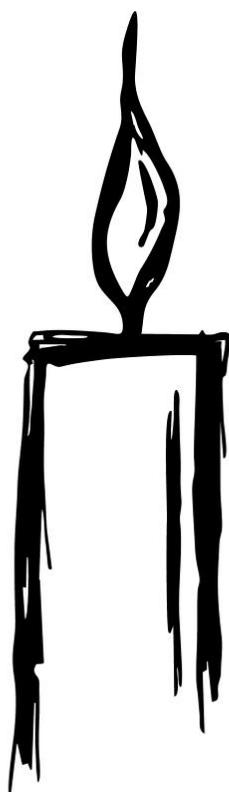


# St. John's Episcopal Church

*A place to discover connections with God and one another*

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*Third Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*December 16, 2018*

10:30 a.m.

## *An Advent Message from the Rector*

Advent is a short season, only four weeks, that begins a new year in the church. Advent invites us into a space of quiet waiting and deep reflection. These darkened winter days provide a gentle reminder that we need to slow down a bit and simply allow ourselves time to be. In the dark and quiet, we have an opportunity to hear God's still, small voice reminding us that we are loved beyond our wildest imagination, just as we are. We wait in the darkness for what we know will come. In the most humble and vulnerable of people and places — a tiny, frail newborn cradled in a manger of straw — we will receive an invitation to new life and new ways of being. In this season, St. John's offers many ways of encountering God and one another anew, through worship, music, fellowship, and giving. Please come and bring a friend as we ready ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child.

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 from the ushers.

**We welcome children of all ages to St. John's.** Your children are always welcome to stay in church with you. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged when they can see what's happening. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 in our education wing. On most Sundays, we hold a *Word Alive* program for school-age children, where they will engage with the lectionary scriptures in an age-appropriate way. An acolyte will lead children out to *Word Alive* during the hymn before the sermon, and bring them back during the Peace. We also have resources for quiet play available at both entrances to the church.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Two settings of *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)  
Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

THE INTROIT Thou who wast rich French Carol  
Words: Frank Houghton (1894–1972)  
*Church school children, directed by Heidi Tummescheit*

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becomes poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,

Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
 Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
 Saviour and King, we worship thee.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
*All stand and sing.*

WINCHESTER NEW

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Lamlein Family*

*Reader #1* We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

*Reader #2* For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

*All* **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

*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

*Unison or harmony*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

*All sit.*

**S**ing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

*Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah*

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*



Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, \***  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

*Antiphon*

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Antiphon**

#### THE EPISTLE

*All sit.*

*Philippians 4:4-7*

**R**ejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE SEQUENCE HYMN 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

STUTTGART

*All stand and sing. Children may follow the acolyte out to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.*

#### THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:7-18*

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

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

**J**ohn said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### THE SERMON

*All sit.*

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

## 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

*The people say the words in bold.*

We wait for Christ to come among us and we make our requests known to God who is our stronghold and sure defense, saying, Come, O Holy One, and save us.

We pray for the Church, and especially for Michael our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may surrender all our worries to God and trust in God for all our needs. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

Together as a parish family, we pray that we may rejoice in all the blessings, opportunities, and gifts God has given us. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

We pray for the advent of peace and justice in this wounded world, that God will give insight, wisdom and new vision to all who strive to turn swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

We hold up in prayer all who are suffering and feel overwhelmed by the challenges and injustices of life, especially those on our parish prayer list, that God's message of "have no fear" may renew their hearts and fill their spirits with hope. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For those who have died, we pray that the One who comes in glory will gather them into the joy of the Heavenly Kingdom. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

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

*Celebrant* O God, the fountain of life and rejoicing, hear the prayers we offer this day and renew our faith, that we may live holy lives sustained by your everlasting strength, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ the Savior.

*People* **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 Lux aurumque

Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Words by Edward Esch,

translated to Latin by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Lux  
calida gravisque pura velut aurum  
et canunt angeli molliter  
modo natum.

*Light*  
*warm and heavy as pure gold*  
*and the angels sing softly*  
*to the newborn babe.*

*From the composer: "After deciding upon the poem by Edward Esch (I was immediately struck by its genuine, elegant simplicity), I had it translated into the Latin by the celebrated American poet Charles Anthony Silvestri. A simple approach was essential to the success of the work, and I waited patiently for the tight harmonies to shimmer and glow."*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).  
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*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

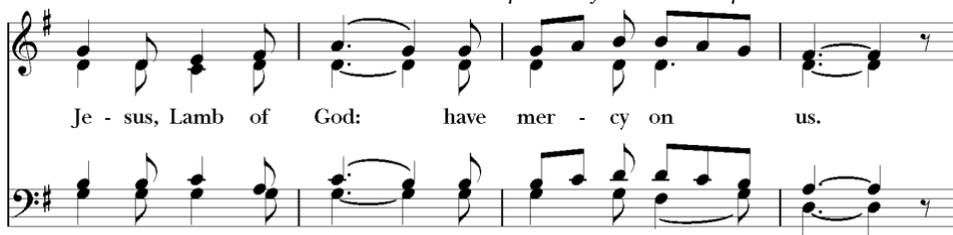
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

