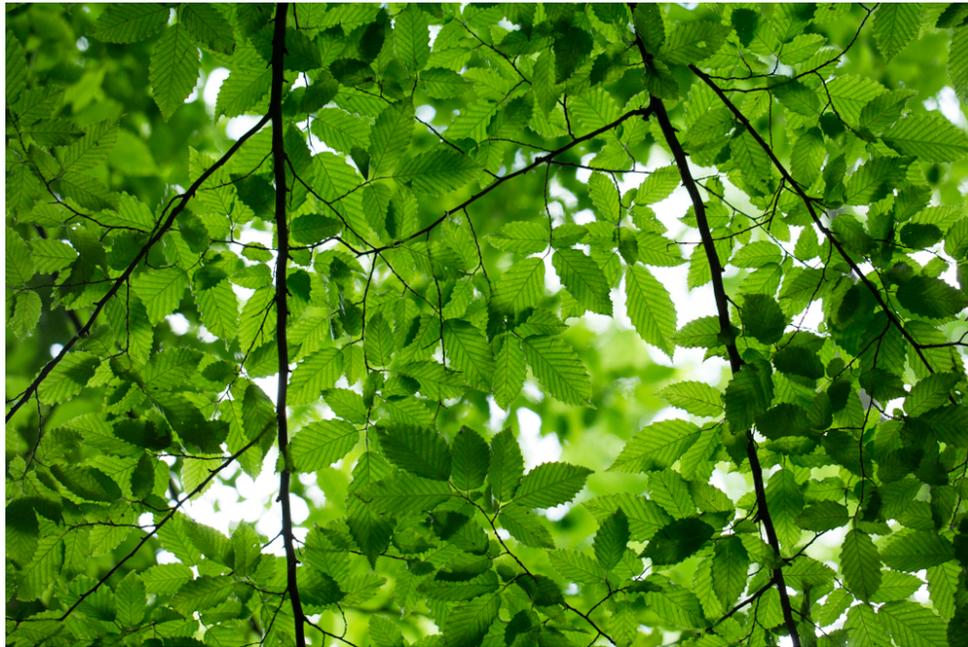


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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 15, 2018

9:00 a.m.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

All sit.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 85:8-13

The people say the words in bold.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 660 O master, let me walk with thee

MARYTON

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:14–29

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his

guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.

Gracious and loving God, you sent your prophets to declare your Word to your people. Open our ears to hear you speak today; open our eyes to see where you call us to act; open our hearts and give us courage to respond.

We pray for your church, for the people of St. John's throughout its generations. We give thanks for their generosity of heart and spirit and pray for our parish missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you.**

We pray for this earth, beset by war and earthquakes, by poverty and rising seas. Bless the leaders of the nations as they take counsel together and give them wisdom and a spirit of collaboration. May the international cooperation that led to the successful cave rescue in Thailand continue through the world in other ways and other lands. **Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

We pray for those who are sick in body and mind and spirit. Open our hearts to be kind and effective caregivers; give us wisdom to counter systems that oppress and harm our brothers and sisters. **You speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

We give thanks for the bountiful harvest of our parish community garden and for the beauty of the earth all around us. We pray for the safety of those who travel; give them a safe return and refresh them in their leisure. **Indeed you grant prosperity and make our land to yield its increase.**

We pray for those who are near death, those who mourn, and those who have died. Give us all a deep confidence in Jesus' promises of eternal life and certain faith that you have prepared a place for all you have created. **I will listen to what you are saying, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Celebrant Lord God, heavenly Father, give us grace to follow your Son Jesus by showing mercy, speaking truth, and walking in the way of righteousness, that your peace may prevail among all your people and your Name be always praised. **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 MUSIC Prelude on *Leoni*

Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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 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.

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 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.

CLOSING HYMN 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

TRURO

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Short Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557

J.S. Bach

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Courtney Bass, Ben and Ellen Flynn

Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

Musician: Helen Hughlett

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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, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Chas	Paul Major
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Meg	
Carol Grieco	Dorothy Nelson	Lina	
Janet Ray	Susan	Edward Shaker	
Susan Murray	Cait Semanie	Kenny	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Bert Keating	Hubertus Tummescheit
Emily Davis	Eleanor Barnes
Daphne Beers	Julia Verney
Sarah Kieffer	Bob Bainbridge

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Claude and Mei-Wa Brouillard
Heidi and Jeff Gostyla
Janet and Brad Babbitt

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Church of Our Saviour, Plainville; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; St. James', Poquetanuck; St. Philip's, Putnam; and for ECCT and parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policy.

Community Garden Update

Our distribution of free vegetables to our neighbors continued on Tuesday morning. Arugula and other leafy veggies were washed, bagged and offered to passers-by and visitors to the church, who were grateful—and surprised!—to receive fresh vegetables at no cost. We are continuing to distribute vegetables on Tuesday mornings, and may add other days and times..

We are now signing up gardening volunteers for each week during the summer and into early fall. Volunteers may come at any time during their chosen week to weed, harvest and do any other needed garden maintenance. It is best if at least one person per week either attended one of our recent garden orientations, or has some gardening experience, as volunteers will be on their own to do what needs doing.

