

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 7, 2019

10:30 a.m.

A Lent Message from the Rector

Commencing on Ash Wednesday we enter into the 40-day season of Lent. We use the stark symbol of ashes smudged in the shape of a cross on our foreheads on as an outward sign of our mortality. No one is quite sure when this tradition began, but for centuries, Christians the world over have observed Lent, mirroring the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert after his baptism. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to intentionally set time aside on a regular basis to draw closer to God. It is a time of grace-filled simplicity and quiet discernment, as we slowly move toward Easter. This simplicity is reflected in our worship services, where we begin Lent with a silent procession and meditative chant. Our service music is from the Gregorian Missal, including the Sanctus and Agnus Dei sung during Holy Eucharist. In addition to attending worship services, there are any number of spiritual practices that deepen our awareness of the things in our lives we know we need to work on, change or eliminate, because they get in the way of having a deeper, loving relationship with God, ourselves and each other. No matter what we may be struggling with this Lenten season, it is important to never lose sight of the fact that we are all made in God's image, and that is good. In fact, that is very good, because we are loved beyond all measure as God's beloved. May this Lenten time be a time of deep awakening to the Holy Mystery that resides within us all.

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 Improvisation on *Rockingham*

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

All sit.

Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new

thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 126

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



The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ took on our flesh, becoming poor for us that we might know the power of your presence, which brings resurrection and life for all humanity: Let new things spring forth, as we pray to you.

Because Christ Jesus has made the Church his own and gifted it with the righteousness from God, we want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Be with all our ministers and people, that we may press on toward the goal for the prize of your heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Because you do new things, Almighty One, making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, we turn to you in trust. Inspire our civic leaders and all in authority throughout the world, that they may share in your reconciling work of peace and be a blessing to the poor. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Because you love them, you are present to all who suffer. Restore the fortunes of all who cry out in anguish from poverty, violence, illness, and oppression, that those who sow with tears may reap with songs of joy. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Because you raise the dead to new life, we live in hope for the renewal of our community and for the healing of the world: Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Because we press on to make your resurrection our own, we offer to your eternal life those who have died. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Celebrant Anoint us with the generous Spirit of Christ's death and resurrection, O Holy One, that we may joyfully proclaim the good news to all people and serve the poor and needy with Christ-like compassion, as we praise you, O Holy Trinity, One God, forever and ever.

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 Surely he hath borne our griefs Karl Heinrich Graun (1704–1759)
Text: Isaiah 53:4

Surely, surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

In what is probably the best-loved Old Testament prophecy of Christ's suffering, the prophet reveals the infamous role of the people in the unfolding drama of the Crucifixion: We were not attracted to him... We hid our faces from him... We thought him under God's righteous judgment... We have each gone astray. It is in this context that the prophet sets the record straight. Christ is not guilty in the least: "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." Then Isaiah asserts — and here we can imagine his utter astonishment — that by his scourging we are healed. Graun depicts the grief and sorrow in this text by the use of melisma (one word, many notes) on the words grief and sorrow, chromaticism (half-step movement), and dissonance.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing. For Lent, we are singing a different Presentation Hymn instead of the Doxology.

GARDINER

WILLIAM GARDINER'S
Sacred Melodies, 1815*With stately vigor*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to offer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay. A - men.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, 1872

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na
 in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

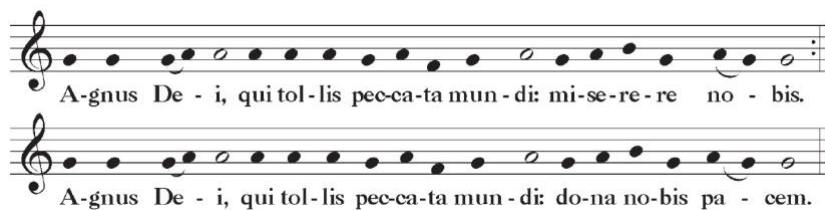
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Abide with me

William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Text: Henry Frances Lyte (1793–1897),

found at Hymn 662

The setting of this timeless hymn by Moses Hogan melds his own harmonic language with the uncomplicated melody. Hogan masterfully drafted an arrangement using contemporary harmonies and stylistic devices such as sforzandos, suspensions, and dissonance resolving to consonance that effectively keep your ear interested and your heart totally engaged.

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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 473 Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in C minor, BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jessica Harmon

Psalterer: Ted Babbitt

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: John Amamoo, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Shirley Blean, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Britt Emerick, Isabel Grant, Claire O'Brien

Healing Prayers: Karen Licht

Altar Guild: Bess Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Paul Shaker

At Hughes Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Musician: Helen Hughlett

HAPPENING TODAY**Faith@Work with Brian Diehl, 9:30 a.m.**

Our annual Faith@Work series concludes today. This popular series of Faith Forums features people in a variety of professions discussing how their faith and work intersect, in an informal Q&A format.