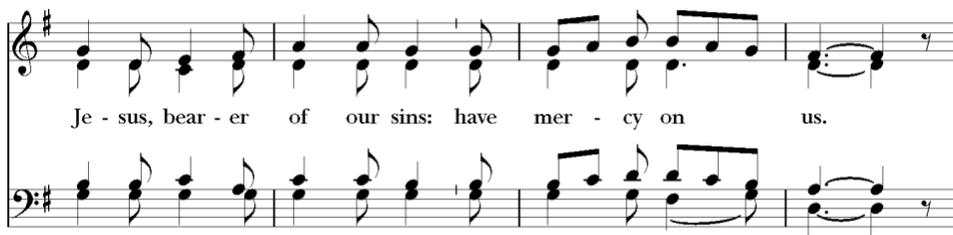
*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
 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, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

## 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.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

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

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

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

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM A spotless rose

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Words: German, 15<sup>th</sup> century*John Church, soloist*

A spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing,  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For, through our God's great love and might,  
The blessed Babe she bare.  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

*Herbert Howells, who arguably influenced British church music in the 20th century more than anyone, was not himself a believer. Suitably, his A Spotless Rose was thought up in the least sacred of circumstances — Howells said it came to him as he was watching trains on the Bristol-Gloucester line from his cottage window. Moving trains seem a world away from the arching lines of the anthem itself, in which the flowing melody is carried first by the choir then a baritone soloist over a subdued chorale-like harmony. And, as is so often the case with Howells, a touch of brilliance is saved for the final chords. "I should like, when my time comes, to pass away with that magical cadence," wrote fellow composer Patrick Hadley. Jeremy Suter, master of music at Carlisle Cathedral agrees: "The scrunchy harmonies of the final few bars are pure, unadulterated bliss!"*

## 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 DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Prelude in G, BWV 550

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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:** John Hardy

**Psalterer:** Cate Emerick

**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Genella Evans, Aviyah Lohr, Elise Biondi

**Ushers:** Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ben & Ellen Flynn,

Wes Winterbottom, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

**Altar Guild:** Paul Shaker and Buffy Ineson

**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:**

**Layreader:** Cindy Lawler

**Musician:** Joyce Burke

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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	Edward Shaker
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael
Carol Grieco	Susan	John Coghill
Janet Ray	Meg	Albert Lennox
Susan Murray	Luther	Ann

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Carol Sonne	Sherwood Willard
Anne Morris	Kent Byrd
Julia Grieco	Peggy O'Toole
Wendy Lincoln	Alex Vance

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Diocese of Kivu, Rwanda.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; and for those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

**HAPPENING TODAY**

**The Advent book discussion on *The Children of Men*** will meet in the Reception Room from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. There will also be a **Christmas pageant rehearsal** for participating children, youth and adult volunteers at the same time.

**Christmas flower offering envelopes** are available in the pews. If you'd like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope with your name and the name(s) of your loved one(s), put your cash or check donation in the envelope (any amount is welcome), and put it in the offering plate. You may also send or drop off your contribution and names to the office. **All names must be received by tomorrow, December 17, to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.**

**If you requested weekly offering envelopes for your 2019 pledge**, you may pick those up in Hubbard Hall. The envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name, in a box on the windowsill just outside the entrance into the nave. Envelopes are provided on request only; please contact Ellen in the parish office if you would like weekly offering envelopes but haven't yet been assigned an envelope number.

***Important information about year-end donations***

For financial gifts or pledge payments to be included in your 2018 giving history, they must be received in the office no later than **Friday, December 21**. This is to ensure that they can be deposited by year end, given the staff's limited office hours between Christmas and New Year's Day. Donations deposited after January 1 can still be applied to your 2018 pledge, but will be included on your 2019 giving statement instead of 2018.

If you plan to donate stock, please contact Peggy O'Toole, financial administrator, ahead of time so we know how to apply the donation. Gifts of stock often arrive without a name on them. You or your broker can reach Peggy at 860-523-5201, x 311, or at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net).

Please contact Peggy if you have any questions about your pledge or contributions.  
Thank you for your generous support of St. John's!

## Save the Date

### **Christmas Pageant:**

**Rehearsals today and on Saturday, December 22**

**Pageant on Sunday, December 23**

A **mandatory rehearsal** is next Saturday, December 22, 9 to 11 a.m. There will also be a rehearsal during the education hour (9:30 a.m.) today. **We need many adult helpers** to make this wonderful event happen.

