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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 26, 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: Light breaking into the darkness

Our Old Testament reading from the prophet Isaiah gives a message of hope during a time of deep despair, as the ancient Israelites are being overrun by their enemies, the Assyrians. During this time of war and oppression, Isaiah walks alongside his people and reminds them that God has not forgotten them. He proclaims that God's people will be given a light that breaks open their darkness and, likewise, we will share the light with others as we learn to live together in peace. Paul's letter to the church in Corinth is a reminder of how challenging it can be to live in community, and how the peace and unity we seek is easily disrupted by divisions. In an attempt to deal with this disruption, Paul reminds his flock that they are all called by the same gospel as a new people and should work together reconciling the world to Christ; to love and care for the "other" while bringing peace to all. Matthew's gospel reading begins with John the Baptist's arrest, and then takes us to the very beginning of Jesus' ministry as he calls his first disciples along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. This is where the "light to all nations" will be revealed in the man Jesus to all who have been waiting for the coming of the Messiah. Through his ministry Jesus will show how God is at work in the world as he begins to build up and usher in the kingdom of heaven.

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THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Land of Rest*

George Shearing (1919–2011)

CHORAL INTROIT Non nobis, Domine

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Text: Psalm 113:9

Non nobis, Domine

Sed nomini,

Tu o da gloriam

Not unto us, O Lord

But to your name

May all the glory be

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

All stand and sing.

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 - mighty 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. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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

*Isaiah 9:1–4**All sit.*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27:1, 5–13

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



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 **One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; ***
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; ***
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 **Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; ***
I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Antiphon*
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 **You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." ***
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 **You have been my helper; cast me not away; ***
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN You have come down to the seashore, vv. 1–2

PESCADOR

All stand and sing verses 1 & 2.

Estrofas/Verses



1. Lord, you have come to the sea shore,
 2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
 3. Lord, take my hands and direct them.
 4. Lord, as I drift on the waters,

1. nei-ther search-ing for the rich nor the wise,
 2. in my boat you find no pow-er, no wealth.
 3. Help me spend my-self in seek-ing the lost,
 4. be the rest-ing place of my rest-less heart,

1. de-sir-ing on-ly that I should fol-low.
 2. Will you ac-cept, then, my nets and la-bor?
 3. re-turn-ing love for the love you gave me.
 4. my life's com-pan-ion, my friend and ref-uge.

Estrillo/Refrain



O, Lord, with your eyes set up-on me,
 gent-ly smil-ing, you have spo-ken my name;
 all I longed for I have found by the wa-ter,
 at your side, I will seek oth-er shores.

Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936–1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt.

Music: Pescador, Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936–1991), alt. harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944–1992)

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:12–23**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Minister 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.

We gather this day in thanks for the Church and how God is calling us here at St. John's to proclaim the gospel, praying for guidance and wisdom as we follow Jesus in this place.

Loving God, as we reflect on the past year and plan for the future, help us to use our gifts wisely to further God's kingdom in our community and the world. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;
have mercy on us and answer us.

We lift up those in positions of power; may they lead with wisdom and mercy, and listen with compassion to the voices of those who are powerless. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **have mercy on us and answer us.**

In the name of Christ, we remember those who sit in darkness, awaiting God's light, especially those who are sick or addicted, those who are in prison, those who live with violence and chaos, those affected by natural disasters, and those on our parish prayer list. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;
have mercy on us and answer us.

We remember those who have died, and pray for those who grieve. We give thanks especially for the members of this parish in years past, whose work, vision and generosity sustain and inspire our ministry today. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **have mercy on us and answer us.**

Celebrant Loving God, as we go forth into another year of doing your work in this parish, may we always be eager to follow you and proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

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 My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,
No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Herbert Howells completed this anthem on Boxing Day, December 26, 1925. The chorus maintains a modest and humble unison texture until the "splendour" that is shed from above is revealed as God's name, which is heavenly love.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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.

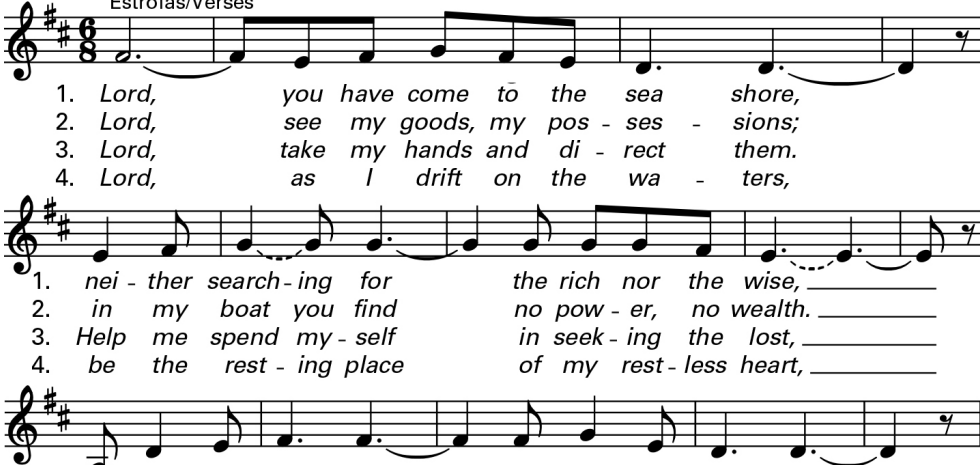
If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN You have come down to the seashore, vv. 3-4

PESCADOR

All remain seated and sing verses 3 & 4.

