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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II October 13, 2019

10:30 a.m.

An Ordinary Time Message from the Rector

This is the time of year when the church goes "green." The church's ancient wheel of liturgical time slowly turns from season to season. We keep track of the seasons with the specific colors associated with each one. In Medieval times, the colors were the way that most people, who were illiterate, kept track of which liturgical season it was. In early June, we celebrated the Day of Pentecost with vibrant red vestments and altar hangings (the fabric draped on the altar and the bands of fabric that hang from the lectern and the pulpit). On Trinity Sunday, we switched to white, the color of Jesus's burial garments. Now, we enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar, ordinary time, with the color green, representing the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. The word "ordinary" does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word "ordinal" which means "counted." We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in late fall, just before Advent.

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 racks. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY Love divine, all loves excelling

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 Father, we praise thee, now the night is o'er Christe Sanctorum *All stand and sing*.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



For you created every thing that is,

and by your will they were created and have their being; Refrain

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God. Refrain

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,

for ever and for evermore. Refrain

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may

continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

All sit.

aaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash,

and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 111

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



- 1 Hallelujah!
 - I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 *Timothy 2:8–15*

emember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful —

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised

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All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

n the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children are invited to go to the Education Wing for Children's Chapel, and will return at the Peace.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in **bold**.

Let us offer prayers to God, who heals all who call on the Lord, saying hear our prayer.

For all who gather in the faith of Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the welfare of the Church and for the unity of all peoples of the earth, that we all may be One. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless, and for those seeking refuge, especially in northern Syria. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died in Christ and for all the departed. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God, the font of all life, hear the prayers we offer this day and help all peoples in their

weakness to approach you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

All

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

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory, children are invited to bring donated items for the food pantry up to the chancel steps.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM My shepherd will supply my need

American Folk Melody,

arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1758), paraphrase Psalm 23, found at Hymn 664

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100^{TH}

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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

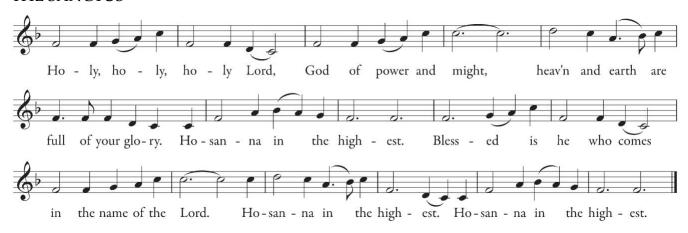
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

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 FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain* One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. *Refrain*

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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 baptismal font in the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)

Text attributed to Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

The hymn-tune "Union Seminary," named after the institution in New York City, was written by Harold W. Friedell when he was organist of Calvary Church in New York and then set as an anthem after he became organist of St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue. The matched Percy Dearmer text "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" is a powerful message of our common gathering as disciples, offering our lives as sacrifice to God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing *All stand and sing.*

AZMON

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Cindy Lawler Psalterer: John Nowacki The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Cheryl Wadsworth

Acolytes: Elsa Ciscel, Isabel Grant, Britt Emerick, Bradley Crocker **Ushers**: Emmy Aziz, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Audrey Walker, Nancy Pedersen, Paul Shaker **Nursery Caregivers**: Olivia and Caroline Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Lissie Brooks **Musician:** Steve Metcalf

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Christoph and Dale Stretz.

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.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Margaret Thomas
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Karen Licht
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Tina
Susan Murray	Edith Connolly	Mary Byrd	Ann Marie
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Paul Hamer	Sally	Ronald	Paul
Michael Bruce	Ingrid	Blanca Rodriguez	Byron
Sean	Billy Ulrich	David Agahigian	Ellie Brown

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Brooke Whittemore Dawson Biondi
Ned Byrd Joel Lohr
Christine Babbitt Bess Amamoo
Ben Flynn Helen Douglas
Barbara Brunjes Merrilee Leonhardt

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Christoph and Dale Stretz John Nowacki and Don Polk

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Waterbury; St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church, Watertown; and for young adults, young adult ministries and networks, the Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of the Episcopal Church, and St. Hilda's House, New Haven.

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith Forum on From Exodus to Exile: Race and the Bible, 9:30 a.m.

What does the Bible say about race, and what can we learn from the witness of Scripture for living in a multicultural, multiethnic society in 2019? Come to the Faith Forum this morning and grapple with these questions as Margie invites us to take a closer look at race, identity, and Hebrew Scripture.

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service

Join us in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee, snacks, and a chance to meet someone new. Thanks to Lissie and Lynn Brooks for hosting today!

Save the Date

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

We meet every Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. This fall, we will be studying the life and story of David in 1 and 2 Samuel. Gentlemen, start your day out right; join us!

St. John's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

As noted above, tonight's EYC will be a joint service project with two other West Hartford churches, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The EYC calendar for the remainder of October is as follows. Dinner is provided. If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net.

- October 13 No EYC due to the holiday weekend
- October 20 Video Scavenger Hunt in West Hartford Center
- October 27 Movie Night

Communion Class for children, Tuesdays at 4 p.m., starting on October 15

St. John's is offering a Communion Class for children grades 1–3 on Tuesday afternoons, 10/15, 10/22, and 10/29, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Snack included. Children will learn about what Communion means in the Episcopal Church and will be recognized during the 10:30 service on Sunday, 11/3. Please RSVP to Margie at margie@sjparish.net.

