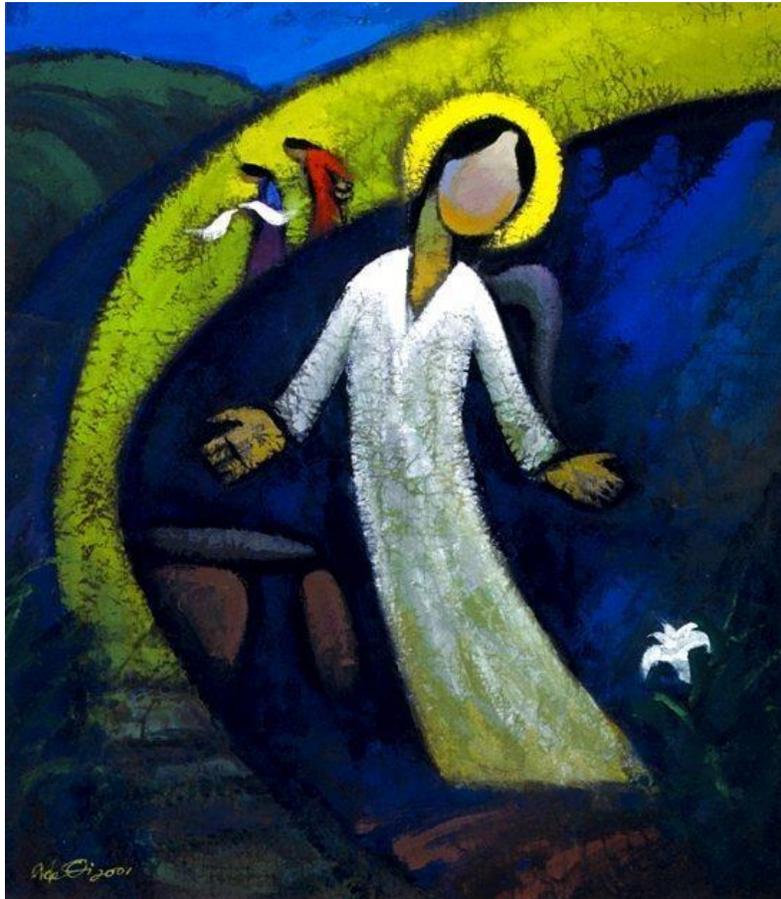


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Third Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & BAPTISM OF

Malcolm Jameel Latif

May 5, 2019

10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

How wonderful it is to lift our voices as we shout out with joy, *Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!* After journeying through the 40 days of Lent, a time spent in quiet prayer and reflection in the darkened winter months, we are ready to embrace the hope and promise of the new life we are promised in the Risen Christ. We are assured by Christ's death and resurrection that nothing can vanquish God's love, not even the sting of death. The Light of Christ has come into the world through God's boundless grace for you and me, with the promise of new life without end. The Paschal candle, the large single candle to the left of the altar that burns during the 50 days of the Easter season, is a reminder of the Resurrection, where we are reunited with God as the Living Body of Christ. Every Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, (*eucharist* is Greek for thanksgiving) as a reminder that we each have been given new life in Christ that will never end. So, there is much to celebrate and give thanks for as we shout, *Alleluia, He is risen!*

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, and child care is provided in the Education Wing.

Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Trumpet Voluntary Gymnopedie No. 1	Henry Heron (1738–1795) Eric Satie (1866–1925), arr. for organ by Ted Babbitt
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing <i>All stand and sing.</i>	GELOBT SEI GOTT
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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 There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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

*Acts 9:1–20**All sit.*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 30

The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.

You have re - stored my life, O LORD.

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." *Antiphon*
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11–14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and

honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 256 A light from heaven shone around

CORNISH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 21:1–19

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Malcolm Jameel Latif to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest asks the parents and godparents when presented

Will you be responsible for seeing that he is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Malcolm in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- Priest* Let us now pray for Malcolm who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Priest* The Lord be with you.
- People* **And also with you.**
- Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Priest continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,

we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Priest says to the candidate

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTT GART

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

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 MUSIC The stone is rolled away

Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

The stone is rolled away, hallelujah! The Lord is risen from the grave, the stone is rolled away.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may

be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION MOTET Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Words from the Maundy Thursday liturgy

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Ola Gjeilo writes: *The first time I sang in a choir was in high school; I went to a music high school in Norway and choir was obligatory. I loved it from the very first rehearsal, and the first piece we read through was Maurice Duruflé's Ubi Caritas. It will always be one of my favorite choral works of all time; to me, it's the perfect a cappella piece. So when I set the same text myself a few years later, it was inevitable that the Duruflé would influence it, and it did. While Duruflé used an existing, traditional chant in his piece, I used chant more as a general inspiration, while also echoing the form and dynamic range of his incomparable setting of the text.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 535 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

PADERBORN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Jerusalem

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Today's closing voluntary celebrates four years of the Reverend Susan Pinkerton's ministry with us. Far from just an Anglophilic anthem, Hubert Parry's Jerusalem is a powerful and dramatic musical setting of the poem with the same title by William Blake that imagines a visit to England by Christ himself during a time of great strife and tumult.

