Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 6, 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY  Fugue in D Major, BWV532b  Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Part two of the Bach organ series brings us the Fugue in D Major. Obviously wanting to demonstrate his skill at the organ, especially with the pedals, Bach here shows his youth in other ways as well — the relentless repetition inherent in the main theme is reminiscent of a child pulling on a parent’s shirttail, trying to go home! As all of his works, however, it is signed with Bach’s signature “SDG” – Soli Deo Gloria – “to the glory of God alone.”

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 541  Come, labor on  Ora Labora

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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  
Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

All sit.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalm 37:1–10

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


THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you
to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us
a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed,
then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel,
relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works
but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages
began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished
death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a
herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know
the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have
entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit
living in us.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 405  All things bright and beautiful
All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5–10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it
would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or
tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather
say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may
eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have
done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought
to have done!’”

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 William J. Eakins

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 pray with unwavering firmness and offer petitions for all in need in our community and in the world, saying *hear our prayer*.

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

For all the peoples of the earth, who are all children of God and members of the human family. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the good earth and its fragile resources, for the birds of the air, beasts of the field, and fish of the sea. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the animals who have been our companions. Let our loving care for them be a reflection of your loving nature. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all whose lives are marked by sickness and suffering, destruction and violence, strife and contention. 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, especially Patricia Howard and the victims of the recent plane crash at Bradley International Airport. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.
Lifting our voices with all creation, with St Francis, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant** 
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you give us a spirit of love and self-discipline: Help us to put our trust in you; hear our prayers for mercy; and guard your people in time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** 
Amen.

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

**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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Members of the congregation are invited to bring their pets, including toy pets and photos of pets, to one of the stations around the nave to be blessed by the clergy, as we sing the hymn.

**HYMN DURING THE BLESSING 400** 

All creatures of our God and King

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**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** 

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace**  
**Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)**

Words: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

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

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  

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

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

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


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  O Lord increase my faith  

O Lord, increase my faith.
Strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; 
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience 
in all my adversity. 
Sweet Jesus, say 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  Great is thy faithfulness  

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Pardon for sin and a peace that endures,
Faithfulness

All stand and sing.
1. There is no shadow of turning with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
3. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
2. Join with all nature in manifold witness,
3. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

1. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
2. To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see,

All I have needed thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)
Music: William M. Runyan (1870–1957)
THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY  Carillon

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 William J. Eakins
Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: Bess Amamoo
Psalterer: John Nowacki

The St. John's Youth & Adult Choirs
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Acolytes: Genella Evans, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Bradley Crocker
Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp, Akilah Williams, Eleanor Barnes
Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker
Altar Guild: Audrey Walker, Carol Sonne, Paul Shaker
Nursery Caregivers: Abigail and Caroline Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya
Musician: Ray Giolitto

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harry O. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Bartlett.
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 anniversaries this week:

Stephanie and Scott Donofrio
Laura and John Roche

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in Wales.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John’s, Vernon; St. Paul’s, Wallingford; St. John’s, Washington; and for all companions and service animals, all livestock and wild animals, great and small.
**HAPPENING TODAY**

**Faith Forum on St. John’s ESOL partnership, 9:30 a.m.**
For the 9:30 a.m. Faith Forum today, our special guests will be Andy Tyskiewicz, program director for the Town of West Hartford’s ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, including the classes held here at St. John’s. Andy will be joined by two students who participate in the St. John’s ESOL program; they will share how this program is improving lives, along with some exciting plans for the future. Faith Forums are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., and coffee and bagels are provided. All are welcome!

**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 Beth Rocco and Wes Winterbottom for hosting today!

**Final veggie giveaway after the 10:30 service**
The growing season is winding down, along with our successful second year of God’s Garden — a community garden located here at St. John’s and supported by the parish and Jessie’s Community Gardens. **Please stay after the service for a short time (no longer than 30 minutes) to distribute vegetables to our neighbors in need.** The distribution table is out front, on the Farmington Avenue side of the church property.

**Lunch lecture #3 on the Art & Architecture of Faith, after the 10:30 service**
Today is the final installment of a three-part luncheon lecture series on *The Art & Architecture of Faith*, at which Michael J. Crosbie, Ph.D., FAIA, will offer a series of three presentations on the roles that architecture and art play in the lives of faith communities. Dr. Crosbie is professor of architecture at the University of Hartford’s College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture, and former chair of the Department of Architecture and associate dean. He is editor-in-chief of *Faith & Form*, a quarterly journal on religious art and architecture. He is also a frequent contributor to *Architectural Record* and writes about architecture and design for the Hartford *Courant*. Lunch will be served free of charge, with donations accepted.

**Celtic Contemplative Service, 4:30 p.m.**
The monthly Celtic service, held in partnership with St. James’s Episcopal Church, is held at 4:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month, October through June, here at St. John’s. Celtic services include prayer, reflection, live music from a variety of traditions, and chant. The service begins with an extended period of silence.

**WeHa Youth Group, 5 to 7 p.m.**
On the first Sunday of the month, St. John’s youth group pairs up with Westminster Presbyterian and First Congregational Church for fellowship and service. Tonight, we will meet at Westminster Presbyterian (Farmington Ave. and Mountain Rd., West Hartford) for **Christmas in October!** We will eat, play games, and also make Christmas cards for veterans, to be delivered in December by the Red Cross. Bring a friend!

**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
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.

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.
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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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