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

Dine Around! Friday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join the all parish Dine Around! All parishioners are invited to enjoy casual potluck dinners at the home of a fellow parishioner. There will be five locations — four homes and one gathering at St. John's (for families of young children or those who wish to join that group). Please sign up at coffee hour or call the parish office to sign up. You will be asked to bring a side dish by your dinner host. **Transportation can be arranged for those who need it** — **just let the parish office know!** Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun!

Annual Note Writing, Sunday, October 20

Join fellow parishioners on at 9:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall to share what St. John's means to you, and why you give to the church. We are now in our third year of this relational and personalized approach to stewardship and annual pledging. Note writers may choose from beautiful photo cards of St. John's, and write a fellow parishioner a brief message about what St. John's means to them. Please join this important ministry of sharing and giving.

Celtic contemplative walk in the woods, October 20 at 1 p.m.

Many of us feel closest to the Divine when we are in the midst of nature. This will be a gentle hike through the Simsbury woods, taking approximately one hour between leaving the parking lot and returning to the same spot. David Hadden will lead the group, which will pause for short readings and maintain silence while walking. **Where To Meet:** Simsbury Land Trust Tanager Hill Parking Lot off East Weatogue Street in Simsbury. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. so the hike can begin promptly at 1 p.m. Dress for the weather! The hike will only be cancelled in the case of dangerous conditions, such as lightning or high winds.

"Women Together" new book discussion series, October 22 at 2 p.m.

Would you like an opportunity to meet with other women for reading, reflection and discussion on matters of the Christian faith? Please know that you would be welcome to attend Women Together, which meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. For its next series, beginning October 22 and continuing through November, the featured book will be *Listening for the Heartbeat of God* by J. Phillip Newell (available at Amazon and other booksellers, and some libraries). The book covers Celtic spirituality, from the 400s to today, emphasizing the goodness of creation and of humanity made in the image of God. For more information, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

Youth at Convention, October 26–27

Youth grades 9–12 (or equivalent) are invited to participate in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's (ECCT's) annual convention this year! This is a diocesan-sponsored event (meaning: Margie will not be in charge). From the ECCT website: "High school age youth from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut are invited to be a part of the youth presence at our Annual Convention in Hartford this year! Come participate in the work of ECCT, learn how our church runs, and spend time in fellowship and prayer with other high school students from churches all over our state." Interested? Contact Margie!

Sunday ECCT Convention Eucharist, Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m.

The ECCT Annual Convention will include a Sunday morning worship service at the Convention Center in downtown Hartford, to which all Connecticut Episcopalians are invited. The preacher will be the Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris, bishop suffragan, resigned of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Bishop Harris was the first woman ordained to the episcopate in the Anglican Communion, and is an inspiring and engaging preacher who will call us to live the loving, liberating, life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Those who plan to attend the Convention Eucharist MUST pre-register (free of charge) at https://conventionworship2019.eventbrite.com/.** St. John's will hold our usual 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, October 27, 5 p.m.

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on October 27 at 5 p.m. for music by the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs; Scott Lamlein, choirmaster; Jake Street, organist.

Love Your Enemies book discussion, Sunday, November 24, 9:30 a.m. — Start reading now!

Today in America, there is an "outrage industrial complex" that prospers by setting American against American, creating a "culture of contempt" — the habit of seeing people who disagree with us not as merely incorrect, but as worthless and defective. In *Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt*, the *New York Times* bestselling author and social scientist Arthur C. Brooks shows that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. Brooks blends cutting-edge behavioral research, ancient wisdom, and a decade of experience leading one of America's top policy think tanks in a work that offers a better way to lead based on bridging divides and mending relationships. At our Sunday morning Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m. on November 24, Jillian Puzzo (a St. John's parishioner and founder of BookBarCT) will lead a discussion of *Love Your Enemies*, as we work to determine how to build relationships of respect and love with all of our neighbors, even those with whom we disagree. **Get your copy of Love Your Enemies now from your local library or favorite online or brick-and-mortar bookstore, so you can read it before November 24.**

Fall 2020 Holy Land trip with St. Stephen's, Ridgefield	Fall 2 (020 Holy	Land trip	with St.	Stephen's	, Ridgefield
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St. Stephen's Church in Ridgefield is planning a trip to the Holy Land, and they invite interested St. John's parishioners to join them. The trip will be August 28 - September 8, 2020, and will be led by Iyad Qumri, an experienced guide who also led our St. John's Holy Land trip in the fall of 2018. For more information, contact the
rector of St. Stephen's, Whitney Altopp, at waltopp@ststephens-ridgefield.org.
All Saints Day Remembrances
St. John's will observe All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3. We invite parishioners to submit names of loved ones who have died so we may remember and honor them on this sacred day. Their names will be included in the
prayers and the bulletin. Below, please write the names you would like included, then tear off the form and put it
in the offering plate. Or you may call or e-mail Ellen in the parish office at 860-523-5201, ellen@sjparish.net. Names
must be received in the parish office by Monday, October 28.
Name(s):

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday 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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