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**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Psalterer:** Michael Wells**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Dawson Biondi, Isabel Grant, Ford Gillespie**Ushers:** Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ellen Flynn, Matt Ciscel**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca, Carol Sonne, Bette-Jane Hardersen**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**Musician:** Ray Giolitto

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Roselle J. Winterbottom, M. Searle Wright, Ruth Sloan Parr, and James Charnley Parr.

Happening Today!

Please join us for coffee hour after the 10:30 service. Thank you to the Mahoney family for hosting.

Pipes Alive!, 12:30 p.m.

Our monthly series of half-hour organ concerts continues with Jackson Merrill, organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford. Free and open to the public; donations are welcome!

Celtic service, 4:30 p.m.

The monthly Celtic service, held in partnership with St. James's Episcopal Church, offers an ancient yet fresh way to connect with God and nourish your spirit. Please join us for a contemplative service of prayer, poetry, music, reflection, and chant. The service begins with an extended time of silence at 4:30 p.m. This month's theme is "Healing."



From brokenness to healing

Conversations about race, justice & reconciliation

Next week's Faith Forum, Sunday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Next Sunday, May 12, Dr. Stacey Close, vice president for equity and diversity at Eastern Connecticut State University will join us at the 9:30 Faith Forum. Dr. Close is an historian specializing in African-American history. He will focus his talk on our local history related to slavery and the African-American community, as part of our two-year series on racial justice. This is sure to be a fascinating and important discussion. Please join us!

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	Susan	Michael	Mary Stoughton
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Arlene Reynolds
Carol Grieco	Edward Shaker	Bill Jones	Ruth Roberts
Janet Ray	Graham	Laurie Salerno	Julie Verney
Susan Murray	Audre Morrison	Chris	Diane Ryan
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Richard Krissinger	Lynda

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Scarlett Curtis	Bette-Jane Hardersen
Cait Semanie	Kirsten Gilbert
Callan Farrell	Jan Hickcox
Judy Schaffer	Emma Pinney
Georgia Lovas	Anthony Nelson

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; and for retirement communities, especially Seabury and Armsmead, and chaplains at retirement communities.

Save the Date

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!

Author talk, Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Attention book lovers! St. John's members Leah Murchie and Jillian Puzzo are hosting author Susan Conley for a lively conversation about her latest novel, *Elsey Come Home*, on May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. We hope you'll join us! Bring your book group pals — the event is free, but registration is required; please email bookbarct@gmail.com with the number of people who will be attending. Refreshments, book signing, and loads of great book talk!

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

The Spring Food Fling is next Friday night! This is St. John's biggest fundraiser and a wonderful way to share food and fellowship with others in the parish. The event is May 10 in Hubbard Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Invite a friend to join you! There will be something for everyone: a live auction, silent auction, food items for sale, music, drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

New this year, we are asking everyone to bring some nonperishable food donations for our food wagon. Let's have it overflowing by the end of the evening! Donations go to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church food pantry on Prospect Avenue.

If you would like to attend, but do not drive at night, or if you have any other questions, please contact Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net or 860-231-9266.

Youth Sunday & Parish Picnic, Sunday, May 19

At the 10:30 service on May 19, we'll celebrate the many ways that our children and youth contribute to our parish life. Afterward, all are welcome to stay for the parish picnic, rain or shine. We'll provide beverages, hot dogs, and paper goods. **Last name A-M:** Please bring salad or fruit. **Last name N-Z:** Please bring chips or dessert.

Pipes Alive!, Sunday, June 2, 12:30 p.m.

Our series of half-hour concerts featuring regional organists will conclude on June 2, with St. John's own organ artist-in-residence, Christa Rakich. Admission is free and open to the public; donations are welcome. A soup lunch will be provided before the June concert, for those who stay after the 10:30 service to attend.

Summer service schedule starts, Sunday, June 23

On summer Sundays, we will hold a single morning service in the church, at 9 a.m., along with an informal service in the Cloister Garden (weather permitting) at 5 p.m. This schedule will begin on June 23. On the final Sunday of the regular program year, June 16, we will hold our usual 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, and also **welcome the Reverend Margie Baker, our new curate**. Margie will preach, and we'll have a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service to welcome her and her family.



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.

Coffee hour hosts needed!

We're looking for coffee hour hosts for the remainder of the program year, through Sunday, June 16 — the final Sunday of the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service schedule, after which we will switch to the summer service schedule. If you can provide a few light snacks for coffee hour one Sunday, please sign up on the clipboard in Hubbard Hall. Feel free to partner with another family.

Are you a parent looking for babysitters over the summer? A student looking for babysitting jobs?

Please get in touch with Ellen in the parish office so she can connect families looking for child care help with some of our parish young people who are looking for summer babysitting jobs.

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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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