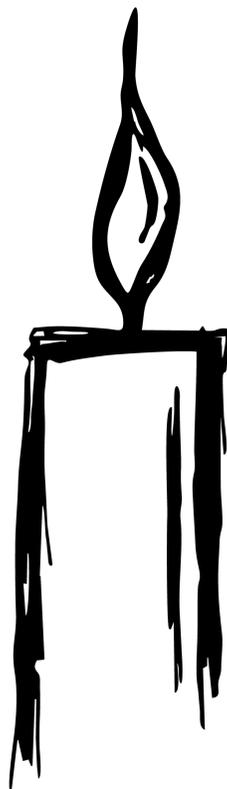


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *Third Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF  
Quinn Scarlet Goulet

*December 15, 2019*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome!*

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, and nursery care for young children is available 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.**

### *This week's scripture readings: The power of God among us*

The theme for today's scripture readings is summed up in the opening plea of the Collect: "Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us." In a time of Israel's defeat and exile, Isaiah looks forward to a time when God will act to restore the nation's fortunes, when "sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The Letter of James encourages Christian believers to be patient as we await the coming of the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus urges a discouraged John the Baptist to open his ears and eyes to the signs that God is already present and powerful in the world around us.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY    Prelude on *Picardy*

John Joubert (1927–2019)

THE ADVENT RESPONSORY

*Sung by the choir.*

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Text: Matin responsory for Advent I

I look from afar: and lo, I see the Power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 640    Watchman, tell us of the night

*All stand and sing.*

ABERYSTWYTH

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Carlos, Lucas and Danielle Branco*

*Reader #1*    We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

*Reader #2*    For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

*All*            **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

*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. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
*People* **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

*All sit.*

**T**he wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

## THE RESPONSE

*The Song of Mary**The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*James 5:7–10*

**B**e patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2–11*

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

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

**W**hen John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to

them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*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 after the sermon.*

### THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

*All sit.*

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Quinn Scarlet Goulet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant 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 Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying*

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

*People* **We will.**

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

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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

*Leader* Let us now pray for Quinn who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* 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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant 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.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE BAPTISM

*The Priest says to the candidate*

Quinn Scarlet, 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 her 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.**

*Celebrant* 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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

*Celebrant* 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

STUTTGART

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

*During the Offertory, children are invited to bring donated food and winter accessories up to the chancel steps.*

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardiner (1917–2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
 To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:

*Sing O my love; This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;  
 Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,  
 Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
 My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance:

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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.

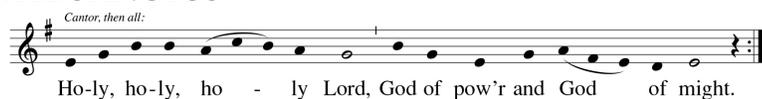
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*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

*Cantor, then all:*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

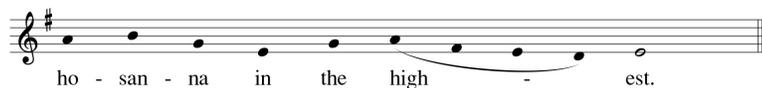
*Cantor:*



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

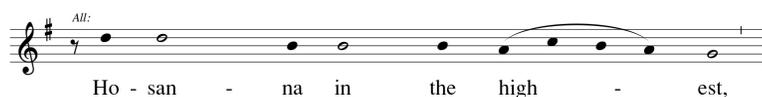


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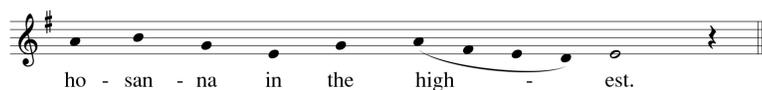


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*All:*



Ho - san - na in the high - est,



ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Cantor:*



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

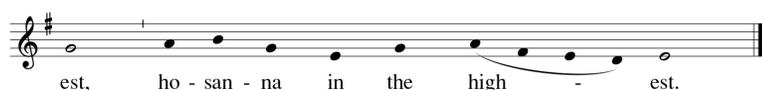


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*All:*



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -



est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.*

*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.

*All*     **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.*

*Cantor*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins\_\_ of the world,  
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:  
1.2. have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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 What sweeter music

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Words: Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.  
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. To welcome him.  
The nobler part of all the house here,  
is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?

*In the world of choral music, we are mourning the loss of Sir Stephen Cleobury, who recently retired as director of music at King's College, Cambridge, England – home of the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service after which ours and many others are modeled. Sir Stephen started the tradition at King's of commissioning a new anthem for each year's carol service, and this beautiful setting by John Rutter was one of the first of those. Choosing to set a poem from 1647, Rutter crafted a fittingly sweet, yet angular, melody accompanied in the uncommon key of G-flat major. The music is inclined to transmit its essence through more subdued dynamics, as in the phrase, "The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room to welcome him." And that room, according to Herrick and amplified by Rutter, is warm, as if cold December has turned to fragrant May in an instant.*

## 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 72 Hark! The glad sound!

RICHMOND

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Baptism Officiant:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins**Assisting:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**Psalterer:** Danielle Foint**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** David Chrzanowski**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Genella Evans, Alice Murchie, Ford Gillespie, Dorian Ciscel**Ushers:** Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp, Eleanor Barnes, Akilah Williams**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Rosa Guzzo, June Aziz**Nursery Caregivers:** Kiley Murphy and Caroline Thaxton**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Kim Byrd**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

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**HAPPENING TODAY****Intergenerational Faith Forum: Saying Yes to God, 9:30 a.m.**

Our youth will present several short vignettes about Bible characters who said yes to God, and then we'll reflect on what it meant for them to say yes, and what it means for us to say yes to God in our own lives.

