The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
September 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.
An Autumn Message from the Rector

We enter into autumn, a lovely time of transition both in nature and in our spiritual journeys. We continue in what we call Ordinary Time on our liturgical calendar, counting the number of Sundays after Pentecost, when we celebrated the Church’s very beginning. In late November, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, which concludes this liturgical year before we begin anew on the first Sunday of Advent in early December. This fall, we transition from a time of rest and relaxation that we enjoyed during the summer months into the autumn, when we pick up our pace with our work and study. As we leave the searing summer heat behind and welcome the cool and crisp autumn weather, we are invited to take time to ponder what God is calling us to be and do at this time in our lives. We are each called to use our unique gifts and talents to serve each other and our community, becoming the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We offer a number of ways to be involved both inside and outside the walls of St. John’s with our worship services; our faith forums, study groups and church school; and many different ministries in the Greater Hartford area and beyond. Autumn is the perfect time to discern where God is calling us to live into a live of grace as the children of God.

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

Sonata No. 2 in C Minor
Grave - Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGELBERG

All stand and sing.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.
THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-cieve our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16–2:1, 12–22

All sit.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, “Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.” Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, 
nor lingered in the way of sinners, 
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, 
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, 
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; 
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; 
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, 
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, 
but the way of the wicked is doomed.  

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AF TER PENTECOST

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
All stand and sing. An acolyte will lead the children out for Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend James Curry

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. A period of silence is kept.

As we welcome the poor in the name of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God for all in every danger and need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parish family of St. John’s, that we may be blessed with vitality and growth. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all peoples and their leaders, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers. Lord, hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms. We pray especially for those affected by the hurricane, floods and tornadoes in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia; and for those still suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Celebrant God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day and send on us your wisdom from above, that our lives may be full of gentleness and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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  Sweet shepherd of mine  Scott Lamlein, 2018

Words: Mary Davies Cole, 2018, from Psalm 23

Sweet shepherd of mine, how could I long
for anything more than the sound of your voice?
The soft green of earth and bed of pine,
you lay me down in the arms of Creation.

You lead me by the rivers of Life—
you restore the soul of my being,
the center of all I truly am,
within the safe circle of Heaven’s own.

Even the dark of the blackest night
cannot hide the path you have given to me.
Death falls away at the sound of your voice,
evil cannot hold, nor injustice thrive.

For You are my Comforter, my Guard, my Guide.
In the presence of my enemies,
you cloak me in light,
you sing me into safety,
your heart will be my home
all the days of my life,
without end, amen, and amen.
Mary Davies Cole is a member of St. John’s and poet. She wrote these words as an alternate version of Psalm 23 for our Celtic Service early this year. Both Mary and Scott Lamlein, who wrote the music, described the process of writing this work as an easy flow—which is usually not true for either of them, as both poetry and musical composition are often an endless task of revision. The words and music seemed to come directly “from above” to the paper, which was a humbling and beautiful experience. The gentle piano accompaniment invokes a flowing brook in a pastoral scene—still, calming waters.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus
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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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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 Only for these I pray Peter Niedmann, 1996

Words: Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Only for these I pray, pray with assurance strong.
Light to discover the way, power to follow it long.
Let me have light to see, light to be sure and know,
When the road is clear to me willingly I go.

Let me have power to do, power of the brain and nerve,
Though the task is heavy and new willingly I will serve.
My prayers are lesser than three, nothing I pray but two;
Let me have light to see, let me have power to do.

Peter Niedmann is director of music and organist at Church of Christ, Congregational, in Newington, and composition coach for Scott Lamlein. He is a published composer with hundreds of works in print, and dean of the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. His choral music has been sung at The White House and a Papal Mass for Pope John Paul II.

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 CLOSING HYMN 660 O Master, let me walk with thee

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue from Sonata No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

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 Right Reverend James Curry
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: David Beers
The St. John’s Adult Choir
Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Acolytes: John O’Brien, Elsa Ciscel, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi
Ushers: Stephen Crocker, Philip Chapman, Susan Clemow, Eleanor Barnes
Altar Guild: Janet Willard, Michael Wilkinson
Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:
Layreader: John Hardy
Musician: Steve Metcalf

The altar flowers are given in memory of Lois N. Church.

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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Those celebrating birthdays this week:
- Meg Babbitt
- Trilli Parsons
- Eddie Genece
- Lilley Hohl
- Lindsey Carlisle
- Tony Erdman
- Manny Aguiar
- Gus Murchie
- Mary Bainbridge
- Eleanor Wilcox

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:
- Ginger and James Manise
- Ann and Sam Newbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter’s/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; for children and children’s ministries; and for Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, September 10–30
From September 10 to 30, our rector, Susan Pinkerton, and our priest associates, Bill and Hope Eakins, are away on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Accompanied by 14 parishioners and nine pilgrims from other parishes, they are visiting and praying at sites central to our faith. If you would like to follow their adventures, you may read all about them in a blog found at stjohnspilgrims.travellerspoint.com. Today, we welcome the Right Reverend James Curry, retired bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as our celebrant and preacher. Clergy from several other Episcopal churches in the area are available for urgent pastoral care needs.

Choral Evensong, TODAY at 5 p.m.
The ancient and beautiful tradition of Evensong feeds the soul with silence, scripture, music and prayer. Join us for the first Choral Evensong of 2018–2019 featuring the St. John’s Youth and Adult Choirs, and bring a friend!