Contact Buffy Ineson (buffyineson@gmail.com) and David Beers (davidboothbeers@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Sort, iron and label costumes** during rehearsal on Saturday 12/22
- **Help with organizing and running rehearsal** on Saturday 12/22
- **Help dress children** in costumes before the pageant, starting at 9:30 a.m. on 12/23
- **Provide refreshments** during the **pageant rehearsal** and for **coffee hour** after the pageant.

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, December 24 and 25**

There will be two Christmas Eve services, one at 4 p.m. (musical prelude begins at 3:45) and one at 11 p.m. (musical prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.). A service of Holy Eucharist with hymns will be held on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

### **Christmas week office hours**

The parish office will be **CLOSED** from Monday, December 24 through Thursday, December 27, and again on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1.

### **Pipes Alive! with Diana Chou, Sunday, January 6, 12:30 p.m.**

The Pipes Alive! concert series resumes the first Sunday in January. Pipes Alive! is an annual series of half-hour concerts by regional organists, on the first Sunday of the month January through June, immediately following the 10:30 service and coffee hour. Diana Chou, organ scholar at St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk, and a graduate student at Yale, will present the first of this year's concerts.

### **50<sup>th</sup> (or more) Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, May 19, 2019, 3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford**

Every three years, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut holds a celebration for couples who have been married 50 or more years. If you have celebrated your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in years past, or will be doing so in 2019, please let the rector or Ellen in the parish office know that you would like to receive an invitation to the celebration. Same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years or more, and are now married, are also welcome.

### **Possible Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2020**

Do you want to travel to the Holy Land? If enough people show interest, Bill and Hope Eakins will lead a 12-day pilgrimage from November 27 to December 8, 2020. The trip would be similar to the parish trip in September 2018, with guide Iyad Qumri. The land portion of the trip would cost approximately \$2,500 (double) to \$2,950 (single). If you might want to join the group, please contact Ellen Dollar in the church office (860-523-5201 or ellen@sparish.net) and ask to be put on the Holy Land pilgrimage list.

**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2019.**

This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, December 13, and will be updated weekly.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Merriol Almond, Bess & John Amamoo, *June & Emhart Aziz*, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Bob & Mary Bainbridge, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Jane Bartlett, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Margaret Beers, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Philip Chapman, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Alina & Matthew Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Edith & Bob Connolly, *Michele & Halsey Cook*, Trig & Sam Cooley, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, Pam Dimock, *Martin Dodd*, Susan & James Donaldson, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Kate & Robert Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, *Mariana Evica*, Deborah Ferrari & Martin Wheeler, Martha Fine, Linda & John Fiske, Ellen & Ben Flynn, *Danielle Foint*, Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto, Tim Goetz, Heidi & Jeff Gostyla, *Anne & Craig Grant*, Beth & Joel Grieco, David Grimaldi, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, *Jane Harris*, Susie & Ross Hatch, Eleanor Hayes, Anne & Randall Hayes, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Priscilla Hexter, Patricia Howard, *Frisha Hugessen*, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, Sarah Kieffer, *Betty Knorr*, Ann & Richard Krissinger, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Barbara & Albert Lennox, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, *Teresa & Joel Lohr*, Tina & Dave McCary, *Jackie McCauley*, *Walter McKenney*, *Barbara McKernin*, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Patrick Miller, *Janis Milroy & Christa Rakich*, Jean Mitchell, Marie Montas, Marnie & Bob Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alexander Nelson, Ann & Samuel Newbury, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, *Harriet Odlum*, *Charnley Parr*, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Bill Peelle, Susan Pinkerton, *Elizabeth Proctor*, Jillian & Michael Puzzo, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, *Barbara & Pieter Roos*, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, Mary Russell, Judy Schaffer, *Cait Semanie*, *James Shafer*, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, *James Sharp*, Nancy & Bob Skeelee, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jackie & Paul Smith, Margaret & William Smith, Tyler Smith & Lyn Walker, Carol & Charles Sonne, Laura Stabile, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Pat Struglia, Susan & Paul Thaxton, Margaret Thomas, Heidi & Hubertus Tummescheit, Erika & Bill Ulrich, Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, *Anne & John Walsh*, Joan Warner, Brooke & Ted Whittemore, Michael & Craig Wilkinson, Janet Willard, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Joanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Anita Winters

# SERVICE OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

## December 21, 7:30 PM



Although the Christmas holidays are a happy time for many of us, the season can be painfully long and difficult for those dealing with sadness and loss. Again this year, Trinity Church will offer a special service of Holy Eucharist to support those having a hard time coping with the holidays.

This Service of Hope and Remembrance will take place on Friday, December 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and will include a homily by our curate, The Rev. Ben Wyatt, candle lighting and hymns.

If you are facing the Christmas season with a heavy or anxious heart, please do plan to attend.



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# Christmas at St. John's

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## Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

## Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 24

4 p.m. with musical prelude at 3:45

11 p.m. with musical prelude at 10:30

## Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25

10 a.m.



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)  
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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