

St. John's Episcopal Church

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All Saints Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 4, 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 Meditation

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest

SINE NOMINE

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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6–9

All sit.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 24

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

Lift up your heads, **O** gates; lift them high, **O** ever-lasting doors.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas ***
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ***
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 **Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 **"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1–6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

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

THE GOSPEL

John 11:32–44

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said

to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lord God, we offer our prayers to you, holding fast to your promises that you will wipe every tear from our eyes, that you make all things new, and that you bring what is dead back to life. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

We are your people, called to share in your work of comfort, hope, and resurrection. Unbind us from all that distracts and discourages us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Grant us wisdom as we vote this week. Inspire in us and the leaders we elect a commitment to greater justice, compassion, and peace. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Be with those who mourn, those who weep, and those in pain. May your presence comfort them, and your promise to make all things new give them hope. We especially remember those on our parish prayer list and those who, like Mary, grieve the death of someone they loved. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember our loved ones who have died, with gratitude for their lives and comfort in the knowledge that they now dwell with you eternally. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Celebrant We offer these prayers to you O God, who with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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 Kyrie eleison *from* Requiem

Maurice Duruflé

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

In 1947, Maurice Duruflé was already working on a suite of pieces for organ based on the Gregorian chants for the requiem mass (the service for the dead), when he was commissioned by his publisher Durand to write a large-scale work based on those texts. The resulting Requiem, originally for orchestra and chorus, is the culmination of Duruflé's style, mixing chant, quasi-Renaissance counterpoint, and sumptuous harmony derived from Fauré, Debussy, and Ravel.

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.**

Celebrant This Holy Communion is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the people of St. John's Church, those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we pray, and those whose prayers are known to God alone, and on this All Saints Day, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Daniel Nelson Adams III
 Joy Blenis
 Gerald and Nolda Cissen
 Janet (J.J.) Cochran
 Jamie Cochran
 John F.S. Crocker
 Adrian E. Crocker
 Andrew Walker Davis
 Mary and Joseph DeLuca
 James Drake
 Bill and Ruth Eakins
 Orson Henry Hart, Jr.
 Helen and Harold Howlett
 Bill and Toni Hutchinson

Arline Kingsley
 Arthur Kingsley
 Beverly Kingsley
 William E. Knorr
 Edward W. Lamlein, Jr.
 Lillian LeBlanc
 Jacques L. Montas
 Carol Montas
 Nancy Morrell
 Rehanna Mungroo
 Edward and Eleanor d'Este
 Mosehauer
 Frank J. Murray, Jr.
 Barbara Proft

Audree Raffay
 Dora Reese
 Kate Simpkin
 Oliver Simpkin
 Jack Taylor
 Shirley LaValley Uricchio
 Joseph John Uricchio
 James E.C. Walker, M.D.
 Kenneth Wilkinson
 Brad Wilkinson
 Mr. and Mrs. Salnave
 Zamor

A period of silence is held.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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,

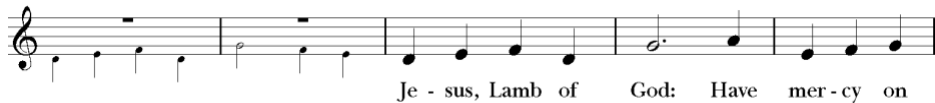
and the power,

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.



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 Agnus dei from Requiem

Maurice Duruflé

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

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 286 Who are these like stars appearing

ZEUCH MICH, ZEUCH MICH

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

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:** The Reverend Hope Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Assisting:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Cindy Lawler**Psalterer:** Philip Tummescheit**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Christa Rakich**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, John O'Brien, Alice Murchie, Ford Gillespie**Ushers:** John and Laura Roche, Paul Shaker, Don Polk**Altar Guild:** Michael Wilkinson, Conny DeLuca**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Kim Byrd**Musician:** Natalie Giana**HAPPENING TODAY****Faith Forums on Mental Health, Sundays, TODAY and next Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

Dr. Ron Casey, consulting psychologist for the Episcopal Church in CT and a practicing therapist, will lead two Sunday morning Faith Forums titled *Healing Conversations: Talking about anxiety, depression and suicide*.

