

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*February 10, 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    This Little Light of Mine  
                           Amazing Grace  
                           Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

*The Hot Cat Jazz Band*

*By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local Dixieland-style band that specializes in jazz worship—they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. Two of our choral anthems are in traditional a capella style, paying tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We originally planned this service for January 20 in MLK's honor, but had to reschedule due to inclement weather. Fortunately, the music is just as relevant for today's service, in which we will celebrate a "day of racial healing" that begins a two-year effort in Connecticut's Episcopal churches to address racial reconciliation and justice. Outside of the anthems, all of today's music, including and especially the hymns, are a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy. Don't be afraid—join in and sing loudly!*

INTROIT    MLK

Words and music by U2,  
 arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)  
*Michael Mei, soloist*

Sleep, sleep tonight  
 and may your dreams be realized.  
 If the thundercloud passes rain  
 so let it rain,  
 rain on him.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN Mine eyes have seen the glory

BATTLE HYMN

All stand and sing.

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the  
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a  
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall  
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the  
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the  
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -  
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His  
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the  
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be  
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.  
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.  
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.  
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819–1910)  
 Music: Battle Hymn of the Republic, William Steffe; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)  
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*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 - mighty 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: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

*All sit.*

**I**n the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 138*

*The Psalm is chanted by a soloist, and the people join in singing the Antiphon where indicated.*



I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
 you have heard the words of my mouth.  
 In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
 I bow down toward your holy temple.

*Antiphon*

I give thanks to your name  
 for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
 You have exalted your name over all.  
 On the day I called, you answered me;  
 you increased the strength of my soul.

*Antiphon*

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
 and the haughty he knows from afar.  
 You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
 you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

*Antiphon*

With your right hand you save me;  
 the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
 O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
 discard not the work of your hands.

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

**I**would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN    He's got the whole world in His hand

TRADITIONAL

*All stand and sing. Children may follow the acolyte to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.*

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.  
 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.  
 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

*Music:*    *Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)*

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## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 5:1–11**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**O**nce while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*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.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, and to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice, **hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace, **hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy, **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace, **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

### THE WELCOME

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Precious Lord, take my hand

George Allen,  
arr. Roy Ringwald (1910–1955)

Words by Thomas A. Dorsey,

adapted by Joyce Merman following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Claudia Ayer, soloist*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Bring me home through the night,  
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.  
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land,  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Bring thy child home at last,  
Where the strife and the pain are all past:  
I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land,  
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
 Take thy child unto Thee,  
 With my dream of a world that is free;  
 For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned,  
 Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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*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. 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

(band intro-----)

Ho - ly Ho - ly,  
 Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Bles sed is he  
 who comes in - the name of the Lord Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est

*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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 Agnus dei (from *A Little Jazz Mass*)

Bob Chilcott

Latin words from the Eucharist liturgy,  
at the Breaking of the Bread.

### 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 We shall overcome

TRADITIONAL

All stand and sing.

- 2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
- 3. God is on our side, today.
- 4. We are not afraid, today.
- 5. We shall live in peace, someday.

Music: Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals  
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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

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:** Paul Shaker**Psalterer:** Claudia Ayer**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**The Hot Cat Jazz Band:***Trumpet:* Ross Tucker; *Clarinet:* Andy Sherwood; *Trombone:* Tom Boates; *Guitar:* Norman Johnson;*Bass:* Donn Doucette; *Drums:* Sal Ranniello**Ushers:** Julia & Jim O'Brien, Emhart Aziz, Robert Eikel**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Alice Murchie, Bradley Crocker**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Altar Guild:** Ginny Kemp, Conny DeLuca**At Hughes Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Jyothsna Vijaya**Musician:** Natalie Giana**Share our beautiful altar flowers.**

Our two altar flower arrangements are available after the 10:30 service for anyone to take home, or offer to someone who is visiting, sick, or celebrating a special occasion. If you'd like to take or share some flowers, you'll find them in Hubbard Hall immediately after the 10:30 service. Florist foil is available if you'd like to take a small bouquet instead of the whole arrangement. We're also looking for a volunteer to help coordinate occasional delivery of altar flowers to homebound or sick parishioners. Please talk to the rector or Ellen in the parish office if you'd like to help in this way.

**Contribute to the 2019 St. John's Lent Devotional.**

This Lent, we'll publish our third annual St. John's Lent Devotional. People of all ages are invited to submit a reflection on one of the daily Gospel lessons during Lent, to be included in the devotional. We welcome written reflections, poems, artwork, quotations, stories...anything! To contribute, please look for the sign-up clipboard in Hubbard Hall today. Select a date with its assigned lectionary Gospel reading, fill out the top portion of that day's sign-up sheet and leave it behind, then take the bottom portion with you. Reflections are due in the parish office by **Wednesday, February 27**.



**From brokenness to healing**

*Conversations about race, justice & reconciliation*

**The Episcopal Church in CT has announced a two-year season of racial reconciliation, healing and justice.**

Parishes across the state, including St. John's, are featuring these topics in today's sermons and services, on this designated "day of racial healing." Our bishops have called on Connecticut parishes to engage in this process to "help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening hearts and minds; acknowledge the reality of bias against people of color; and awaken Episcopalians in Connecticut to the need for concerted action to address the ongoing injustice of the racial divide."

Today's **Faith Forum** will introduce this series with a video and conversation, at 9:30 in Hubbard Hall. Look for more announcements to come about guest speakers, Faith Forums, and special events, as we come together to listen, share and open ourselves to God's healing for our nation's divisions.

**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	Suzanne Newton
Susan Murray	Luther	Chris	Amber Lynch

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Frank Berall	Mary Scripko
Cate Emerick	Maisie Smith
Katherine Foust	Caroline Smith

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for All Saint's, East Hartford; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; the Haitian Ministry Network; and Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

**The parish Annual Report for 2018, which was presented at the Annual Meeting on January 27, is available online at <https://sjparish.net/annual-report-for-2018/>.**

*Save the Date*

**Sacred Circle, Tuesday, February 19 at 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. This month our topic will be "Spiritual Discipline," and we will meet in the church. Please come. All women are welcome.

**Faith Forum: Faith Images in Our Stained Glass Windows, Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.**

Join David Beers and Bill Uricchio for an illustrated presentation of some of St. John's 36 stained glass windows. These windows tell interesting stories of our faith, enhancing our connections to it. Please join us!

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 24 at 5 p.m.**

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the last Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on February 24 at 5 p.m., with music by the Choir School of Hartford, and the Trinity Church Choir; Jackson Merrill, choirmaster.

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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

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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

Virginia Van Dyk .....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche .....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar .....	Scribe

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Andrew Worrell

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

2019-21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr