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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 9, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

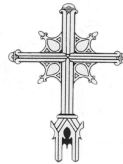
If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. 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:

In today's reading from Hebrew Scripture, Isaiah does not demonstrate what seminary professors call *pastoral presence*. The people complain, "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" They have tried to follow God's rules, hoping to gain God's favor, but it just does not seem to be working. Alas, Isaiah rejects outright the premise of their questions: that is *not* what fasting means. You don't *get* it. Fasting means nothing if it is purely exterior, if unaccompanied by mercy and justice. "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" Isaiah sounds an ancient prophetic refrain: God cares more about the poor among you than the sacrifices you offer. Let your obedience and your mercy be your sacrifice. Only then will your light shine forth, only then will you experience healing, only then will you cry for help, and God will say *Here I am*.

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THE VOLUNTARY O for a closer walk with God
Meditation on *Slane*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
June Nixon (b. 1942)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness
All stand and sing.

TON-Y-BOTEL

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. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 58:1-9a**All sit.*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 112:1-9**Chanted by the choir; the people sing the Antiphon as indicated.**Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood*

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 505 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

O HEILIGER GEIST

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 Margie Baker

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.

God sends us out as the light of the world, to shine before others. Let us pray for strength on the way and for all those in the church and the world who need justice, mercy, and peace.

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura our bishops, bishop, for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy gathering and for all who enter with faith, reverence, and curiosity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for our community, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering; prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, our families, friends, and companions on the way, and all those we love, especially those on our parish prayer list. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant O God of light, your Spirit reveals your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, and to break every yoke.

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

COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND VESTRY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the offertory, children are invited to bring forward donated food and items for our Blessing Bags.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lead, kindly light

William Harris (1883–1973)

Text: John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;
 the night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.
 Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.
 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on;
 I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on.
 I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
 So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on,
 o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
 and with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

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

The musical score for the Sanctus consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. There are some rests and ties in the treble staff during the first system.

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.

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 ANTHEM O for a closer walk with God Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), found at Hymn 683

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 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

SLANE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Bruce Henley

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

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

Acolytes: Meg Babbitt, Dorian Ciscel, Bradley Crocker, Morgan Babbitt

Altar Guild: June Aziz, Conny DeLuca, Audrey Walker

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams,

Susan Thaxton, Joan Murphy, Buffy Ineson

Nursery Caregivers: Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Natalie Giana

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	Cait
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Ann Marie	Jen Evans
Janet Ray	Edith Connolly	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield	John
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:

Alice Murchie	Mary Scripko
Frank Berall	Maisie Smith
Cate Emerick	Caroline Smith
Katherine Foust	

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saints, East Hartford; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; and for The Haitian Ministry Network and Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

HAPPENING TODAY**"Episcopal 101" Faith Forum, 9:30 a.m.**

The February Faith Forums, at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, are devoted to "Episcopal 101"—an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Today we will explore the *Book of Common Prayer*, and next week we will discuss Anglican theology. While this series is especially useful for newcomers or those considering baptism or confirmation, everyone is welcome to attend!

Youth Group Duckpin Bowling, 5 to 7 p.m.

We will meet at Ducks on the Ave. (572 Farmington). Please bring \$21 to cover the cost of bowling and pizza.

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.**

- February 9 – Duckpin bowling with WeHa Youth at Ducks on the Ave, 572 Farmington. Cost: \$21
- February 16 – No EYC (holiday weekend/winter break)
- February 23 – Shrove Tuesday prep and Loaves & Fishes sandwich making

Women Together Bible study

On February 11th, Women Together will begin a three-week series on the Biblical books of Ruth and Esther. Women from several different churches come to WT, and all women are welcome to attend this time of study, discussion and reflection. Meetings are held each Tuesday, 2:00-3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room. If you'd like more information, please see Sarah Kieffer.

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 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, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

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.

Pipes Alive! organ recital and First Sunday Lunch, Sunday, March 1

On the first Sunday of the month, January through June, Music at the Red Door offers a half-hour organ recital at 12:30 p.m., preceded by the First Sunday Lunch. Our guest organist for March is Grant Wareham, who has won numerous awards and honors as one of the top young organists in the country. All are welcome to stay after the 10:30 service for lunch and a short program of wonderful music. Lunch and the recital are both free, with donations 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.

Remember to bring nonperishable food and items for our Blessing Bags any Sunday!

During the Offertory, children of the parish bring these items forward as a symbol of offering our resources to God by sharing what we have with those in need.

Nonperishable food goes to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry on Prospect Avenue. Needed items include pasta, rice, canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, and canned meat and fish. We are also always in need of items for the Blessing Bags we give to those in need, especially winter hats and gloves, socks, single-serve snacks, and basic toiletries.



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>

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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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