The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
June 24, 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’ 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   Sonata in Sea – Wellfleet  James Woodman (b. 1957)

OPENING HYMN 565   He who would valiant be  Monk’s Gate
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. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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 1:32–49

All sit.

David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.” When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

Psalm 9:9–20

The people say the words in bold.

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as
punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 636  How firm a foundation

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41

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

All  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

W hen evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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.

Your powerful presence comforts us, O God, for when we are threatened by chaos and storm, Christ is our peace: Hear us as we call to you, and answer our prayers as we say, You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.

Loving God, your Church works together with Christ to accept your grace for all people: Fill us with purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and your godly power, that there may be no fault found with our ministry. You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.

Almighty One, you are known by your acts of justice: Let your goodness be sustained by all who hold authority in the nations, and let not the ungodly have the upper hand; for the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.

Your peace dwells at the center of our being, O Gracious One: Give peace to all whose lives are swamped by waves and winds, and defend those who face giant threats, that they may know the comfort of your presence and face their troubles with David’s courage. You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.

Help us to commend ourselves in this community with hearts wide open to our neighbors for your Name’s sake. You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.

Compassionate God, hear our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially those on our parish prayer list. We rejoice in your salvation as we bring our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving, especially for the marriage of Caroline Curtis Church and William Joseph Merkl yesterday in St. Paul, Minnesota. Bring into your eternal peace those who have died, especially Rosemary Worth Collins. You are a refuge in time of trouble; you never forsake us, O God.
Celebrant  Gracious and Loving God, be known to us in the storms and anxieties of our lives, that we may hear the call of our Savior saying “Peace! Be still!” and may be calm through the power of the Holy Spirit, for you live and reign, One God, for ever and ever. 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  The Lord is my shepherd Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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 COMMUNION ANTHEM How beautiful are the feet of them
(from Messiah) G.F. Handel (1685–1759)
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

Eternal Father, strong to save

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY

Sonata in Sea – Provincetown

James Woodman (b. 1957)

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 Susan Pinkerton
Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya
Guest Organist: Christa Rakich
Soloist: Daaé Ransom
Ushers: Susan Clemow, Jeff Verney
Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker
Altar Guild: Shirley Blean

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Kim Byrd

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The Prayers of the People are adapted from those on the website 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 missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Saviour’s, Old Greenwich; St. Ann’s, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; and for summer chapels in Norfolk and Fenwick, summer outdoor worship services, Vacation Bible Schools, and parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips.
TODAY - All are invited to a special event to support health care in Jerusalem and surrounding areas

3 to 4:30 pm – Discussion and reception with the Rev’d Canon Nicholas B. Porter
5 pm – Regularly scheduled Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

The Order of St. John is a charitable organization whose main purpose is to support the work of the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, which provides most of the eye care in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Our guest on June 24 is the Rev’d Canon Nicholas B Porter, KstJ. Nick is the executive director of Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB), an interfaith, non-profit organization with a mission to create a better future across religions, cultures, and nationalities, with a focus on Jerusalem. JPB promotes transformational encounters between Israeli, Palestinian and American youth and provides the opportunities, relationships, and skills they need to become future leaders for peace.

All are welcome to this special event free of charge as guests of the Order. Donations (cash or checks to the Order of St. John) will be accepted toward the purchase of a slit lamp, an expensive and essential piece of equipment to be used for eye care for the people of Gaza. After the discussion and reception, we will attend St. John’s regular late afternoon Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden.
The new community garden, where we are growing vegetables for those in need of healthy food, is up and running. See J.P.’s update below with additional information on how you’ll be able to help this summer.

We need volunteers to come regularly to water the Cloister Garden and the planters located at several of our entrances (the red doors, the doors from the garden into Hubbard Hall, and the back doors). This is something you could do before or after church on Sunday, or stop by some time during the week. A hose, spray heads, and a watering can are available in the Cloister Garden near the outdoor faucet. Please pitch in when you can, especially if you notice the flowers in the planters looking a little thirsty!

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, when we collect nonperishable food for the pantry at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Prospect Avenue. They are in need of peanut butter, tuna, cereal, canned goods (vegetables, fruit, soup, pasta, stew), pasta, pasta sauce, etc. Please give generously, as donations go down in the summer but the need is actually greater than at other times of year, because children are not receiving free meals at school. Place your food donations in the wagon at the back of the church.

A Trinity College freshman from Portland, Oregon, is in need of free or low-cost housing in the Hartford area from July 1 until mid-August, when dorms will be open. The student is currently homeless and receiving a full scholarship at Trinity. Please contact the Rev. Allison Read, college chaplain, at allison.read@trincoll.edu or 860-297-2013 if you have an extra room to spare or other potential housing for this young woman, who is eager to begin her new life in Hartford and find part-time employment to help with living expenses.

Community Garden Update
by J.P. Evans – Garden Coordinator

Thanks to all those who have helped out at the garden these past few weeks. We are making very good progress in the creation of our garden. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please feel free to email me at jpfotball63@gmail.com or call me at (860) 436-7967.

Garden accomplishments
In the last week the all of the fence posts were cemented into the ground and the fence was put up. The next step is to trim down the fence so it matches the design of the fence that is adjacent.

What’s going on in the garden this week
Another work day is coming up; however, a date has not been chosen yet. Any time you come to work in the garden, please remember to bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking onward
We will hold several orientation sessions for those who would like to help with weeding and harvesting. This will be to make sure everyone knows the difference between a weed and a seedling! Dates and times for additional work days and orientation will be shared via e-blast and/or the Sunday bulletin when they are set. We’ll eventually be asking individuals, groups or families to sign up for a particular week during the summer, during which you’ll come, at a time that’s convenient for you, to do any tasks needed for that week.
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.

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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
St. John's Summer Service Schedule

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

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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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