

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 19, 2020

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. Nursery care for young children is available in the Education Wing, and children are also welcome to stay in the service with their families.

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 scriptures: God's call

On this second Sunday after the Epiphany, we get a very different account of Jesus' baptism in the gospel of John. Unlike the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, in today's reading, Jesus' baptism is not described, but, immediately afterwards John the Baptist responds that Jesus is the Lamb of God! Then, Jesus calls his first disciples, the brothers Andrew and Peter, who, according to John's gospel, were initially disciples of John, Jesus' cousin. Our reading from the prophet Isaiah underscores John's identification of Jesus as the fulfilment of the one chosen by God to be "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." God's good news of salvation is not meant just for the exiles of Israel but for the entire world. Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, a troubled congregation dealing with many difficult issues amongst its membership, is a comforting reminder that, no matter our concerns, all that we are and have comes from God. And, what we have is enough. We see this in the life and ministry of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life we celebrate tomorrow. King courageously answered God's call and used the many gifts God gave him to reveal the light of Christ at work in a world where we are all called, without exception, to be saints of God. This is the true meaning of Epiphany.

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THE VOLUNTARY Just a Closer Walk with Thee
 What a Wonderful World
 This Little Light of Mine

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local Dixieland-style band that specializes in jazz worship—they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. Two of our choral anthems are in traditional a capella style, paying tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But everything else, including and especially the hymns, are a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy. Don't be afraid—join in and sing loudly!

INTROIT MLK

Words and music by U2,
 arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
Michael Mei, soloist

Sleep, sleep tonight
 and may your dreams be realized.
 If the thundercloud passes rain
 so let it rain,
 rain on him.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN How great thou art

O STORE GUD

All stand and sing.

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

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

People **And blessed be his 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1–7

All sit.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 40:1–12

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon where indicated.*

Be - hold, I come to do your will, O God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

- 4 **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! ***
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. *Antiphon*
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! ***
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, ***
and so I said, "Behold, I come. *Antiphon*
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; ***
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 **You are the Lord;**
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Precious Lord, take my hand

PRECIOUS LORD

All stand and sing.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
 All **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,

'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Loving God, you sent Christ Jesus to enlighten all nations: Instill in those who govern a love of your will and the humility to follow you. Give them the heart of Jesus, a heart that seeks to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your only son Christ Jesus did not ignore the needs of the poor, the sick, or the oppressed, but healed them and invited them to be part of your kingdom: Protect the vulnerable, and help your church to be the hands of Jesus in the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your son was born into poverty and lived, taught, and worked miracles among his own: Never let us forget the poor, oppressed, and isolated in our own community. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in sending Jesus into the world, you called us all into closer relationship with the Divine: Grant rest to the departed, and comfort to those who mourn, as they wait to be reunited in your perfect love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in you we find life and love and blessing: We thank you for all that you have given to us, and we ask especially for grateful hearts to announce your joyful bounty to the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Oh God, who came into our midst to enlighten the world, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that your church may see, follow, and itself shine that holy light, so that all may come into your loving embrace. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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 forward donated food and items for our Blessing Bags.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Amazing grace

arr. Jack Shrader, 1998

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), found at Hymn 671

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have created a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

(band intro-----)

Ho - ly Ho - ly,
 Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Bles sed is he
 who comes in - the name of the Lord Ho - san - na
 in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There will be two standing stations in front of the altar for receiving Communion this morning.

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

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

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION MOTET Agnus dei (from *A Little Jazz Mass*)

Bob Chilcott

Latin words from the Eucharist liturgy,
at the Breaking of the Bread.

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 We shall overcome

TRADITIONAL

All stand and sing.

We shall o - ver - come, _____ We shall o - ver - come, _____

We shall o - ver - come some - day; _____ Oh, _____

deep in my heart, _____ I do be - lieve, _____ (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. _____ day.

- 2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
- 3. God is on our side, today.
- 4. We are not afraid, today.
- 5. We shall live in peace, someday.

Music: Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals
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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

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 Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**Psalterer:** Nancy Skeele**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**The Hot Cat Jazz Band:** Trumpet: Ross Tucker; Clarinet: Andy Sherwood;

Tenor Saxophone: Chris Coulter; Guitar: Norman Johnson; Bass: Donn Doucette; Drums: Sal Ranniello

Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece,

Akilah Williams, Annabel Clapp, Eleanor Barnes

Acolytes: Genella Evans, Alice Murchie, Dorian Ciscel**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca, Buffy Ineson, Ginny Kemp**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd**Nursery Caregivers:** Kiley Murphy and Caroline Thaxton**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** David Beers**Musician:** Steve Metcalf**HAPPENING TODAY****Intergenerational Faith Forum, 9:30 a.m.**

Our intergenerational Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m. features several stations where parishioners of all ages will learn about and reflect on the work and legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Info session on volunteer tutoring at Covenant Prep, after the 10:30 service

Come to the Reception Room after the 10:30 service to learn about opportunities to provide after-school tutoring at Covenant Preparatory School, which is one of St. John's community service partners. Covenant Prep is a tuition-free, faith-based college preparatory middle school located in downtown Hartford that provides young men from underserved communities the foundation to pursue higher education, develop their character, and live with integrity as community leaders. Come learn how you can support these students as an after-school tutor!

Coffee hour

Stay after the 10:30 service for a cup of coffee, a bite to eat, and the chance to connect with someone new! Thank you to the Eikel family for hosting today. We need some additional coffee hour hosts for upcoming weeks; please sign up on the clipboard in Hubbard Hall!

Youth Group (5 p.m.) & Youth-Led Evening Worship (5:30 p.m.) followed by potluck supper

Join us for a new tradition of evening worship, led by our youth group, on the third Sunday of the month. The youth group will gather at 5 p.m. to get everything ready, then we'll have worship at 5:30 followed by an informal potluck supper. Families are encouraged to attend.

Pick up an Annual Report in Hubbard Hall in advance of next week's Annual Meeting!

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	Edith Connolly	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton	Paul
Brad Babbitt	Jane Bartlett	Ellie Brown	Graham
Billy Ulrich	Sue	Peter	Eliot Makan
Nicky	Jeannine	Gwain Gillespie	Lee

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Eloise Rosen	Isabel Grant	Elizabeth Proctor
Aidan Wrubleski	Kevin Morris	Anita Winters
Paige Whitemore	Chas Christiansen	Caleb Worrell

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the United Church of Bangladesh.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers.

Save the Date

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

Upcoming EYC events are listed below. Dinner is provided, and more information will be shared about each meeting as it approaches. **Adult assistance is needed! If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net.**

- January 19 – Worship service led by the youth group, followed by a potluck supper. *Everyone is welcome!*
- January 26 – Prayer stations
- February 2 – Youth group will host a parish game night, to which everyone is invited – bring your favorite board game and some food to share.

Additional upcoming youth events for *high schoolers only* include a **Lock-In with St. James's (at St. James's) on Friday, January 31 through Saturday, February 1** and a **"Happening" weekend retreat at Camp Washington on Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9**. Please contact Margie for more information.

Sacred Circle meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 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, January 21 at 7 p.m. in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26, 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the parish will take place next Sunday, January 26, starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will temporarily adjourn for the 10:30 service, then continue with a potluck brunch afterward. Please bring contributions for the potluck brunch as follows: **Last name A to I:** Main dish (sandwiches, quiche, casserole, etc.); **Last name J to P:** Fruit or salad. **Last name Q to Z:** Baked goods. *Note: There is no 8 a.m. service on this day.*

The slate of candidates to be voted on is as follows. Vestry members are elected to three-year terms. Wardens and Treasurers are elected for up to three consecutive one-year terms.

To serve a three-year term on the Vestry:

June Aziz
Jyothsna Diaz
Anne Harney

To serve a one-year term as Warden:

Geoff Emerick
Virginia Van Dyk

To serve a one-year term as Treasurer:

Tim Goetz
John Roche

To serve as delegates to convention:

Geoff Emerick
Virginia Van Dyk
Alternate: Tim Goetz

Choral Evensong, Sunday, January 26, 5 p.m.

The January service of Choral Evensong will feature the choirs of Trinity Church, Hartford. Evensong is an ancient service that includes readings, chants, and prayers and offers worshippers a quiet, reflective space in which to be renewed and connect with God. All are invited – bring a friend.

Pipes Alive! with Cheryl Wadsworth, Sunday, February 2, 12:30 p.m.

Our monthly series of half-hour organ recitals continues with guest organist Cheryl Wadsworth, who will play works by Buxtehude, Demessieux, and Cook. All are invited to stay after the 10:30 service for our First Sunday Lunch before the Pipes Alive! recital begins at 12:30. Lunch and recital are both free, with donations accepted.

“Episcopal 101” Classes, Sundays in February, 9:30 a.m.

The February Faith Forums, at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, will be devoted to “Episcopal 101” — an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. While this series is especially useful for newcomers or those considering baptism or confirmation, everyone is welcome to attend!

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 8 to 12, February and March

Confirmation classes begin with an overnight lock-in at St. John’s on **Saturday night, February 22 through Sunday morning, February 23**. Then classes will be held during the education hour (9:30 a.m.) on Sundays from February 23 through March 29. Each week, the class will look at different aspects of our baptismal vows and what it means to live them out. All youth in grades 8 to 12 are invited to join the class, even if you’re not sure that you want to be confirmed (or even if you’re already confirmed!). Those who wish to be confirmed may do so at the Easter Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday evening, April 11, or wait to be confirmed when St. John’s has our next bishop visitation, which will be in the first half of 2021.

Interfaith group tour of a church (ours!), a synagogue and a mosque, Sunday, March 15

Our own Joel Lohr, president of Hartford Seminary, published an op-ed in the January 12 Hartford *Courant* calling on readers—and Christians especially—to recognize the scourge of anti-Semitism, and to acknowledge our role in both perpetuating it (historically and currently) and combatting it. He concluded with this call to action: “If as a Christian you have not been to a synagogue, or met your local rabbi, or you have no Jewish friends, consider this an invitation.” (To read the whole op-ed, go to <https://tinyurl.com/LohrOpEd>.) To that end, mark your calendars for a special interfaith tour of several local faith communities on Sunday, March 15, organized by Dr. Lohr and Susan Pinkerton, along with Rabbi Michael Pincus and Aida Mansoor (our interfaith panelists for a Faith Forum back in November). We’ll gather at St. John’s after the 10:30 service for a light lunch, then have a tour of the church, walk to Congregation Beth Israel for a tour of the synagogue, and then carpool to the Berlin Mosque. The tour should end between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Save the date!

A message from the parish manager

Dear St. John’s friends,

Here we go again! Starting on Thursday, January 23, I will again be out of the office for several weeks of medical leave for my second knee replacement. I will not be checking e-mail or voicemail while I’m out. In my absence, you may contact Peggy O’Toole, our financial manager, at peggy@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x 311. Peggy will either respond to your inquiry or forward it to another staff member or parish volunteer to handle. Peggy will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays until I return to work full-time.

I expect to return to work mid-February, but only part-time and mostly working from home. I will return to the office full-time in early to mid-March.

Thank you for your support and good wishes!

Ellen Painter Dollar
Parish Manager

Join with our faith community neighbors to honor local police and firefighters.

Rabbi Michael Pincus of Congregation Beth Israel is organizing an event on May 17, 2020, in which Farmington Avenue faith communities will join together to honor our local first responders. He would like to have two lay representatives from St. John's to work with him and other faith community representatives to plan the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.

**Contribute to the 2020 St. John's Lent Devotional!**

Each year, we publish a Lent devotional featuring *your* Lenten reflections. We invite parishioners (and family and friends too) to choose a particular day in Lent, reflect on the Gospel reading for that day, and produce something in response — a written reflection, a poem, a photo, a drawing. *All ages* are invited to participate. To contribute, look for the clipboards in Hubbard Hall that have a sheet of paper for each day of Lent. Choose a day, fill out the top portion of the sheet of paper for that day with your name and contact info, and take the bottom portion (which has the Gospel reading for that day and some instructions for what and how to contribute). Return your contribution to Margie Baker, in person or by e-mail, by **Wednesday, February 19**.

