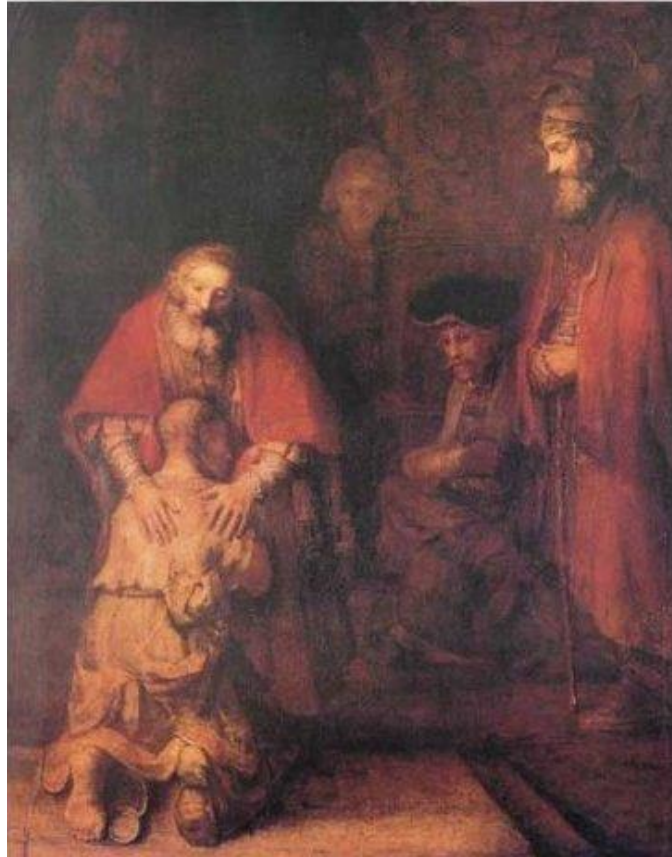


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Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 31, 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.)

Cover image: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt van Rijn



THE VOLUNTARY *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (O Lamb of God, innocent) J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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.

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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. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Joshua 5:1–12

All sit.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The

manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 32

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



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Antiphon*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; ***
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; ***
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; ***
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that

is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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.

Compassionate and ever-loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope.

Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ's Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Almighty One, in Christ you have proclaimed the Kingdom of God among us and showed us your model of loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Guide our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of feasting and reconciliation. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them, restoring the prodigal and embracing the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty, and disreputable jobs; give security and joy to all who labor yet are poor and hungry; expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud; that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Holy One, unite all of us in this community and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as our own siblings and feast with them on the goodness of our inheritance. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially those on our parish prayer list. We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died, especially Guy Verney. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Celebrant Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 And I saw a new heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

Words: Revelation 21:1–4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
 For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea,
 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
 prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
 and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
 and God himself shall be with them and be their God.
 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
 and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
 neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Edgar Bainton's most iconic anthem, And I saw a new heaven, is a tone-poem of ecstatic beauty. Borne aloft by the composer's wonderfully wrought harmonization, it brings the story of creation to its ordained climax—that ultimate moment when “the former things are passed away”—and evokes St. John's vision of heaven, one so sublime as to ease the pain and sorrow of even the saddest heart.

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.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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 MOTET Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (1543–1623)
Words attributed to
Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed with blood, Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Leoni*

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.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

Psalterer: Lynn Brooks

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ben & Ellen Flynn

Acolytes: Margaret Babbitt, Elsa Ciscel, Morgan Babbitt, Ford Gillespie

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Janet Willard, Paul Shaker, Shirley Blean

At Hughes Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Kim Byrd

Musician: Ann Hutchinson

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith@Work with Brad Babbitt, 9:30 a.m.

Our annual Faith@Work series continues 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.

Brad Babbitt, co-chair of the Litigation Section at Robinson & Cole, represents businesses in a wide variety of industries, helping them to protect their interests in litigation arising from myriad different commercial relationships. Brad often represents companies in the utility industry in administrative appeals from regulatory rulings and other litigation. Additionally, Brad represents religious organizations, youth clubs, and schools in a variety of disputes, including cases arising from allegations of sexual abuse. He has also represented denomination leadership in the Episcopal and Baptist faiths in property disputes with local churches. As chancellor of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, he serves as legal counsel to Connecticut's bishop.

Please welcome Grace Academy student Leela Washington-Crowther

Today we're pleased to welcome Leela Washington-Crowther and her mom, along with Matthew Fitzsimons, head of school at Grace Academy, where St. John's sponsors Leela's education. Leela lives in Hartford with her mother Kenya (Keen-ya), who works at the Family Life Education Center. Leela's father is originally from Guyana. Leela signed up for violin class for her music elective (all students at Grace Academy take keyboarding one-day/week and then choose a music elective), and is in Girl Scouts (led by St. John's member Mary Hardy) for her Tuesday Club. Leela loves science and her Advisory class. Her favorite teachers are Ms. Witt and Ms. Deneen. She tells us, "I really like my strings class and the sports we play. I really like to learn here."



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 return the envelope with the names of those you would like to honor, along with your contribution (any amount is welcome; please put "Easter flowers" in the 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

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Linda Fiske	Susie Hatch	Janet Faude
Tita Hyland	Caroline Wilcox	Kristie Harrington
John Beir	Buffy Ineson	Billy Ulrich
John O'Brien	Elizabeth Simson	Akilah Williams
Dylan Farrell	John Amamoo	

Those who have died:

Guy Verney

A service in celebration of the life of Guy Verney, a member of St. John's (and of St. Alban's, Simsbury for many years before that), will be here at St. John's on Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m., with a reception following in Hubbard Hall.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and for collaborative ministries and ministry networks; ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

Save the Date

Upcoming events for St. John's children and youth

All middle and high school students are invited to an Art Night **tonight** at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a pizza dinner and make a unique piece of artwork to take home. Please RSVP to Buffy Ineson at buffyineson@gmail.com by noon today.

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.

New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.

The New World Trio, ensemble-in-residence at Music at the Red Door, is a chamber music group with a repertoire of both standard and contemporary works. Admission is free, with a \$20 suggested donation *payable to the New World Trio* (not St. John's/Music at the Red Door). For more information, go to <https://www.newworldtrio.org/programs/>.

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. All men are welcome to join them!

Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m.

The Pipes Alive! series of short concerts by regional organists continues in April, 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, Sunday, April 7, 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.

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.

****Facilities Note:** There are now baby changing stations in the men's and women's restrooms on the main floor (near the elevators).



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. Please mark your calendar for two **garden work days** coming up. 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. **The work days are: Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



Faith@Work

A St. John's Faith Forum series on the connections between our working life and our faith

9:30 a.m.
Sundays in Lent

March 17
March 24
March 31
April 7

Laura Dake Roche, doctor of optometry practicing in Naugatuck, CT
 Abby Fisher Williamson, associate professor at Trinity College
 Brad Babbitt, law partner at Robinson & Cole
 Brian Diehl, principal trombonist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra



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SPRING FOOD FLING

Friday, May 10
 6:30 p.m.

Live auction - Silent auction - Drinks & hors d'oeuvres - Something for everyone!



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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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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

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