There is a paper sign-up on the large bulletin board located between Hubbard Hall and the Education Wing, and an online sign-up available via our web site at <https://sjparish.net/gods-garden>. **We are also in need of plastic grocery bags in which to distribute the vegetables**, so please bring in extra bags that are taking up space at home!



Our missionaries have safely returned from the Dominican Republic.

This past week, our six St. John's young people and three chaperones safely returned from the Dominican Republic, where they helped to lead a Vacation Bible School for 400 children, together with other Connecticut Episcopalians. The experience was life-changing and powerful, and several who went are looking forward to continued mission work.

Visit our Instagram page where you'll find many photos of their time. And while you're there, you should follow us! www.instagram.com/stjohnswhtfd



Update on our Sunday Service Live Stream - Subscribe today!

Just a reminder that if you can't catch us in person during the summer, you can watch the morning service live on YouTube, or at the same link anytime later. We currently have an online congregation of around 50 people (between the live stream and podcast). It's a great way to connect right from home! Go to www.sjparish.net and click **Watch Live** for access to our YouTube channel, with live stream and service archives... and better yet, the option to subscribe.

News from the Episcopal Church General Convention

General Convention in Houston is wrapping up this week, and many important issues were addressed, including Prayer Book revision (potentially keeping the 1979 Book of Common Prayer in place, and developing additional, inclusive and expansive resources to add to the breadth of our worship), admission of Cuba as a Diocese (passed unanimously), and witness events against gun violence and poor treatment of immigrant families. Our Bishops, Ian and Laura, were present and active, as well as our own Youth Delegate, Christine Babbitt.



Inspiring was Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaching a sermon of “love God, love neighbor” to more than 1,000 people (including Christine, who was right outside the fence from some of the refugees) during a Prayer of Vision, Witness and Justice near the T. Don Hutto Residential Center, a detention facility in Taylor, Texas, housing 500 female non-U.S. citizens awaiting the outcome of their immigration status.

Look for this story on www.sjparish.net under **July 12, 2018 Newsletter**, and you’ll find links to an amazing video featuring our youth, details and sermon from the Witness on the detention center, and all updates from the Episcopal News Service.

And join us in prayers of celebration and hope as God’s mission is carried out in our country and the world.

Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral, July 22

Once again, Christ Church Cathedral invites everyone to their Jazz Mass, on Sunday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. This annual event brings together Episcopalians from many area churches for wonderful music and worship. Free parking is available at the MAT garage on Church Street, across the street from the Cathedral.

Youth and Adult Choir Open House Sundays during August



Anyone, age 8 and up, is welcome to experience the joy of singing in our choir during the month of August at our 9:00 service. This is a great opportunity to see what it is like to sing, without the commitment of a midweek rehearsal. A core of our regular choir members will be present and singing to help you feel confident and welcome.

Why try choir? Singing in the choir has benefits you may have not considered, other than the obvious - using your voice to express praise to God, at the same time helping those who hear you to praise and pray...

- Choir is an amazing, close-knit community
- Singing has proven health benefits - both physical and mental
- Best seat in the house on Sundays
- An activity that children and adults can do together
- Best robes in town!

Join us on any Sunday during August at 8:15 in the church for a brief rehearsal to learn the Offertory Anthem for the day. You can just show up, or contact Scott at music@sjparish.net for details.

St. John's Summer Service Schedule



9 a.m. Sunday morning in the church
5 p.m. Sunday evening in the garden

June 17 through September 2



What is Efm *and could it be right for you?*

Education for Ministry (Efm) is a four-year curriculum for lay people sponsored by Sewanee School of Theology, University of the South. Each year is a nine-month cycle of study, for which students enroll one cycle at a time.

During these four years of study, a close-knit community of seekers is formed. Together, they study the Bible, church history, theology and philosophy, asking myriad questions and sharing their wisdom, while becoming more deeply rooted in their own faith.

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Efm program provides people with education to support their ministry—that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: “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.”

Efm offers an opportunity to do just that. It is a wonderful, life-giving way to discover our unique gifts and how to use them to make this world a little bit better, as we become more the person God calls us to be.

At St. John’s, the Efm group meets on Thursday evenings from September through June. **If you’d like to learn more about Efm and explore whether this opportunity is right for you, contact Susan Pinkerton at susan@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201.**



Efm is not just “Bible study” through the lens of an organized religion. It’s way more. Yes, it is a lot of reading. And to get something out of it, you have to spend some more time contemplating what you read. And then you come to class and it develops more depth and breadth in discussion. We explore the readings to find embedded lessons for the context in which they were written, and then how the message might relate to current everyday life. The application of the Efm process week after week is like fog slowly dissipating. Or maybe like learning to make sense of the light and shadows on X rays. What might start out as an opaque blob becomes a tool to refine your personal view of God in relation to the world (that is, your personal theology), and insight to ground the big and small choices you make to use the gifts you have in your life while you’re on earth.

And in addition to that, we laugh a lot. I look forward to it every week. Efm is one of the most personally rewarding things I’ve ever done.

Marki Ware
Efm member at St. John’s

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the church

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

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

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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

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