

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

www.sjparish.net



Second Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

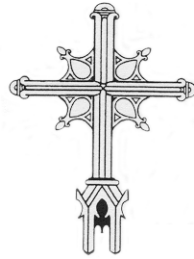
March 8, 2020

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. Or, you may fill out our online newcomer form, which is on the Newcomers page of the St. John's web site: <http://tinyurl.com/StJohnsNewcomers>. 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.



THE VOLUNTARY Solemn melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

INTROIT Lift thine eyes *from* Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Words: Psalm 121:1–3

Trio: Claudia Ayer, Nancy Hemstreet Eaton, Betty Knorr

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

All sit.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses

you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

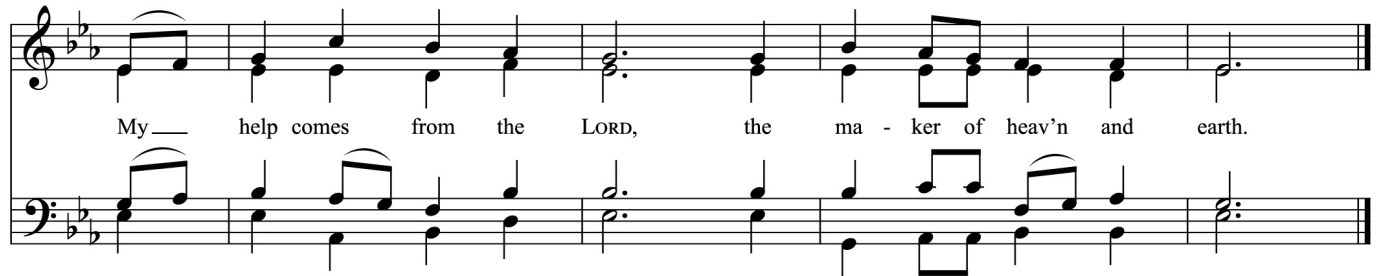
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 121

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



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ***
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ***
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, ***
from this time forth for evermore. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the

father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 604 When Christ was lifted from the earth

SAN ROCCO

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

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 of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing through the work of prayer, repentance and service.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through, **and cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, all the nations of the earth, and all who govern and judge. You desire truth in our inward being; **teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.**

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, those who cry out for justice and live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness, **that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and lonely, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list and those affected by the tornadoes in Tennessee. Give them the joy of your saving help, **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

We pray for wisdom and safety amid the global coronavirus outbreak. Guide clinicians, researchers, governments, and leaders as they care for the sick and make decisions to protect public health. Help us to care well for one another, and know the solace of your presence when we feel anxious. Have mercy on us, O Lord, **according to your steadfast love.**

In this season of Lent, we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for those who have died, who have entered into the land of eternal light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence, **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Celebrant Faithful God of love, you blessed us with your servant Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and with mercy. We offer to you the needs of ourselves and others, and pray that you will strengthen us to meet them.

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM He watching over Israel *from* Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Words: Psalm 121:4, Psalm 138:7

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.

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.**

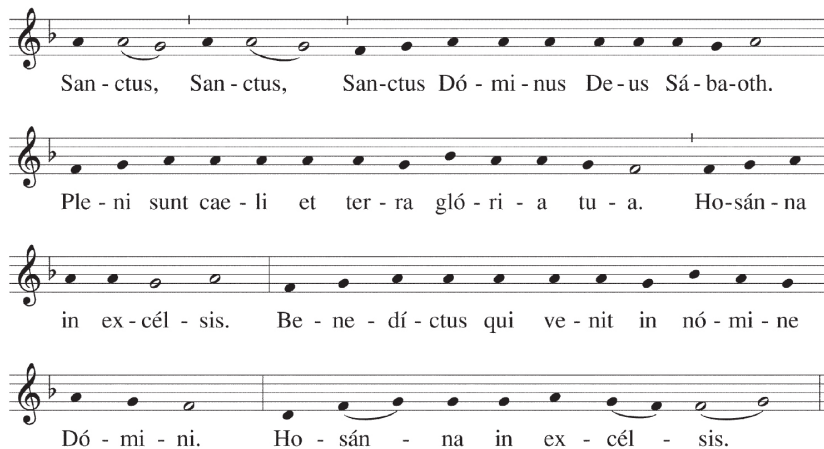
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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 God so loved the world

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Text: John 3:16

Erica Maas, soprano

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son
that whosoever believeth in him,
should not perish but have everlasting life.

Bob Chilcott, described by The Observer as "a contemporary hero of British Choral Music," has become one of the most widely performed composers of choral music in the world. His God so loved the world is described by Oxford University Press as "fresh and unsentimental, this setting is as beautiful as the familiar anthem by Stainer of this much-loved text, and a worthy alternative."

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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant gives the prayer and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 473 Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

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

The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.

Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Psalm Antiphon from A HymnTune Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition ©2007 Carl P. Daw, Jr., and Kevin R. Hackett. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Assisting:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins**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:** Laura & John Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Don Polk**Acolytes:** Meg Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt, Dorian Ciscel, Claire O'Brien**Altar Guild:** Bess Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Paul Shaker**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Sunday School Teachers:** Ginger Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams,
Susan Thaxton, Joan Murphy, Buffy Ineson**Nursery Caregivers:** Kiley Murphy and Olivia Thaxton**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Ray Giolitto*A message from the rector about the coronavirus*

Caring for each other and for all the people of God means being careful in the midst of this outbreak. As the coronavirus continues to spread, we're working to minimize risk for our folks at St. John's and the people we serve in our many ministries. Please continue to follow basic hygiene practices to prevent spread of illness, such as frequent hand washing, staying home if you feel sick, and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing. Here at St. John's, we have hand sanitizer available at all three main entrances and throughout the building. All clergy, Eucharistic ministers and chalice bearers will use hand sanitizer before the distribution of the sacrament, both in the context of our worship service or when visiting someone at home or in the hospital. If someone who is elderly or lives alone does not appear at church as they normally do, please contact the clergy or church office so we can check on them, and let us know if you or anyone in your family becomes ill.

St. John's is following guidelines from our bishops for preventing the spread of illness during worship. Please avoid shaking hands or hugging when greeting one another or passing the Peace. Instead, share the traditional peace sign (fingers in a "V"), touch elbows, or wave. We also ask that you not intinct your communion wafer (dip it in the wine), which is less sanitary than drinking from the common cup because of people's fingers coming in contact with the wine. You may also receive the bread alone, which is considered full and sufficient participation in the Eucharist, or cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you'd like a blessing instead of bread and wine.

Please be assured that the leadership at St. John's is staying informed and prepared so we can keep our community safe and healthy, as well as maintain our worship life and parish events in the midst of this rapidly changing situation. And of course, please keep all those affected by this disease in your prayers.

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith Forum: Faith@Work – Part 1, 9:30 a.m.

The annual Faith@Work series is one of our most popular Faith Forum offerings. We kick it off this year with **Virginia Van Dyk**. Besides serving in her first year as parish warden, Virginia has had a varied career in paid and volunteer work. Before moving to West Hartford, she had a career in book publishing in New York City. Deciding to embark on a new career, she returned to school for a second bachelor's degree, this time in nursing, and spent 10 years as an inpatient nurse at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. After moving to West Hartford, she continued to work for Sloan-Kettering as a freelance writer. She also became very involved with the Hartford Hospital Auxiliary, serving on the executive board for five years, including two years as co-president.

Planning meeting for Spring Food Fling, after the 10:30 service

This year's Spring Food Fling is scheduled for Friday evening, May 15 in Hubbard Hall. This event is one of St. John's major annual fundraisers, and features tantalizing food-related items to purchase or bid on, ranging from homemade goodies to elaborate themed dinner parties. A planning meeting will take place after the 10:30 service in the Reception Room. All are welcome!

Youth Group, 5 to 7 p.m.

