

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Baptism of Our Lord*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II and BAPTISM of  
Gabriella Angela Williams

*January 13, 2019*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *An Epiphany Message from the Rector*

We leave the 12 days of Christmastide behind with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, the time when the three magi, the mysterious wise men, follow the eastern star to find the newborn Jesus and welcome him into the world with their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is symbolic of Jesus's royal position, frankincense symbolizes his divine birth, and myrrh depicts his mortality. For the next eight Sundays, during the season of Epiphany, we will focus on how God has become incarnate, coming into our world in the person we know as Jesus. We will learn about his first miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana; Jesus' baptism by his cousin John; and his Transfiguration, which reveals Jesus as God's only Son. I invite you to be open to the light of Christ coming into the world and into your life during this season of Epiphany. What gifts, given to us by God, can we share to honor the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Emmanuel, God with us? How can we reflect the love of God coming into the world?

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. As noted in the bulletin on those Sundays, 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.



THE VOLUNTARY    *Adagio from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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

WINCHESTER NEW

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

*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*    There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People*        **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant*    One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People*        **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; 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 43:1–7*

*All sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 29 (paraphrase)**All remain seated and sing.*

1 Let all the heaven-ly be - ings yield praise to God a - lone,  
2 God's voice re - sounds like thun - der a - bove the wa - ters' roar;  
3 En - throned a - bove cre - a - tion, God reigns for ev - er - more

as - crib - ing strength and glo - ry much great - er than their own.  
with widen - ing power and splen - dor, it ech - oes from the shore.  
where all are cry - ing "Glo - ry!" to hon - or and a - dore.

God's Name de - mands their rev - erence, their wor - ship, and their praise,  
It breaks the state - ly ce - dars, wields light - ning like a scythe,  
God's peo - ple will find bless - ing in strength that does not cease,

a - mid the roy - al beau - ty God's ho - li - ness dis - plays.  
sends trem - ors through the des - ert, and makes the oak trees writhe.  
and God will grant the faith - ful the pre - cious gift of peace.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906  
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## THE EPISTLE

*Acts 8:14–17*

**W**hen the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

BRIDEGROOM

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:15–17, 21–22*

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

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

**A**s the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*All sit.*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Priest says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* We present Gabriella Angela Williams to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Priest asks the parents and godparents when presented*

Will you be responsible for seeing that she is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* We will, with God's help.

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* We will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Priest addresses the Congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Gabriella in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*All stand.*

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*Priest* Let us now pray for Gabriella who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Priest continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The Priest says to the candidate*

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*All* **Amen.**

*Priest* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTT GART

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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 Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Words: Psalm 42: 1–3

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
 so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
 My soul is athirst for God,  
 yea, even for the living God.  
 When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
 My tears have been my meat day and night,  
 while they daily say unto me,  
 "Where is now thy God?"

*A powerful, pleading "where is my God" is the central message of the Howells Psalm setting, but even more powerful is the imagery of the deer in placid fields, yet thirsty. From the first notes of the introduction, the listener is drawn into a musical landscape, which sounds as if it was already in progress long before we began hearing it.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand and sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.***The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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

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*All remain standing or kneel.*

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 MOTET Tota pulchra es Maria

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Words: Latin, 4<sup>th</sup> Century*Sung by the women of the choir*

Tota pulchra es, Maria,  
 Et macula originalis non est in Te.  
 Tu gloria Ierusalem,  
 Tu laetitia Israel,  
 Tu honorificentia populi nostri.  
 Tu advocata peccatorum.  
 O Maria, Virgo prudentissima,  
 Mater clementissima.  
 Ora pro nobis,  
 Intercede pro nobis.,  
 Ad Dominum Iesum Christum.

*You are all beautiful, Mary,  
 and the original stain (of sin) is not in you.  
 You are the glory of Jerusalem,  
 you are the joy of Israel,  
 you give honor to our people.  
 You are an advocate of sinners.  
 O Mary, Virgin most intelligent,  
 Mother most merciful.  
 Pray for us,  
 Plead for us,  
 To the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## 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 Shall we gather at the river

AT THE RIVER

*All stand and sing.*

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;—  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,—  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;—  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,—

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in D Minor

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

*Buxtehude's Toccatas are very different from the French Toccatas, made famous by Widor. Written in a free style in many tiny sections, each passing phrase brings on higher and more intense emotion. Presented today is the final fugue from one of these great works. Buxtehude was one of Bach's mentors, and, after traveling to North Germany to study with him, Bach was nearly fired from his own church position for playing music that was too "out there."*

*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.*

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Ushers:** John & Laura Roche, Don Polk**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Elsa Ciscel, Alice Murchie, Ford Gillespie**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Altar Guild:** Bess Amamoo and Audrey Walker**At Hughes Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Musician:** Joyce Burke

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Jo Spaunburg and Alfred Haddad.