Brian Diehl is a Boston-based trombonist who performs and teaches throughout New England. He is entering his eighth year as principal trombonist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Carolyn Kuan. Since 2007, he has also held the position of principal trombone with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Kevin Rhodes, which has also included performing at the Berkshire Choral International Festival. An avid soloist and teacher, Diehl has particular interests in contemporary trombone literature and chamber music.

Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, 12:30 p.m.

The Pipes Alive! series of short concerts by regional organists continues with a program by St. John's Music Director Scott Lamlein. Concerts are free and open to the public, with donations accepted. A soup lunch will be served after the 10:30 worship service for those staying for the concert.

Celtic service, 4:30 p.m.

The monthly Celtic service, co-sponsored with St. James's Church, is the first Sunday of the month, October through June. Celtic services include prayer and poetry, chant, a brief spoken reflection, and music. The service begins at 4:30 with an extended period of silence. All are welcome.

Easter memorial flower offerings

If you would like to contribute toward **Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one**, you will find flower offering envelopes in the pews. Please put the envelope in the offering plate with the names of those you would like to honor, along with your check or cash contribution (any amount is welcome; please put "Easter flowers" in the check memo). You may also drop off or mail this information to the parish office, or e-mail the names to Ellen in the office and send your contribution separately. **Names must be received in the office by Monday, April 15 to ensure their inclusion in the Easter bulletin.**

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	Michael	Mary Stoughton
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Ann Hutchinson	Arlene Reynolds
Carol Grieco	Susan	Beth	Ruth Roberts
Janet Ray	Meg	Bill Jones	Julie Verney
Susan Murray	Edward Shaker	Laurie Salerno	Chris
Brad Babbitt			

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Pat Vance	David Kaletski Jr.
Delaney Patterson	Gordon Fowler
Richard Krissingner	Bruce Farnsworth
Philip Chapman	Brooke Hayes
Brad Thomas	Benjamin Cesca

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Anne and Randall Hayes
Virginia Van Dyk and John Wilcox

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; and for the ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests.

Save the Date

Afternoon of baking for church school children

Children in grades 1–5 are invited to a celebration at Heidi Tummescheit’s home in West Hartford (not far from St. John’s) on Sunday, May 5 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The children will bake yeast rolls together with creative additions. Family members are welcome. Contact Heidi at heidi.swanson@gmail.com to RSVP and get further details.

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.

The Men’s Bible Study meets every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m., with coffee provided. In the coming weeks, the group is studying the life of David by reading the books of Samuel. All men are welcome to join them!

Chili Cook-Off, Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The annual Chili Cook-Off is coming up! If you’d like to contribute a pot of chili, please contact Stewart Murchie at murchgs@comcast.net to let him know. We welcome sides and desserts as well. Beverages will be provided. This event is for all ages, and coincides with a **youth overnight lock-in** that will go through Saturday morning. Bring the family! Bring a friend! All are welcome.

Spring Chamber Music, Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

Sunday Baroque host and flutist Suzanne Bona, along with pianist and internationally recognized music educator Brenda Moore Miller, will perform a varied program of music for flute and piano on April 27 at 3 p.m. *Sunday Baroque* began in September of 1987 as a local, 90-minute radio show hosted by Fairfield, CT native Suzanne Bona. It has since grown into the enormously popular, six-hour program that airs every Sunday on WSHU, and which is distributed to 170 stations across the country and heard by more than a quarter-million listeners nationwide. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20. A reception follows in the church hall.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, April 28 at 5 p.m.

The final Choral Evensong of the 2018–2019 program year will feature the Trinity Choir of Men & Boys Choir, from New Haven; Walden Moore, Director of Music; David von Behren, Senior Organ Scholar; Rachel Segger, Music Program Manager; with baritone soloist Edward Vogel. Evensong is an ancient service that provides a reflective space filled with music, chant and prayer. Please come and bring a friend.

Spring Food Fling, Friday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come to this annual parish fundraiser, where you’ll enjoy drinks and hors d’oeuvres, conversation and fellowship, and a chance to bid on a variety of items in the silent and live auctions. If you’d like to donate food or an auction item, or get involved and be part of the fun, contact Julia O’Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net.

Garden Work Day, Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This will be our second year growing vegetables in our community garden (supported in part by Jesse’s Community Gardens). Vegetables will be given away to our neighbors on Sundays, throughout the growing season. Mark your calendar for our next garden work day, when we will plant the first round of seedlings, on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. You may stop by for any length of time, and we’ll provide sandwiches. Bring a water bottle, and wear gardening clothes and sunscreen.





*Free!
All are welcome!*

St. John's Chili Cook-Off

& Family Game Night

Friday, April 26
6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy delicious food, drink and fellowship.

Please bring a side or a dessert to share,
and a favorite family board game.

If you'd like to contribute a pot of your special
chili recipe, contact Stewart Murchie at
murchgs@comcast.net



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Spring Chamber Music

Suzanne Bona, flute
Brenda Miller, piano

Saturday April 27 3pm

Free Admission
Suggested Donation \$20
Reception Follows



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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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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

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