This week, EYC is preparing a meal for Loaves and Fishes. We will meet in the kitchen at 5 p.m. to chop, boil, stir and sprinkle. Afterward, we will eat dinner and maybe even have time for a few games! Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner, and bring a friend!

If you are new (or relatively new) to St. John's, please make sure that we have your name and contact information! We want to know who you are, and let you know what's happening here at St. John's. Please either fill out a newcomer card (hanging in most of the pews) and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or clergy, or go to the Newcomers page of our web site, and fill out the online form at the bottom of the page - <http://tinyurl.com/StJohnsNewcomers>.

We are excited to announce that St. John's Altar Guild is ordering a new set of vestments and altar hangings. It has been more than 25 years since we last purchased new vestments, so it is very exciting to anticipate this new addition. The vestments are hand-tailored at Holy Rood Monastery, Spenser, MA. We will be sharing information soon about how parishioners can contribute toward the significant cost of the new vestments. You may contribute the cost of an entire item (and for some items, pay for a memorial inscription if you like) or contribute a smaller amount toward the total cost. This will be a wonderful and unique opportunity to contribute to high-quality vestments that will add to the beauty of our worship services at St. John's for years to come. We are planning a formal dedication and blessing of the first set of new vestments in September.

We hope to purchase a new set of vestments in a different color for each of the next three years, so that by 2023 we will have an entire set of vestments for all the liturgical seasons of the year. We pray you will want be part of this good effort, and will be inviting you to do so in a letter to the parish later this spring with detailed information on how you can contribute.

For now, if you have questions or would like more information, please contact Buffy Ineson, chair of the Altar Guild. You may reach her at buffyineson@gmail.com or 860-841-3474.

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	Edith Connolly	Beth	Whitney Lynch
Janet Ray	Linda Evans	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Sue	Mary Stoughton	Lee
Brad Babbitt	Jen Evans	Ellie Brown	Lonnie
Billy Ulrich	Gwain Gillespie	Shep Baker	Micah, Francis &
Mary Rose			Shadae Gillam

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Richard Bartlett	Edith Connolly
Martha Church	Ronald Hensley
Jenefer Berall	Missy Cipriano
Cooper Swift	Sam Bainbridge
Geoff Emerick	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Wendy and Richard Bartlett
Giselle and Edwin Genece

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; all ministries to, with, and for women; and the Girl's Friendly Society.

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.**

- March 8 — Cook for Loaves & Fishes
- March 15 — Youth-led worship. Youth meet at 5 p.m. to prepare, then **everyone is invited to a simple worship service at 5:30 followed by potluck dinner.**

Faith@Work Forums, 9:30 a.m., March 8 through March 29

Faith Forums on March 8 through March 29 will feature our popular annual series Faith@Work, at which guest speakers will discuss the intersection between their faith and the work they do. This week, our guest is St. John's Warden Virginia Van Dyk. On March 15, we'll hear from Lynn Brooks, also a St. John's parishioner. On March 22, parish youth will do a special Faith@Work focused on how their faith connects with their daily life at school and in their communities. The final session, on March 29, will feature Sherry Haller, director of the Justice Center here in West Hartford.

Choral Music & Jazz at the Red Door, Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

An evening of incredible jazz! Join us on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., in the marvelous acoustics of St. John's Church, for a unique concert teaming up the Nat Reeves Trio with the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs. The featured work will be *A Little Jazz Mass* by English composer Bob Chilcott. *Snow date: March 14 at 7:30 p.m.* The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20. Checks payable to Music at the Red Door. A reception follows in the church hall.

Interfaith tour, March 15 after the 10:30 service

On Sunday, March 15, St. John's parishioners are invited to participate in tours of three faith communities. Friends from Congregation Beth Israel and the Berlin Mosque will join us at St. John's after the 10:30 service for a light lunch catered by Crown Market. After a tour of the church, we'll walk to Beth Israel for a tour of the synagogue, then carpool to the Berline Mosque for the final tour. We expect to finish up around 2:30 p.m.

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m.

