

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Second Sunday after Christmas*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 5, 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 revealed in the Christ child*

We prepare for the ending of the 12 days of Christmastide as we travel with the magi, the wise men (and wise women also!), to greet the newborn King. This is the Epiphany — a Greek word indicating that the divine, the Mystery of God, is revealed to us with the birth of Christ Jesus. This is good news, indeed. However, we are also aware of the earthly powers of King Herod and his chief priests and scribes, who are greatly threatened by this new Savior, the likes of which our world has never seen. Like the magi, we look to the stars and are filled with hope as we encounter the Holy and find the courage and resolve take new pathways in life.



#### THE VOLUNTARY Weinachten (*Christmas*)

Max Reger (1873–1916)

*In Weinachten, Max Reger reflects upon Christmas in 1914, a time of tumult and war. He uses two German chorales, one Advent and one Lent, to paint the tension and pain of Christmas celebrated in the trenches of battle. Finally, two Christmas carols are woven together to bring a message of peace and hope.*

#### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 109 The first Nowell the angels did say

THE FIRST NOWELL

*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 - 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. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 31:7–14**All sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 84:1–8*

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

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O LORD of hosts!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \***  
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \***  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.** *Antiphon*
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 **Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–19a*

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 124 What star is this with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1–12*

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

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

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*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

*All sit.*

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.*

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As a star rose high in the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child, send your blessing on this nation and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the Magi brought gifts to the infant Jesus, help us to honor you by offering our gifts in service to you and your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the prophet Jeremiah proclaimed comfort and joy for your people, grant to those who are suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, gladness for sorrow, so they may rejoice and be satisfied with your bounty. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the apostle Paul prayed that all would know the riches of our inheritance as your children, we remember those who have died, especially Edward Shaker, in thanksgiving that they now abide in the immeasurable greatness of your power and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers and make us reflections of your light, so that all people will be drawn to you and overwhelmed with joy.

*People* **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

### THE OFFERTORY MUSIC The three kings

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Text: Laurence Housman (1865–1959)

“Who knocks tonight so late?”  
the weary porter said.  
Three kings stood at the gate,  
each with a crown on his head.

The serving man bowed down,  
the Inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, “In all this town  
is no fit place for you.”

A light in the manger lit;  
there lay the Mother meek.  
This place is fit.  
Here is the rest we seek.

Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings,  
so stood they all unshod.  
“Come in, come in, ye kings,  
and kiss the feet of God.”

*The Three Kings is typical of Canadian Anglican composer Healey Willan’s straightforward, modal, lyrical style. For the first half of the anthem, a three-part men’s chorus — symbolically the three kings — is in dialogue with a three-part women’s chorus, representing the holy manger scene.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).  
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*All remain standing or kneel.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and our Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation. **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 healing prayers, please go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM While all things were in quiet silence Ned Rorem (b. 1923)  
 `` Text: *from* Antiphon of Matins, Christmas I

While all things were in quiet silence,  
 And that night was in the midst of her swift course,  
 Thine Almighty Word, O Lord,  
 leaped down out of thy royal throne. Alleluia.

### 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 93 Angels from the realms of glory REGENT SQUARE  
*All stand and sing.*

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude in F Eric Thiman (1900–1975)

*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:** Cindy Lawler

**Psalterer:** Ted Babbitt

**The St. John's Adult Choir**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Ushers:** Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ben & Ellen Flynn, Wes Winterbottom, Matt Ciscel

**Acolytes:** Elsa Ciscel, Britt Emerick, Elise Biondi, Dawson Biondi

**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Buffy Ineson and Kate Eikel

**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:**

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

**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	Sally	Daniel Flyntz	Graham
Michael Bruce	Billy Ulrich	Ellie Brown	Julie
Amy Jones	Nicky	Wanda	Scott
Estrid	Jane Bartlett	Peter	Eliot Makan
Nonnie	Sue	Jeannine	

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Albert Lennox  
 Julian Hartt  
 Jessica Fletcher  
 Spencer Sloan, Jr.

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Jenifer and Julian Hartt

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's, Cheshire; and for all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven and the Let My People Go Ministry Network.

## HAPPENING TODAY

**First Sunday Lunch and Pipes Alive! after the 10:30 service.** Music at the Red Door's popular organ recital series returns today, with our own Scott Lamlein presenting a half-hour concert. All are invited to stay after the 10:30 service for the First Sunday Lunch followed by the Pipes Alive! concert at 12:30 p.m. Both lunch and the concert are free, although donations are welcome.

**Deliver a poinsettia or altar flowers.** If you are able, please take a poinsettia or some flowers from the altar arrangements, and deliver them to one of our homebound parishioners. Cards with names and addresses are on the windowsill in Hubbard Hall, just outside the entrance to the nave.

**Celtic service, 4:30 p.m.** The monthly Celtic contemplative service includes prayer, reflection, chant, and music. The service begins with an extended period of silence at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**WeHa Youth Group, 5 to 7 p.m.** This month's WeHa Youth Group meeting will be held at First Church in the Center. Please bring \$5 for the cost of dinner, and a friend!

## 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](mailto:margie@sjparish.net).**

- January 5 – WeHa Youth Group (at First Church)
- January 12 – Games and planning for youth-led worship
- January 19 – Worship service led by the youth group. *Everyone is welcome!*

### Women Together book study, starting Tuesday, January 7 at 2 p.m.

Women Together will begin the new year on January 7 with a series of discussions of the book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. The author, a standup comedian-cum-pastor, writes of her encounters with addicts and other "unwanted" members of society as providing a path to God. Women Together includes women from several Greater Hartford Episcopal churches; we meet on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Sarah Kieffer at [kieffer2468@gmail.com](mailto:kieffer2468@gmail.com).

### Twelfth Night Potluck & Tree Burning, Friday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.

Bid farewell to the Christmas season and welcome the new year at this fun annual tradition (which is scheduled a bit later than usual this year because of Margie's ordination on January 4<sup>th</sup>). Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner, and then enjoy a bonfire outdoors with the burning of the church Christmas tree (weather permitting). All needed permits and fire-prevention measures will be in place. Everyone is welcome!

### Jazz Eucharist, Sunday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.

Once again, the Hot Cat Jazz Band will play for our Jazz Eucharist on Sunday, January 19, bringing Gospel and Dixieland jazz style to the service music and hymns. Please join us for this favorite annual event.

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

The Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on 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: TBA

**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.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage, Fall 2020**

The Reverend Whitney Altopp of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ridgefield is organizing a Holy Land Pilgrimage led by guide Iyad Qumri, who also led the St. John's pilgrimage in 2018. Any St. John's members who might like to join them are invited to contact Reverend Altopp at [waltopp@ststephens-ridgefield.org](mailto:waltopp@ststephens-ridgefield.org) or 203-438-3789 x13. The pilgrimage is August 28 to September 8, 2020, and the cost is \$3,699 per person, double occupancy.

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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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Virginia Van Dyk .....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche .....	Co-Treasurers
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