Help with Sunday evening youth group dinner and activities.

St. John's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) has big plans for the winter! And we need your help, parents and friends. Most nights we need an extra adult to be present, and some nights we also need a dinner angel. This is a fun and relatively easy way to support the teenagers of St. John's. Please go to our online sign-up to choose a Sunday evening or two when you can help: <https://tinyurl.com/EYCHelpers>

Vestry Nominees 2020

Nominated as Warden

Geoff Emerick — Geoff was introduced to the Episcopal Church in 1995 by his now-wife Karan, who was raised in the Anglican tradition. He was drawn by the church's basis in scripture, tradition, and reason, but mostly by its consistently warm and welcoming parishioners. Geoff was confirmed in Chicago in 2002, and joined St. John's on moving to Connecticut with his family in 2006. Since then he has served in various capacities, including two terms on the vestry and several years ushering and on the stewardship committee. His family is also extensively involved in parish life, especially through the music and choral programs. Geoff has practiced medicine for the last 25 years as a glaucoma and cataract specialist, and is the managing partner of the largest ophthalmology practice in the Hartford area. Geoff has volunteer roles in several regional and national medical and charitable organizations, including The Order of St. John and La Familia Foundation. He welcomes the opportunity to continue to serve in this amazing congregation.



Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry

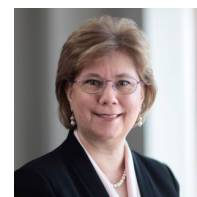


June Aziz — June and her husband Emmy joined St. John's in 2018, drawn here by the warm welcome and excellent music programs. She is a member of the Altar Guild and is working with the rector to get new clergy vestments. For many years, she has served as a consultant for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, and currently serves on their Finance Committee; Mission Council; and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation Network. In a few weeks, two of her and Emmy's great-grandsons will be baptized here at St. John's.

Jyothsna Diaz — Jyothsna has been a member of St. John's for more than four years, right from when she moved to the U.S. in 2015 as part of a job assignment. She first visited St. John's on her birthday, and has not looked back ever since. She loves St. John's for its warmth, community spirit, diversity, and engaging programs for the church members and community. She thoroughly enjoys being a layreader and finds it a very fulfilling ministry. Additionally, she is a volunteer cook for Loaves and Fishes. She also chose to get married at St. John's in August 2019 to her friend and soulmate, José Carlos Diaz. Her favorite church events are the jazz service, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas season events (especially the book sale!). Jyothsna holds an MBA in marketing and a master's degree in design management, and has been educated in India and the U.K. She is a marketer and a designer by profession with 20-plus years of experience, and is currently employed with EXL Service as assistant vice president and global head of digital marketing. She was earlier a marketing entrepreneur and was also employed at various media corporations and digital marketing firms back in India. She is an avid traveler; book lover; cook; pug lover; connoisseur of art, culture and history; and is a self-taught painter and fashion designer. She and Carlos sponsor the education of an orphaned girl child in India. They currently reside in New Britain, CT.



Anne Harney — Anne Harney has been a member of St. John's since the fall of 2012, when she joined with her two teenaged children. Having been drawn to St. John's by the music program, she and her daughter immediately joined the choir. Except for a brief hiatus in 2015–16 to study and sit for the CPA exam, she has remained a member of the choir and considers them a much-loved second family. Anne was raised in Cheshire, CT, and grew up in the Lutheran church there, where her father was minister from 1960–1994. She was educated at the Lutheran-based Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, where she earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics. She joined the Episcopal Church in 1994 at Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY. Having returned to Connecticut in 1998, Anne has been a member of various Episcopal churches in the state. In the last 10 years, she has taken four trips to England with various choirs, to spend a week-in-residence singing daily choral evensong at three different cathedrals — Ely Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral (twice), and Southwark Cathedral in London — and considers those trips to be definitive in her spiritual and personal growth. Anne currently works as a manager in the tax department at the public accounting firm Mahoney Sabol, CPAs, in Glastonbury.



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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