

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 22, 2018

9:00 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 summer, our Good Shepherd Room is available for parents and children to use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Adagio, from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

OPENING HYMN 537 Christ for the world we sing

MOSCOW

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 KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

All sit.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 89:20–37

The people say the words in bold.

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 **My hand will hold him fast ***
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

- 23 **I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.**
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 **I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.**
- 26 He will say to me, "You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation."
- 27 **I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 **I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.**
- 30 If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 **If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;**
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 **But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**
- 34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 **Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
I will not lie to David.**
- 36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 **It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.**

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11–22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile

both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

ST. AGNES

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us bring before God our needs and our worries, our hope and our gratitude, saying: Have compassion for us, Lord God, and build us into a dwelling place for you.

For our parish community of St. John's, that we will be guided by God's wisdom, protected by God's strength, and provided for from God's bounty. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. Guide us and our leaders to proclaim peace to those who are far off and those who are near. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

For mercy, justice, and peace in the world. We pray for places where people live in fear, chaos and want, especially Yemen and Syria. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

For those who sow and those who reap the harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. We thank you for our new community garden, and ask your blessing on those who work in it and those who are nourished by it. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and for their families. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we

name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed. Have compassion for us, Lord God, **and build us into a dwelling place for you.**

Lifting our voices with all creation and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Abba! Father! Your Spirit dwells in us: Receive our prayers for the needs of the church and the world, and grant us to hear your word and dwell in you as children of God; through 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 MUSIC Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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.**

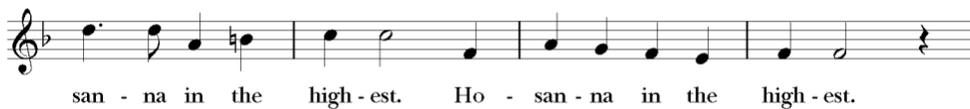
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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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 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

SICILIAN MARINERS

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Processional

Robert Paoli, 1991

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Eleanor Barnes, Nazra Ali

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

Musician: Joyce Burke

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
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Meg
Carol Grieco	Dorothy Nelson	Lina
Janet Ray	Susan	Edward Shaker
Susan Murray	Cait Semanie	Michael

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Charnley Parr	Francis Lamlein
Marion Leoniuk	Richard Blum
J.P. Evans	Brad Babbitt
Priscilla Hexter	Julia Foust

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Eleanor and Jack Barnes
Lissie and Lynn Brooks
Ellen and Daniel Dollar

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; and for committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

Happening today!**Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.**

Christ Church Cathedral (45 Church Street, Hartford) invites everyone to their Jazz Mass, this morning at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join Episcopalians from around Greater Hartford for a morning of worship and music. Susan, Walter and Scott will be participating in the service.

Free parking for Sunday services at the Cathedral is available in the Talcott Street parking lot, but you must pick up a Cathedral Card from the narthex and leave it on your dashboard. Parking is also available in the garage across from the cathedral on Church Street; tickets must be validated just outside the Cathedral House auditorium. Parking for those with disabilities is available in the alleyway between the Cathedral and the Cathedral House.

Community Garden Update



God's Garden (a Jessie's Community Garden located on the south end of St. John's property) is flourishing! We continue to give away the garden's bounty on Tuesday mornings. This week, St. John's volunteers were joined by a neighbor who had heard about the garden and came by to help pick and distribute kale, radishes, herbs and other goodies (see photos).

Parishioner Martha Fine reflected on spending her Tuesday morning giving away vegetables:

I enjoyed a great blessing this last Tuesday morning sitting comfortably in the shade of our glorious copper beech tree at the corner of Farmington Ave. and South Highland St., where Bill Eakins and I chatted with neighbors and shared the bounty of our thriving community garden. If you haven't seen it, by all means check it out. J.P. [Evans, who is coordinating the garden project] and the volunteers have worked wonders. The folks walking the neighborhood were curious, receptive and delighted by our sharing the works of everyone's labor. A blessing on all sides.



Last week, we also welcomed seven students from our community partner Covenant Prep school, who spent several hours working in the garden as part of their summer camp program.

Your help is needed to continue this new and exciting ministry! We need:

- Volunteers to help maintain the garden by weeding, planting new crops and harvesting.
- Volunteers to pick, wash, bag and distribute veggies on Tuesday mornings. We especially need help on Tuesday mornings in August.



To sign up for garden maintenance, look for a sign-up sheet at coffee hour *today*, or sign up online at www.sjparish.net/gods-garden. You may pick a week that you're available and come in any time during that week to do whatever is needed. It's helpful to have some basic gardening knowledge and/or to have someone on hand who attended one of our garden orientations, as you'll be working unsupervised!

To help with Tuesday morning veggie distributions in August, contact J.P. Evans at jpfootball63@gmail.com or (860) 436-7967. You may direct other questions about the garden to J.P. as well.



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.

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 a.m. 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

FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome

Community Block Party

at St. John's

Sunday, September 9, 12-3 p.m.

- Pizza, hot dogs, ice cream
- Kids games, bounce house, fire truck tours
- Tours of our historic church

Featuring live music:
 The Hartford Steel Band (11:45)
 Beatles Covers with Jeff Verney & Steve Metcalf
 Folk, Rock, & Americana with The Alternate Facts
 Celtic Music with Norb Spencer & Friends
Rain or Shine!

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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

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) *Rector*
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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