Syrian Cooking Class, September 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Local Syrian refugee Ghosoun Alansari will teach participants how to make delicious vegetarian stuffed grape leaves. A suggested donation of $25 will cover instructions and demo, a copy of the Alansari family recipe, tasting, and some stuffed grape leaves to take home. The class will take place at St. James’s Episcopal Church (1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford) and proceeds will go to the Alansari family. Please RSVP to syriancookinglesson@gmail.com by September 24.

Community Breakfast, Pumpkin Patch and Ministry Fair, September 30 at 9:30 a.m.
St. John’s is fortunate to have many active ministries, from those that serve the parish and nurture our faith to those that connect us with our neighbors. The Community Breakfast, Pumpkin Patch and Ministry Fair is an opportunity to have a bite to eat, learn more about our many ministries, and maybe even find something new to try! You can also fill a Blessing Bag for our neighbors in need, and purchase pumpkins for fall décor, jack-o-lanterns, and baking. Many sizes, shapes and colors of pumpkins and squash will be available, priced from $3 to $8 each (bring cash or check). Proceeds will support youth chorister scholarships for a summer 2019 choir trip to Washington, D.C. These pumpkins, grown and donated by choir member Danielle Foint, are the best deal in town—friends and neighbors are welcome!
“Blessing of the Animals” (10:30 a.m.) and Celtic service (4:30 p.m.), October 7
At the 10:30 service on October 7, you’re invited to bring your pet for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day. All types of pets are welcome; please use a leash or crate as needed to ensure the comfort and safety of animals and people. Children’s stuffed pets, and photos of beloved pets, past and present, are also welcome. The first Celtic service of the new program year will be that afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Celtic services are a joint program of St. John’s and St. James’s. They feature silence, prayer, reflection, chant, meditation, and live music from a variety of traditions. All are welcome to come experience this fresh way of connecting with God and finding nourishment for your spirit.

Annual “Dine Around” dinners, October 12
Come have dinner and socialize with other parishioners in their homes on Friday, October 12. Dine Around dinners are an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other better and enjoy a good dinner and conversation. All adults are welcome—married, single, of all ages, long-time parishioners and newcomers. Several dinners will be hosted at parishioners’ homes at the same time. Don’t miss this fun evening! The Dine Around committee will match you with a host, who will reach out to let you know what you can contribute to the dinner. To sign up to attend or serve as a host, look for the clipboard in Hubbard Hall, call the church office or email Kim Byrd at Kimberley.byrd@comcast.net.

Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development to aid hurricane victims
Episcopal Relief & Development has a Hurricane Relief Fund to assist dioceses and partners in need with on-the-ground support after Hurricane Florence has devastated areas of North and South Carolina: food, water, pastoral care, urgent care, etc. Consider donating to Episcopal Relief & Development to help our siblings in need at https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

We need more ushers!
Our usher teams play an important role in worship on Sundays and special services. They greet people, hand out bulletins, guide people through communion, and are stewards of the offering plates. Each usher team serves on Sunday mornings every six weeks during the program year. Ushers also volunteer as their schedules allow for special services, and once over the summer. A couple of our teams are short on members due to people moving away or choosing to focus on other ministries. Please consider whether you can help by joining an usher team. We strive for flexibility to accommodate individual schedules. Contact John Amamoo (head usher) or Ellen in the parish office for more information.

Urgent need for garden help in September!
We need Tuesday morning garden volunteers for the remainder of the growing season. Volunteers arrive around 9 or 9:30, pick and wash any vegetables ready for harvest, and sit at a table outdoors to give free veggies to our neighbors. If you can help out, please let Ellen in the parish office know—or just show up! Thanks!

Donate fabric for our prayer tree
Our prayer tree, located on the west side of the property near Highland Street, has been a huge success since this project began last spring. Neighbors and passers-by are invited to tie a strip of fabric onto a branch to symbolize the prayers they lift up to God. We need more fabric to create the prayer strips. If you have fabric leftover from craft or sewing projects, we can use it! All colors, patterns, and materials are welcome. Please drop off your fabric donations in the office during the week or on Sunday morning.

Cloister Garden work day, October 6, 9 a.m.
We need a few enthusiastic gardeners to help prepare our Cloister Garden for the winter by pulling up annuals, cutting back perennials, filling bird feeders, etc. Please wear gardening clothes, and bring gloves and any garden tools that might be useful. With many hands, the work should only take a couple of hours.
Evensong
rest reflect worship

Selected Sundays at 5pm
9/23
St. John's Youth & Adult Choirs
10/28
St. John's Schola
1/27
Youth Choirs of St. John's & First Church, Newington
2/24
Choirs of Trinity Church, Hartford
4/28
Trinity Boychoir, New Haven

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St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford
(near Prospect)
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St. John’s Episcopal Church

Community Breakfast,
Pumpkin Patch and Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 30
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

ALL are welcome to come have a bite to eat and learn more about opportunities to connect with and serve our neighbors, within the parish and in the community. Pumpkins and squash of many colors and sizes will be available for purchase (priced from $3 to $8 each), with proceeds supporting scholarships for youth choristers to go on a 2019 choir trip to Washington, D.C.

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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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