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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 7, 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 life 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 Variations on *Christe Sanctorum*

David Dahl (b. 1937)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

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. Glo-ry 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-
 ceive 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Genesis 2:18–24

All sit.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 26

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



- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

*Antiphon**Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,
 subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593, vv. 1–3 Lord, make us servants of your peace
All stand and sing.

DICKINSON COLLEGE

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:2–16**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

All sit. Children are invited to come forward for a brief children’s message.

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**. A period of silence is kept.*

Let us raise our minds and hearts to pray in faith to the Creator of all things.

Open our eyes to see your gifts in animals whose wool and feathers keep us warm, animals whose milk and eggs feed us, beasts of burden whose work eases our burdens. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Make us grateful for the beauty and wonder all around us; for pets that delight us, for animals that fertilize the soil and insects that pollinate our crops and flowers. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Shelter and protect animals who are abused and neglected and those who are lost or separated from their owners; watch over veterinarians, zoo keepers, and those who work in animal shelters. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Guide and bless the leaders of our church and of our nation: Michael, Ian, and Laura, our bishops; Susan, our rector; Donald, our president; and Dannel, our governor. Fill them with wisdom and compassion. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Comfort and protect the many thousands of migrant children detained in tent camps in this land, and encourage all who are working to reunite them with their parents. We pray also for healing and help for those whose lives have been devastated by the tsunami in Indonesia. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Strengthen couples who are married to live out their vows in joy and gladness. Heal the sick, encourage those awaiting treatment and those who are hospitalized. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Receive all who have died into your loving hands, remembering those we love and the animals who have been our companions. Loving God, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Loving God, we ask your blessing on all your creatures gathered here today, the large and the small. May we all live peacefully in praise of you, caring for this world you have made.

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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Members of the congregation are invited to bring their pets, including toy pets and photos of pets, to one of the stations around the nave to be blessed by the clergy, as we sing the hymn.

HYMN DURING THE BLESSING 400 All creatures of our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

If you have brought a pet with you who needs to go home, feel free to leave at this time. You and your pet are also welcome to stay for the rest of the service. Please do whatever is best for you and your pet.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Words: Psalm 119:33

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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.

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

Music: *Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.*

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 Draw us in the Spirit's tether Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)
Text attributed to Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

The hymn-tune Union Seminary, named after the institution in New York City, was written by Harold W. Friedell when he was organist of Calvary Church in New York, and then set as an anthem after he became organist of St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue. The matched Percy Dearmer text Draw us in the Spirit's tether is a powerful message of our common gathering as disciples, offering our lives as sacrifice to God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 482 Lord of all hopefulness

SLANE

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Christa Rakich

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Carol Sonne

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Christa Rakich

Psalterer: John Nowacki

Acolytes: Meg Babbitt, Britt Emerick, Morgan Babbitt, Ford Gillespie

Ushers: Karan & Geoff Emerick, John Amamoo, Stephen Crocker

Altar Guild: Nancy Pedersen, Shirley Blean

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Jeff Verney

The altar flowers are given in memory of Harry O. Bartlett, Thomas R. Tight, and Paul and Barbara Szowstakowski.

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	Cait Semanie
Carol Grieco	Susan	Mike Cassidy
Janet Ray	Meg	Amber Lynch
Susan Murray	Robert Connolly	Ronald Bruno

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Douglas Hyland	Andrew Alemany	Barbara Abbott
Sonia Michel	Robert Connolly	John Nowacki
Jeff Gostyla	Susan Thaxton	J.P. Winston
Anna Cook	Janet Babbitt	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Scott and Stephanie Donofrio

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church and the Most Right Reverend Michael Curry.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; and for all companions and service animals, all livestock and wild animals, great and small.

Pumpkins still available for sale this morning.

Choir member Danielle Foint donated her entire crop of beautiful pumpkins and squashes, which we are selling to support next summer's choir trip to Washington, DC. Prices: \$3 for small, \$5 for medium, \$8 for large. Payment is by honor system: Pick out your pumpkins and put your payment in the offering plate, or drop off or mail it to the church office. Please provide EXACT cash or a check payable to St. John's with "PUMPKINS" in the memo line. Use your best judgment as to whether a pumpkin is small, medium, or large! Proceeds will cover youth chorister scholarships for the DC trip.

Please check the Lost and Found for your missing items.

St. John's has a "Lost and Found" area in the coat closet just outside the Education Wing. We've built up quite a collection of jackets, scarves, mobility aids, reading glasses, water bottles and more. Please stop by to see if anything belongs to you! Anything still there on November 1 will be donated. Thank you!!!

Welcome our Holy Land pilgrims home!

Fourteen St. John's members, several friends from other parishes, and our clergy Susan Pinkerton, Bill Eakins and Hope Eakins recently returned from a long-anticipated pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Read about their trip and see photos here: <https://stjohnspilgrims.travellerspoint.com>. They will share more about their journey at a Faith Forum on Sunday, November 18.

Save the Date

Celtic service, TODAY at 4:30 p.m.

The first Celtic service of the new program year will be this 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.

West Hartford Youth Group gathering, October 8, 10 a.m. to noon

The new West Hartford Youth Group (a joint program of St. John's, St. James's, Westminster Presbyterian, and First Church) will meet on Monday at First Church from 10 to noon to make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes and no-sew blankets for Hands On Hartford. Pizza will be served for lunch. All middle and high school age youth are welcome. Many St. John's kids attended the September gathering and had a great time!

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, look for the clipboard in Hubbard Hall this morning. **Today is the last day to sign up!**

Men's Bible Study, every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study—now gluten free! This week we're reading the Crucifixion: Matthew 27:32-44, Mark 15:21-32, Luke 23:26-43. We meet every Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Join us!

Jazz at the Red Door: The Nat Reeves Quintet, October 14, 3 p.m.

An afternoon of incredible jazz! Join us on Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m., in the marvelous acoustics of St. John's Church, for a foot-tapping delight. During the past 30 years, Nat Reeves has been one of the top bassists in jazz. His supportive and stimulating playing has uplifted a countless number of sessions and recording dates (most notably with the great altoists Jackie McLean and Kenny Garrett). Both as a performer and an educator, he has made a strong impact on the jazz world. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.

Newcomers Gathering, October 23, 6 to 7 p.m.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Newcomers Reception, whether you are brand new, or have been here a while and just want to learn more and meet people, or have been here a long time and would like to share with others why you call St. John's home. We'll serve heavy appetizers and beverages, and the reception will end promptly at 7:00 so the Vestry can continue to their monthly meeting. Please join us! RSVP to Ellen in the parish office.

Diana Butler Bass to speak on gratitude, October 27, 7 p.m.

Theologian and writer Diana Butler Bass will speak on Saturday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at First Church in West Hartford Center (12 South Main Street). Dr. Bass's topic is *Gratitude as Resilience: Why We Need to Be Grateful Now*. Nearly everyone knows that gratitude is good, but why is it often so hard to practice? With the upcoming season of thanksgiving—and our political moment—in mind, Dr. Bass will explore the misconceptions we bring to gratefulness. She suggests the radical possibility that gratitude is just what we need right now to live together with joy and hope. Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She is the author of nine books; her latest, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* came out last April. Registration is required to attend. Go to www.whfirstchurch.org to register.

Jazz at the Red Door with

The Nat Reeves Quintet

Celebrating the release of the new recording *Blue Ridge*

Sunday, October 14, 3pm

Nat Reeves, bass
Steve Davis, trombone
Matt DeChamplain, piano
Eric McPherson, drums
Josh Bruneau, trumpet

Free Admission, Suggested Donation \$20
Reception Follows



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NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

Tuesday, October 23
6 to 7 p.m.

in the Reception Room at St. John's

Appetizers and beverages provided

RSVP to Ellen in the parish office
ellen@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201

*Please join us for informal conversation about
St. John's community, mission and ministries.
All are welcome!*

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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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