Dr. Casey believes that open and honest conversation is a first step toward addressing these prevalent concerns. Participants are invited to submit questions ahead of time, so that Dr. Casey can tailor the discussion to the needs of those present. Questions submitted today will be addressed next week. To submit a question, write it down and put it in the labeled box in Hubbard Hall, or email Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net. The names of those asking questions will remain anonymous. Open to all – invite a friend to join you.

Girl Scout cookie sales

Support the Girl Scout troop at Grace Academy, led by parishioner Mary Hardy, by buying your favorite Girl Scout cookies. Cookies cost \$5 per box, payable by cash or check. Look for them in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service.

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

Celtic services are held at St. John's on the first Sunday of the month, from October through June. Celtic spirituality offers an ancient yet relevant and fresh approach to connecting with God and nurturing your soul through prayer, chant, meditation, silence and music. The service starts at 4:30 p.m. with an extended period of silence.

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:

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| Jim Evans | Cheryl Trahan | Edward Shaker | Albert Lennox |
| Kim Green | Andrew Lee | Michael | Luther |
| Carol Grieco | Susan | Mike Cassidy | Alycia Evica |
| Janet Ray | Meg | Amber Lynch | Helen Cooke |
| Susan Murray | Robert Connolly | Erica | |

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Charlotte Needham | Lynda Proctor |
| Trig Cooley | Britt Emerick |
| Maxom Goetz | Matthew Hart |

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ceylon.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; and for all deacons and the Deacons' Council.

Save the Date

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

Neckties and socks optional. This week we're reading: Matt 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56. Join us in the Reception Room at 6:30 AM on Thursday.

West Hartford Youth Group, Tuesday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The November service project for the West Hartford Youth Group (a joint program of St. John's, Westminster Presbyterian and First Church) will be a "Dash for a Difference" on Election Day, when many schools are closed. "Dash for a Difference" provides volunteers with an opportunity to "do a lot of good in one day" while fostering a strong sense of fellowship and team building. Volunteers go out as teams to explore several sites and cultural gems of Hartford, while also completing service projects. Points are assigned for each project completed and/or site visited. The event culminates with a celebration in which volunteers reflect on their day of service and the team that has accrued the most points is named the winner. Sites on Tuesday's schedule include Keney Park, Community Meals and the Hartford Public Library.

St. John's middle and high school students are invited to join with kids from the other two churches for this event. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church and return to Westminster around 3:15 p.m. There is a \$25 fee per youth participant to cover supplies and other expenses for the service projects, and everyone should bring a bag lunch. The fee is payable to St. John's, and then the church will send a single check to cover all participants. **For St. John's kids to participate, we need a parent or two available to provide transportation and help with supervision throughout the day. We need to hear from kids and parents who are**

interested in participating no later than Monday morning, November 5, so we can let the other churches know if anyone from St. John's will participate. Please email or call Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201) by Monday morning to let us know of kids who want to participate, and parents who can help out.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 11

Next Sunday, all are invited to bring your completed pledge card to church, and carry it forward to the altar as a symbol of commitment to St. John's and our ministries. Pledge cards were mailed this week, and are also available on the literature tables in the narthex and at the back building entrance.

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, November 13

Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. This month our topic will be "Practical Spiritual Practices." We will explore how we can refocus during each busy day to reset, reframe, or refocus on God's will for us. Please come. All women are welcome!

Christmas Festival, December 1, 10 am to 2 pm

St. John's annual Christmas Festival is just about a month away. The **Wreath Decorating Night**, at which parishioners gather to create unique and beautiful wreaths to sell at the Festival, will be on **Thursday, November 29**. If you'd like to help out with the Festival, see the "How Can I Help?" section of this bulletin or contact Christoph (max.stretz@yahoo.com) or Dale Stretz (hoidalen@yahoo.com).

Advent book discussion, Sundays, December 9 and 16, 9:30 a.m.

