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Second Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II March 17, 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. (*Note:* There are no *Word Alive* programs during the month of March.)



THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on Dunedin

Oftentimes people take on a spiritual discipline in Lent, rather than "giving something up." Your director of music is embarking on a musical/spiritual discipline to further the art of improvisation — the act of making music spontaneously — through offering an improvised voluntary each week during the season. While the actual music heard is created on the spot, much preparation and study precedes it, including working through method books, listening to others' improvisations, and working with a coach to create a growing "tool box" of musical devices. But the bigger challenge is letting go and allowing the Spirit to take control, much like life. Let's embark on the journey together!

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.

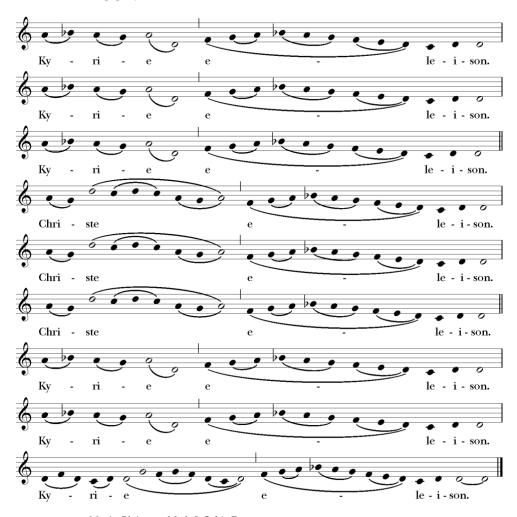
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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



Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

Genesis 15:1–12,17–18

he word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me

no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27

Plainsong chant sung by Erica Maas and John Nowacki

Antiphon: Hearken to my voice, O Lord; have mercy upon me and answer me.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord * in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the Lord.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:17–4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 455 O Love of God, how strong and true *All stand and sing*.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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**.

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

We pray for the Church, that we may listen deeply to God's beloved Son so that our deeds may manifest God's glory. Help us to grow in our covenant relationship with God, who has called us to be daughters and sons and promised to love us faithfully. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of power and leadership, that they will allow God to change and transform them day by day. May they have insight and courage to explore new ways to work together to address the needs of all the people of this nation and the world. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are homeless or outcasts, that they may find shelter, protection and friendship, and for all who are ill, that they will know God's tenderness and healing love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may claim their citizenship in heaven, and for all who are grieving, that God will wipe away their tears and give them courage and hope for tomorrow. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not

only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed.

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 Tu es Petra

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986) Words: Matthew 16:18,19

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam, et portae inferi non praevalebunt adversum eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni coelorum.

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Duruflé's Quatre Motets sur des thèmes grégoriens, Op. 10, of 1960 are written for unaccompanied chorus, and are ideal companion pieces for the Requiem, which is diligently being prepared for our concert on March 23. Each motet is composed around the Gregorian chant melody associated with its individual title, the most famous of which is Ubi caritas. This third motet is a rousing statement of the Church's foundation on the rock of Saint Peter, which culminates with a dramatic crescendo to the only fortissimo dynamic of the set.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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



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.

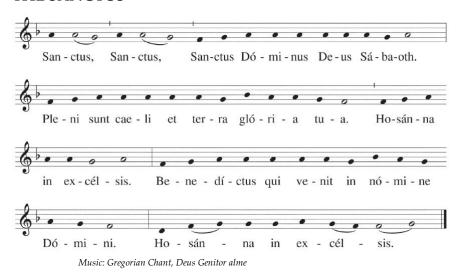
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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



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 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 A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945) Words: Ancient Gaelic rune

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ,

of Christ the light of the world to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal C

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 688 A mighty fortress is our God *All stand and sing.*

EIN FESTE BURG

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Ein feste Burg

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

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

Psalterers: Erica Maas and John Nowacki

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: John Roche, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Emhart Aziz **Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Genella Evans, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi

Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi

Altar Guild: Michael Wilkinson, Janet Willard, Audrey Walker

At Hughes Rehabilitation Center Layreader: Jeff Verney Musician: Steve Metcalf

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith@Work with Laura Dake Roche, 9:30 a.m.

Our annual Faith@Work series starts 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.

Laura Dake Roche is a doctor of optometry in practice in Naugatuck CT for 34 years, where she sees patients of ALL ages, from 3 to 100, helping people to preserve their precious vision for their whole life. She has been involved in many charitable organizations there, including previous board positions on the United Way, Naugatuck YMCA, Head Start, Chamber of Commerce and Ion Bank. Laura currently serves the Watkinson School as secretary. She has held many positions at St. John's, including Sunday school teacher, usher, Loaves & Fishes cook and server, Parish Life co-chair, Food Auction co-chair, and Christmas Festival co-chair. Laura and her husband John have been members of St John's since 1994, and have had fun and fellowship here raising their three children.

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 missioner 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	Guy Verney	Beth
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael	Brooke
Carol Grieco	Susan	Ann Hutchinson	Julie Verney
Janet Ray	Meg	Helen Cooke	Suzanne Newton
Susan Murray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Amber Lynch

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ginny Kemp	Kerry Foust	Cricket Booker
June Salerno	William Sloan	Elizabeth Hammond
David Grimaldi	Margaret Thomas	Clara Tummescheit
Emily Hardy	Andrew Worrell	
John Hardy	Livvy Lorenzo	

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of England.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Grace & St. Peter's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; and for bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees; and their families.

Save the Date

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the church nave. This month our topic will be "Living through Grief." We will discuss what we know about the grief that naturally follows death and loss. Together we will explore the insights our faith gives us to live through grief and grow from it. Please come. All women are welcome.

St. John's Choirs Sing the Duruflé Requiem, Saturday, March 23, 3 p.m.

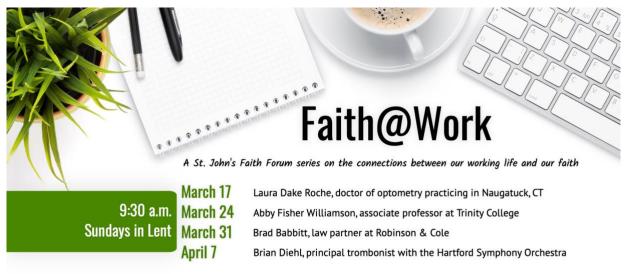
In the annual *Choral Music for the Soul* concert, the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs will sing the Duruflé Requiem, accompanied by Larry Allen on the organ. Concert admision is free, with open seating. Donations are welcome (\$20 suggested donation). Please mark your calendars and invite a friend!

Chili Cook-Off rescheduled for April 26

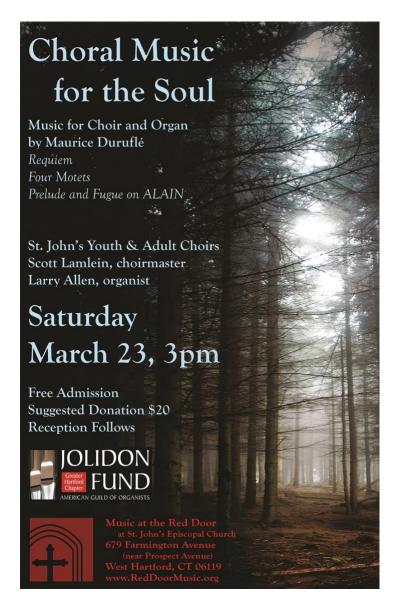
The annual Chili Cook-Off and family game night, previously scheduled for March 15, will now be held on April 26, 6:30 p.m. More details to follow in April.

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.









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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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