Estrofas/Verses

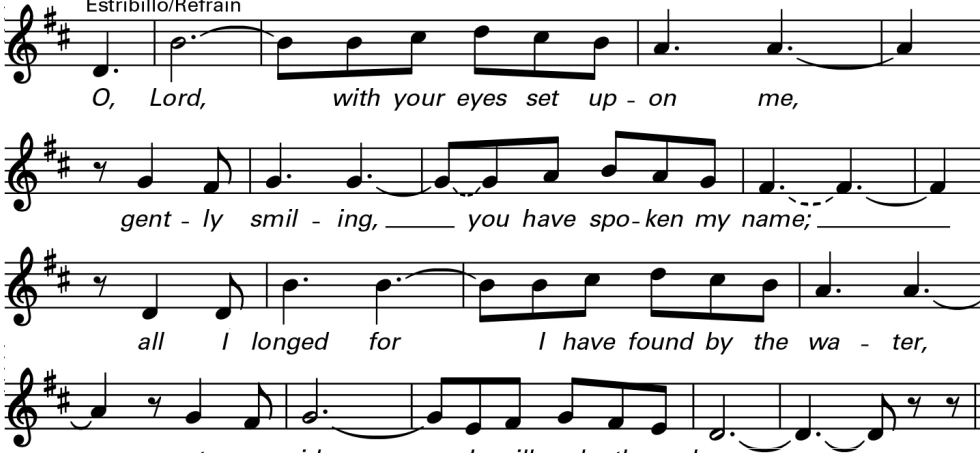


1. Lord, you have come to the sea shore,
 2. Lord, see my goods, my pos - ses - sions;
 3. Lord, take my hands and di - rect them.
 4. Lord, as I drift on the wa - ters,

1. nei - ther search - ing for the rich nor the wise,
 2. in my boat you find no pow - er, no wealth.
 3. Help me spend my - self in seek - ing the lost,
 4. be the rest - ing place of my rest - less heart,

1. de - sir - ing on - ly that I should fol - low.
 2. Will you ac - cept, then, my nets and la - bor?
 3. re - turn - ing love for the love you gave me.
 4. my life's com - pan - ion, my friend and ref - uge.

Estribillo/Refrain



O, Lord, with your eyes set up - on me,
 gent - ly smil - ing, you have spo - ken my name;
 all I longed for I have found by the wa - ter,
 at your side, I will seek oth - er shores.

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 539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: John Hardy

Psalterer: Elsa Ciscel

The St. John's Youth Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Julia O'Brien, Steve Crocker,
Emmy Aziz, Robert Eikel

Acolytes: Claire O'Brien, Isabel Grant, Aviyah Lohr

Altar Guild: Conny DeLuca, Buffy Ineson, Ginny Kemp

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Nursery Caregivers: Olivia and Abigail Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Kim Byrd

Musician: Ray Giolitto

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Andrew Davis and Helen H. Faude.**

HAPPENING TODAY

Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., then breaks for the 10:30 service and continues afterward with a potluck brunch and any remaining agenda items.

Choral Evensong, 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.

Youth Group, 5 to 7 p.m.

How do you pray? Do you pray? Tonight we'll explore different ways to pray, some ancient and some modern. And we'll eat, of course!

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:

Joe Bleicher
Samantha Giuliano
Mary Beth Lamlein

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

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 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.
- February 9 – Duckpin bowling

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.

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.

Celebrity Organ Concert with Simon Johnson, Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.

We welcome concert organist Simon Johnson to the mighty St. John’s pipe organ on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. As the organist and assistant director of music at St Paul’s Cathedral, he has been involved in all the national occasions that have taken place there since his appointment in 2008, including the funeral service of Baroness Thatcher, the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, and Her Majesty’s 90th Birthday celebrations, for which he also arranged some of the music. The concert is free, with donations accepted. Suggested donation: \$20, with checks payable to *Music at the Red Door*. A reception will follow in Hubbard Hall.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 23, 5 p.m.

The February service of Choral Evensong will feature Voices of Concinnity, a 12-voice professional chamber ensemble. Evensong is an ancient service of prayer, chant and music, and a wonderful way to prepare for the week ahead. All are welcome.

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

Mark your calendars for a special interfaith tour of several local faith communities on Sunday, March 15, organized by Joel 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!

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.

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>

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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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