P.D. James's novel *The Children of Men* will be the subject of two Faith Forums during Advent. The story is filled with Advent's themes: life and death, courage in the face of destruction, how to find hope even in darkness and loss, the enduring promises of God, and the miracle of the Word become flesh and dwelling among us. The novel is set in a future world where no children have been born for 25 years. This world is dispirited, without a reason to build libraries and museums, to compose poems or write books, to do research or care for gardens. People dream only of safety from crime, a full larder, and a peaceful death. In this bleak and cheerless place, the novel provides a surprising retelling of the Christmas story. The book is readily available from online retailers or your favorite book store. It is gripping, moves along quickly, and has contemporary relevance. So get reading and come and join Hope and Bill Eakins in the Reception Room from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on December 9 and 16.

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, December 9, 3 p.m.

An amazing start to the Advent season—arrive early to get a good seat! In the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with carols for choir and organ. This event is a long-standing tradition at St. John's—a "must" to center your soul during the Advent season. Featuring Scott Lamlein, choirmaster, and Floyd Higgins, organist. Free admission with donations accepted. A reception follows.



Christmas gifts for children in need

St. John's will once again sponsor 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas gift bags. You're invited to pick up a tag with a child's wish list, fill a gift bag with some items from the list, and make a child's Christmas brighter! Sign-up sheets and gift tags will be available outside Hubbard Hall every Sunday in November, beginning today. Please shop and place unwrapped items in a large gift bag or reusable shopping bag, then return your bag (labeled with the gift tag itself or its tracking number) to St. John's by Monday, November 26. You may deliver your bag to the office during the week or to our gift bag table on Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Leah Murchie at murchlt@comcast.net.

Christmas Festival donations and volunteers needed.

- **Jewelry & Accessories:** Start cleaning out your closets—the Chic Boutique is coming! The Chic Boutique will again be selling jewelry, scarfs, hats, neckties, belts, handbags and accessories of all types. So please start looking in your closets and dressers for items to donate! These can be left in the big closet labeled Chic Boutique or in the church office. Please contact Kim Byrd with any questions 860-558-9916.
- **Art & Antiques:** St. John's loves your art and antiques...even when you have grown tired of them! Make room for something new—Donate your framed art and prints as well as "objets d'art" to the Christmas Festival. Contact Colin Gillespie at gillespiecolinh@gmail.com.
- **Children's Toy Boutique:** Do you have unopened toys that your son or daughter received as gifts but never used? Outgrown toys, puzzles or games in good condition? Boxes of Legos, wooden train sets, blocks, or dolls that are sitting in your house unused? Please consider donating your gently used or new toys to St. John's Children's Boutique at the Christmas Festival. Contact Janet Babbitt (janet.babbitt@gmail.com) or Buffy Ineson (buffyineson@gmail.com).
- **Attic Treasures:** Donate your dishware, glassware, small appliances, household items, and other things that you no longer use that might be someone else's "treasure." Contact Philip Chapman at philipchapman646@gmail.com or 860-673-8813.
- **Make quarts of soup to sell at the Festival:** Contact Brooke Whittemore at brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net.
- **Decorate evergreen wreaths to sell.** The wreath-making night will be Thursday, November 29. All are welcome to come decorate unique and beautiful wreaths while enjoying snacks, beverages and good company. Please bring in ribbons, faux fruit and greenery, fresh greenery, small ornaments, etc. to adorn our unique and beautiful wreaths. We're also collecting small attractive containers (ceramic, pottery, metal, etc.) that would be appropriate for planting bulbs. We need these ASAP so that bulbs can be planted in advance of the Festival.
- **Donate baked goods or other kitchen specialties to the "Country Kitchen" sale.** Contact Ginger Gillespie at gcgillespie@comcast.net.
- **Books.** Contact Hope Eakins at eakinses@gmail.com.

Healing Conversations:



Talking about anxiety, depression and suicide

Dr. Ron Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and a practicing therapist, will lead two Sunday morning Faith Forums at St. John's exploring these prevalent mental health concerns. He believes that open and honest conversation is a first step toward addressing them. Participants are invited to submit questions ahead of time so that Dr. Casey can lead a discussion that will be most helpful to those present. To submit questions, write them down and put them in the labeled box in the parish hall, or send them to Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net. The names of those who submit questions will remain anonymous. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sundays, November 4 & 11

9:30 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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