

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Feast of the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 6, 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 Variations on a Basque Noël

Carson Cooman, 2017

*In an email to colleagues around the world, concert organist James Kibbie writes: "For the past 17 years, I've recorded a work on the beautiful little pipe organ in our home as an 'audio holiday card.' This year's offering is Variations on a Basque Noël, written especially for this recording by Harvard University composer Carson Cooman.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 128 We three kings of Orient are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*All stand and sing.*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

Title: Cantic 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1–6**All sit.*

**A**rise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 72:1–7,10–14**The people say the words in bold.*

All na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \***  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \***  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \***  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

*Antiphon*

- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

**T**his is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 124 What star is this, with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1–12**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it

stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## THE SERMON

*All sit.*

Michael Corey

## 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.*

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and all servants of the gospel, that the mystery of God's justice and righteousness be revealed to all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For plants and animals, seas and skies, snow and rain, and all natural resources, that all creation may grow and thrive and that we do our part as stewards of creation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all nations of the world, their rulers and authorities, for places torn apart by war and strife, especially the people of Syria and Yemen, that peacemakers be raised up to establish justice throughout the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who care for them, prisoners and those who guard them, victims of oppression and violence and those who serve them as advocates, and those who have no helper, that God's all-sufficient grace turn darkness into light, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those members of the body of Christ in this place, for those returning to school from the holiday break, and for those returning from holiday travels, that we may continue to rejoice at the coming of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their witness to the gospel inspire our confidence in the boundless riches of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Celebrant* Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* **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 The first nowell

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Words: English Carol, 18th century, found at Hymn 109

*What does "noel" mean? "Nowell," the English transliteration, comes from the old French "nouel," which is now written in modern French as "noël." The derivation of this word probably comes from the earlier Latin term "natalis," relating to a birth. In Latin, "dies natalis" means "birthday." Some suggest that "noel" is also related to "novellare" or "nouvelle" meaning "new"—something to tell. As hymnologist and hymn writer Carl P. Daw, Jr. indicates, The Oxford English Dictionary notes the earliest use of "nowel" in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (c. 1395), where the poet cites "The Franklin's Tale" (1255): "And 'Nowel' crieth every lusty man." (Notes by C. Michael Hawn)*

## 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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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 O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe. O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.*

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger. O blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

## 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 119 As with gladness, men of old

DIX

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY O morning star, how fair and bright

Egil Hovland (1924–2003)

*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:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** Michael Corey

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Cindy Lawler

**Psalterer:** Emma Evica

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Julia O'Brien, Steve Crocker,  
Emhart Aziz, Robert Eikel

**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Genella Evans, Bradley Crocker, Aviyah Lohr

**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd

**Altar Guild:** Bess Amamoo and Conny DeLuca

**At Hughes Rehabilitation Center**

**Layreader:** Bess Amamoo

**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

**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	Julie Verney
Janet Ray	Meg	Helen Cooke	
Susan Murray	Luther		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Julian Hartt  
Spencer Sloane  
Sage Scoma  
John Church

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Jenifer and Julian Hartt

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Grace Church, Broad Brook; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; and for all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven.

**HAPPENING TODAY****Faith Forum: Why we celebrate Epiphany, 9:30 a.m.**

Join the rector for a conversation about the Feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrate today – what it is, what it means, and how Christians around the world mark this day.

**Help deliver poinsettias to some of our homebound members.**

Please pick up a poinsettia in the nave after the 10:30 service, and then pick up a card (with name and address) and plastic bag to protect the plant. Cards and bags will be on the windowsill in Hubbard Hall, near the entrance to the nave.

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

**Pipes Alive! with Diana Chou, 12:30 p.m.**

Pipes Alive! is a series of half-hour concerts by regional organists, on the first Sunday of the month January through June, immediately following the 10:30 service and coffee hour. Diana Chou, a graduate student at Yale, will present the first of this year's concerts. A soup lunch will be provided between the service and concert.

**Celtic Service, 4:30 p.m.**

The first Celtic service of 2019 will be this afternoon, focusing on the theme "spirit." Celtic services include prayer, a brief spoken reflection, chant, readings, and music. The service begins with an extended period of silence at 4:30.

### 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) and ask to be put on the Holy Land pilgrimage list.

### *A message from Bill and Hope Eakins, St. John's priest associates*

You will not see us from January 3 to May 22, as we will be travelling (and leading worship) on the high seas as we sail around the world. You can follow our adventures at [billandhope.travellerspoint.com](http://billandhope.travellerspoint.com). We will continue to pray for you as we go from Bali to Borneo and beyond, and we leave you with Howard Thurman's words on the task before us all:

Now the Work of Christmas Begins  
 When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 when the star in the sky is gone,  
 when the kings and princes are home,  
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
 the work of Christmas begins:  
 to find the lost,  
 to heal the broken,  
 to feed the hungry,  
 to release the prisoner,  
 to rebuild the nations,  
 to bring peace among the people,  
 to make music in the heart.

## *Save the Date*

### **Women's book discussion resumes Tuesday, January 8, 2 p.m.**

The "Women Together" discussion group begins its next series on Tuesday, January 8th, with *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. This book was written when Nouwen's friend, a secular writer, asked him to write a book explaining the spiritual life in terms that he and his friends could understand. Women Together gathers weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's for study, prayer, and fellowship. Women of all parishes are invited to attend, whether for one session or many. For more information, please contact Sarah Kieffer at [kieffer2468@gmail.com](mailto:kieffer2468@gmail.com).

### **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. 10 - John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-12, Mark 1:2-8, Luke 3:1-17, John 1:19-34; Jan. 17 - Jesus Changes Water into Wine (John 2:1-12); Jan. 24 - Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-44).

### **Movie night at St. James, Farmington, Saturday, January 12, 6 p.m.**

All are invited to join St. James Parish (Farmington) for the viewing of the film *Risen* on Saturday, January 12. Bring your dinner (salad, sandwich, whatever you prefer; and a friend, if you like) and we will provide drinks, dessert, and popcorn. Enjoy a film that explores the aftermath of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ from the view of the tribune who helped carry it out. We will get started at 6 p.m. on January 12 at 3 Mountain Road, Farmington, in our parish hall, viewing the film on our brand new entertainment center! Parking in the rear of the church. Free admission and all are welcome!

**New World Trio concert, Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.**

Join us on Sunday, January 13 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.

**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) 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.

**Choral Evensong, 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.

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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)

## STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) ..... *Rector*  
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*\*These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

## VESTRY

Buffy Ineson ..... *Warden*  
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2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

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