**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. **We also have a few wreaths leftover from the Christmas Festival that are available for purchase.** Prices are posted on the table in Hubbard Hall. If you'd like to purchase one, please give cash or check to one of the clergy or a staff member.

**Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3 p.m.**

A favorite tradition and a wonderful way to find peace in a busy season, the annual Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols tells the story of God's redeeming work through scripture and song. Child care will be provided. Please come, and invite a friend.

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Flower offering envelopes are available in the pews for those who wish to contribute toward Christmas poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one. Please place a contribution in any amount in the envelope, and clearly print the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the envelopes. You may also email names to Ellen in the parish office and mail in or drop off your contribution. Names will be listed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. **Flower memorial names must be received in the parish office by Monday, December 23.**

**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	Mary Byrd
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Ann Marie
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Edith Connolly	Mary Stoughton	Paul
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Daniel Flyntz	Graham
Michael Bruce	Sally	Ellie Brown	Julie
Amy Jones	Billy Ulrich	Wanda	Scott
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Saint Sauveur School & the people of Les Cayes, Haiti			

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

David Pond	Julia Grieco
Tim Henning	Wendy Lincoln
Morgan Babbitt	Sherwood Willard
Carol Sonne	Kent Byrd
Anne Morris	Peggy O'Toole

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the church in Sokoto (Nigeria) and El Salvador.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; and for those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

## Save the Date

**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. **Adult assistance is needed! If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net).**

- December 15 – No EYC, but all are encouraged to attend the Festival of Lessons & Carols at 3 p.m.
- December 22 – Cupcake Wars!
- December 29 – No EYC for Christmas break

**Margie Baker's ordination to the priesthood, Saturday, January 4 at 2 p.m.**

All are welcome to participate in this wonderful day in Margie's life and the life of our parish. Following the service of ordination with the bishops of Connecticut and North Carolina, we will have a reception in Margie's honor; please sign up to help with the reception at <https://tinyurl.com/tmjf43q>. Everyone is invited to come celebrate!

**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2020.**

This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, December 12, and will be updated weekly.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Bess & John Amamoo, June & Emhart Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, *Beverley Baker*, *Margie & Jenn Baker*, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, *Carlos & Allison Branco*, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Philip Chapman, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, *Kate Coley*, Edith & Bob Connolly, Michele & Halsey Cook, Helen Cooke, Trig & Sam Cooley, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, *Conny DeLuca*, *Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz*, Pamela Dimock, Martin Dodd, Susan & James Donaldson, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Kate & Robert Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Britt Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, *Jennifer & Jim Evans*, Mariana Evica & Dan Traut, Martha Fine, Linda & John Fiske, *Jessica & Paul Fletcher*, Ben & Ellen Flynn, Danielle Foint, Giselle & Edwin Genece, Nancy & Chad George, Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, Timothy Goetz, Heidi & Jeff Gostyla, Anne & Craig Grant, David Grimaldi, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Mary & John Hardy, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Susie & Ross Hatch, Anne & Randall Hayes, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Priscilla Hexter, Ann Hutchinson, Tita & Douglas Hyland, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, *Carla Abdo-Katsipis & Jacob Katsipis*, Sarah Kieffer, Betty Knorr, Ann & Richard Krissingner, *Pamela Lamlein*, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Barbara & Albert Lennox, Karen Licht, Wendy & Thomas Lincoln, Teresa & Joel Lohr, *Leah & Luis Lorenzo*, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Tina & David McCary, Jacqueline McCauley, Patrick Miller, Jean Mitchell, Marie-Jose Montas, Marnie & Bob Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alex Nelson, Ann & Samuel Newbury, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Harriet Odlum, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Billy Peelle, *Maribelle Pellen*, Susan Pinkerton, Joy Pond, Sandy & Dave Pond, Ginny & Mark Proft, Jillian & Michael Puzzo, *Robin Resin*, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Nina & Duccio Rosselli Del Turco, Mary Russell, Judy Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy & Bob Skeeel, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jackie & Paul Smith, Carol & Charles Sonne, Flora Speer, *Reid Sterrett*, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Pat Struglia, *John Swift & Lauren Mascolo*, *Sera & Abraham Thomas*, Calvert Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, Anne & John Walsh, Joan Warner, *Jackie & Michael Wells*, Martin Wheeler & Deborah Ferrari, Brooke & Ted Whittemore, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Janet Willard, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, *Akilah Williams*, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Anita Winters

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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.*

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Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
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