**HAPPENING TODAY****New World Trio concert, 2 p.m.**

Join us this afternoon at 2 p.m. for "The Power of a Woman," featuring Debussy's Piano Trio in G Minor and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor. The New World Trio is the ensemble-in-residence for Music at the Red Door. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$20.

**Sign up for coffee hour,** on the clipboard in Hubbard Hall.

**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	Beth
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael	Brooke
Carol Grieco	Susan	Ann Hutchinson	Julie Verney
Janet Ray	Meg	Helen Cooke	
Susan Murray	Luther		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Buffy Cech	Celia Kosinski
Bobby Eikel	Sophie Hart
Giselle Genece	Eloise Rosen
Sam Verney	

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; and for all wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members, elected delegates, and annual parish meetings.

**Holy Land pilgrimage in 2020**

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

## Save the Date

### **Men's Bible Study, Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m.**

The weekly Men's Bible Study always welcomes new members. Readings for the next few weeks are: Jan. 17 - Jesus Changes Water into Wine (John 2:1-12); Jan. 24 - Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-44).

### **Sacred Circle, Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.**

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, January 15 at 7 p.m. in the church. This month our topic will be "Epiphany." We will explore what it means in our religious tradition as well as how we experience epiphanies in our everyday lives. Please come. All women are welcome.

### **Jazz Eucharist, Sunday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Once again, the Hot Cat Jazz Band will play for our Jazz Eucharist on Sunday, January 20, bringing Gospel and Dixieland jazz style to the service music and hymns. Please join us for this favorite annual event.

### **"Celebrating the Beloved Community" concert, Sunday, January 20, 4 p.m.**

St. John's members Cleveland Williams and Margaret Beers will present a program of vocal works, accompanied by Stacy Cahoon on the piano, at St. John's. The concert is in honor of Martin Luther King day, and proceeds will benefit Hartford Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build 2019. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [HartfordHabitat.org](http://HartfordHabitat.org).

### **Falafel-making Workshop & Breakfast, Saturday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. at St. James's Church**

Two Syrian women, including Arabia Kattoub (part of the family co-sponsored by St. John's and St. James's) will demonstrate how to make falafel, and the group will also enjoy a Syrian breakfast together. There is a minimum \$30 donation to attend, payable in advance (by January 21). E-mail [SyrianCookingLesson@gmail.com](mailto:SyrianCookingLesson@gmail.com) by **January 21** to sign up and get payment options. All proceeds will go directly to support the women and their families.

### **St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 27, 9:30 a.m.**

The Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday, January 27, starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will temporarily adjourn for the 10:30 service, then continue with a potluck brunch afterward. Please bring contributions for the potluck brunch as follows: **Last name A to G:** Baked goods; **Last name H to P:** Main dish (sandwiches, quiche, casserole, etc.); **Last name Q to Z:** Fruit or salad. *Note: There is no 8 a.m. service on this day.*

### **Choral Evensong with Three Choirs, Sunday, January 27, 5 p.m.**

The January service of Choral Evensong will feature the St. John's Youth Choir with guests from the youth choirs of St. James's Episcopal Church and the Church of Christ, Newington. Evensong is an ancient service that includes readings, chants, and prayers and offers worshippers a quiet, reflective space in which to be renewed and connect with God. All are invited — bring a friend.

### **Adult Inquirers/Confirmation Classes, Sundays in February, 12 noon**

The rector will lead an adult inquirers/confirmation class on the four Sundays in February (February 3, 10, 17, 24) at noon. These classes are open to ANY adult who would like to learn more about Christian and Episcopal beliefs, history and traditions. While these classes are appropriate for adults interested in becoming confirmed, all are welcome, including those who are already confirmed or those who aren't sure whether they want to pursue confirmation. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the rector at [susan@sjparish.net](mailto:susan@sjparish.net) if you are interested.

### **Handel's Messiah by the American Baroque Orchestra and Singers, Saturday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Full of famous choruses—such as the great *Hallelujah*—and based on Italian folk songs and carols, Handel's *Messiah* tells a story of wonder and triumph. Experience this timeless masterwork in its earliest version, as conceived by the American Baroque Orchestra's artistic director Mark Bailey, on Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. *Snow date: February 16th, 7:30 p.m.* The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.

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9/23  
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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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