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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
October 20, 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 Maestoso, Andante sostenuto Hermann Schroeder (1904–1984)
from Kleine Intermezzi

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372 Praise to the living God! LEONI

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

4. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

5. You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

6. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

William Mathias was a Welsh composer best known for his music for choir and organ. A child prodigy, he started playing the piano at the age of three and began composing at the age of five. His settings of the Gloria and Sanctus have been mainstays of the Episcopal liturgy since they were written, in 1975.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22–31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 121

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

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved *
   and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
   shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
   the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
   nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
   it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
   from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 630 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken WYLDE GREEN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
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 Margie Baker
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**.

Loving and mighty God, we lift our voices to you in hope and in faith that **our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

We pray for the church: for your people gathered here today, for the children of St. John’s preparing for their first Holy Communion, for the Altar Guild and in thanksgiving for Nancy Pedersen’s leadership as head of the Altar Guild for these many years. **Keep watch over us all.**

We give thanks for musicians: for our choirs and all whose music brings us joy and lifts our hearts to you. **We lift up our eyes to the hills.**

We pray for the world: for the leaders of the nations, for all who are called to serve justice and bring peace. Direct their hearts to keep your law and serve all your people. **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

We pray for the sick and suffering, for those who are impaired and disabled, and those who care for them. **Be our shade at our right hand.**

We pray for the departed: for those who handed on their faith to us and those whose memory comforts us, especially Harvey Spaunburg. **Watch over our going out and our coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

**Celebrant** Merciful Lord, lead us to pray always and never lose heart, and lead us into the ways of peace through your Son Christ Jesus.

**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    I hear a voice a prayin’    Houston Bright (1916–1970)

I hear a voice a-prayin’, Lord, Hallelujah,
I hear a voice a-cryin’, oh Lord, save-a my soul.
Every time I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I’m ready for the Judgment Day.
Every time I hear a sinner cry, I wonder where I’m goin’ when I come to die.
Every time I hear the parson preach, I wonder if salvation is in-a my reach.

Houston Bright, long-time professor of music at what is now West Texas A&M University and son of a Methodist minister, composed more than a hundred choral works, but I Hear a Voice is by far his most famous, and one of the few pieces that he wrote in this Gospel style.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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. 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

[Musical notation for the Sanctus]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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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 MOTET Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866–1926)
Words: Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.
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 530

Spread, O spread thou mighty word

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY

Poco vivace

from Kleine Intermezzi

Hermann Schroeder

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: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Psalter: Lissie Brooks
Psalter: Elsa Ciscel
The St. John’s Youth & Adult Choirs
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Acolytes: Ethen Worrell, Genella Evans, Caleb Worrell, Dorian Ciscel
Ushers: Don Polk, Paul Shaker, Emmy Aziz
Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler
Altar Guild: Janet Willard, Carol Sonne, Nancy Pedersen
Nursery Caregivers: Abigail and Olivia Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Jeff Verney
Musician: Natalie Giana
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:

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Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Eliana Wright
Hannah Davis
Jackie McCauley
David Beers IV
Raphael Katsipis

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Lisa and Paul Farrell
Kim and Chris Byrd

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the 235th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting Oct. 26-27 in Hartford, CT
**Happening Today**

**Faith Forum on The Straight Away Story: The Gospel of Mark; Stewardship Note Writing, 9:30 a.m.**
Our rector, Susan Pinkerton, will provide an introduction to the Gospel of Mark in the Reception Room. Concurrently in Hubbard Hall, those who have volunteered to help with our annual stewardship note-writing project will be writing brief messages to fellow parishioners about what St. John’s means to them.

**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 the Stewardship Committee for hosting today!

**EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Video Scavenger Hunt, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Middle and high schoolers (and friends!): Meet at the Noah Webster Statue in West Hartford Center at 5 p.m. Our scavenger hunt will be fun, and silly, and fast-paced, and then we will eat food! Bring money for dinner (Chipotle). Parents, please pick up your children at the statue at 7 p.m.

**Save the Date**

**New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.**
For more than three decades, the New World Trio (ensemble in residence at Music at the Red Door) has brought the excitement and intimacy of chamber music to live audiences throughout New England. Founded in 1985 by violinist Anhared Stowe, New World provides a unique experience for music lovers with its mix of both standard repertoire and contemporary works. The concert is free admission with a suggested donation of $20. Checks should be payable to New World Trio.

**Celtic contemplative walk in the woods, TODAY 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.

**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.**
The EYC calendar for the next few weeks 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 20 – Video Scavenger Hunt in West Hartford Center
- October 27 – Movie Night
- November 3 — WeHa Youth Group at Lyman Orchards

**“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; Kari Miller, organist.

First Sunday Lunch & Newcomer Welcome, Sunday, November 3, after the 10:30 service
On November 3, St. John’s will begin a new tradition of providing a simple lunch after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of the month. Lunch is free of charge, with donations accepted. This is a great way to get to know one another better. Newcomers will be the focus of November 3 First Sunday Lunch, with the rector and other parish leaders providing a brief, informal introduction to the parish while we eat. If you meet someone you don’t know at church, invite them to join you at lunch on November 3. And if you are relatively new to the parish (whether you started attending a week ago or a year ago), we’d love to welcome you at this special gathering. No RSVPs are required.

*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
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.
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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*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