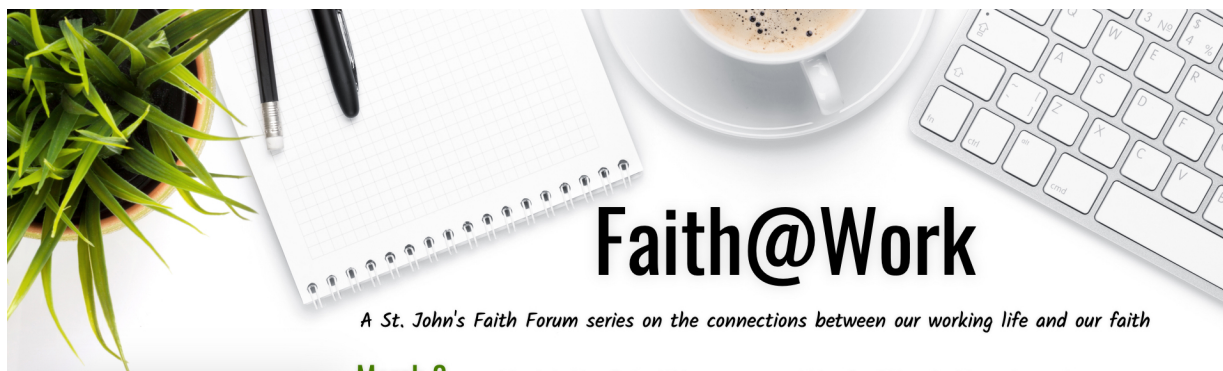
Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m. in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

How can
I help?



Help fill more Blessing Bags! Thank you to all who generously donated single-serve snacks for our Blessing Bags. We've updated our Amazon wish list with some additional items, such as socks, small bottles of water, and toiletries. Please visit our wish list at <https://tinyurl.com/SJBlessingBags> and choose something to purchase, which will automatically be shipped to the parish office.

Provide snacks for students. Our friends at Trinity Academy — a school for low-income children located at Trinity Episcopal Church — are always in need of healthy snacks to serve during the school day. They also have an Amazon wish list, which you can access at <https://tinyurl.com/TASnacks>.



Faith@Work

A St. John's Faith Forum series on the connections between our working life and our faith

9:30 a.m.
Sundays in Lent

March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29

Virginia Van Dyk - Writer, nurse and Hartford Hospital board member
Lynn Brooks - College administrator and management consultant
The youth of St. John's on the connections between their faith and daily life
Sherry Haller - Executive director of The Justice Center in West Hartford



SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

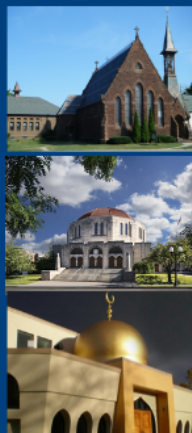
Abrahamic Faith Tour

Sunday, March 15, 11:45am

Join us for an exciting tour of St. John's Episcopal Church, Congregation Beth Israel and the Berlin Mosque. Learn about our faiths, traditions and stories by visiting each other's houses of worship.

Schedule:

11:45am - Meet at St. John's and enjoy a light lunch catered from Crown). Tour St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue)
12:30pm - Walk to Congregation Beth Israel
12:35pm - Tour of Congregation Beth Israel (701 Farmington Avenue)
1:20pm - Travel to Berlin Mosque
1:45pm - Tour of Berlin Mosque (1781 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin)
2:30pm - Depart Berlin Mosque



St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

www.sjparish.net

679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut 06119

860 523 5201 office@sjparish.net



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)

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	Rector
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net)	Curate
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)	Director of Music
The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net)	Deacon
The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net)	Priest Associate
The Rev. William J. Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net)	Priest Associate
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net)	Parish Manager and Assistant to the Rector
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net)	Sexton
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	Financial Administrator
Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence
Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Geoff Emerick	Warden
Virginia Van Dyk	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Scribe

2018–20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr

2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney