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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare

John Cook (1918–1984)

A trumpet Mardi Gras for organ! This is the last time we'll hear the Trompette-en-Chamade (horizontal trumpet over the main entrance) and Trompette Harmonique (high pressure trumpet in the chancel) in worship until Easter Sunday, as Lent begins this coming week.

THE OPENING HYMN 427, vv. 1, 2, 5 When morning gilds the skies

LAUDES DOMINI

All stand and read or sing along.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.
 Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

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

People **And blessed be God's 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. **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 before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1–12

All sit.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 50:1–6

*The people say the responses in **bold**.*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant 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.

Let us pray to the Holy One whose glory is like a chariot of fire and a raging whirlwind, saying, *God of love and light, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may transform the world as we proclaim God's love through service to all. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who have been in the presence of Christ may be the shining light that illumines earth's darkness. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For peace in all places of war, violence and unrest, that barriers may crumble and suspicions and hatred may cease. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For each of us as we embark on the journey of Lent, that we may walk humbly and honestly in God's presence each day. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are ill, that God will raise up the sick and return them to wholeness, free the human family from the coronavirus, and speed the distribution of vaccines. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of help and comfort, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may experience the healing and renewing touch of Jesus. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may see the glory of God face to face. God of love and light, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all people and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM *Oculi omnium*

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Words: Psalm 144:15

St. John's Schola: Kara Hart, Erica Maas Shippee, Brendon Gallagher, John Nowacki

Oculi omnium in te spirant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportune. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.



Irish composer Charles Wood studied with Charles Villiers Stanford at the Royal College of Music in London, and he would himself become a professor of music there, where his pupils would include Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. Wood is chiefly remembered for his Anglican church music, but his earlier years brought a number of choral works. He also composed half a dozen string quartets, part-songs, solo songs and a series of organ preludes.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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 caused a new

light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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

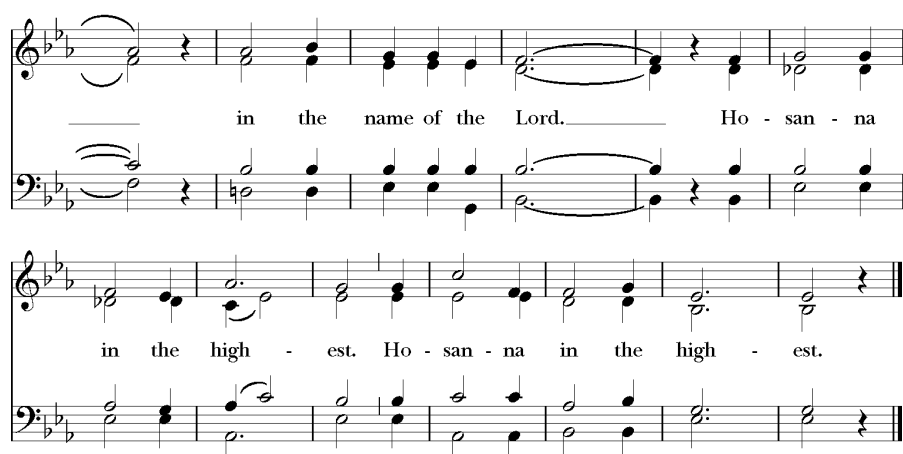
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



Music: from Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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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.

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.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign. The third and fourth systems end with double bar lines.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Gracious and Risen Lord, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament and we love you above all things. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we desire to receive you into our souls. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

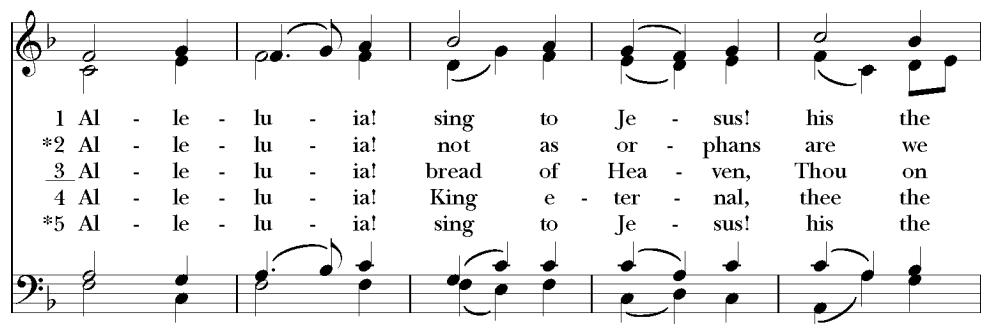
People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve 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 CLOSING HYMN 460, vv. 1, 3 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

All read or sing along.


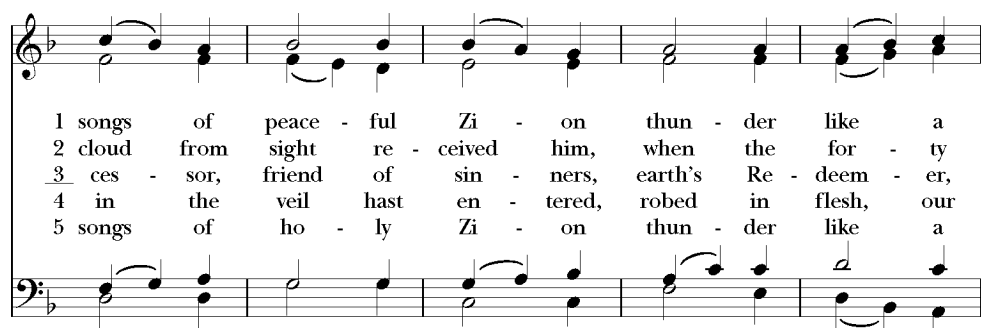
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the




1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - every

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



Emma Lou Diemer's music has been published since 1957 and ranges from hymns and songs to large chamber and orchestral works. She is a native of Kansas City and received her composition degrees from Yale and Eastman. She is professor emerita at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has served as organist in various churches, most recently at First Presbyterian in Santa Barbara. Diemer is a keyboard performer and over the years has given concerts of her own organ works at Washington National Cathedral, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, Grace Cathedral and St.

Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, and others. Her compositional style over the years has varied from tonal to atonal, from traditional to experimental. She has more than 150 compositions to her name, and continues to write, at the age of 93.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Cantors: Anne Harney and Cate Emerick

Layreader: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

To attend coffee hour immediately after the service, go to <https://zoom.us/j/173504417>

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:

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| Jim Evans | Susan | Michael | Patricia |
| Kim Green | Sue | Beth | Enid |
| Janet Ray | Billy Ulrich | Chris | Zachary |
| Brad Babbitt | Jonah Dahlstrom | Ellie Brown | Kimberley |
| Robert E. Eikel | Whitney Lynch | Judy Gardiner | Don |
| Gwain Gillespie | William Bittinger | Gary Wait | Kent Lawrence |
| Anita Winters | Susan Origlia & family | | |

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nancy Pedersen
Joyce Burke
Sydney Burke
Logan Burke

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; and for the Union of Black Episcopalians CT, and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details.

Sunday School (K-5), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday Bible Study (middle and high school), 5 p.m. on Zoom

Sunday livestream service, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Ash Wednesday services, February 17: Outdoors (7 a.m., noon, 4 p.m.) and online (7 p.m.)

We will offer three in-person outdoor Ash Wednesday services on February 17, at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 4 p.m. The 4 p.m. service is especially designed for families with children, but all are invited to attend any service. Imposition of ashes will be offered for those who are comfortable receiving them. Outdoor services will be brief! Please dress for the weather. We will also have a 7 p.m. livestreamed service online only, including music and a homily.

Participate in the Great Litany, Sunday, February 21, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Normally on the first Sunday in Lent, we begin the 10:30 service by chanting the Great Litany (a series of confessions and petitions found on page 148 in the Book of Common Prayer) as the choir processes around the church. In lieu of that tradition, this year we will host a recitation of the Great Litany on Zoom starting at 7 p.m. on February 21. All are welcome to participate. The Zoom link will be provided in a special e-newsletter that evening.

Resources for observing a holy Lent

St. John's is offering several resources to support your observation of Lent:

- **Lent devotional** – Our fifth annual Lent devotional booklet created by St. John's members and friends is now available. You may: 1) pick up a printed copy from a bin at the back door of the church building (the ramped entrance), 2) pick up a printed copy at any of the outdoor Ash Wednesday services, or 3) use or print a digital copy, which will be included in the Monday and Thursday e-news this week, and posted on the parish web site home page under "Latest News."
- **Cultivating spiritual practice** – For each week of Lent, we will share simple ideas for trying out a particular spiritual practice. Each Thursday's e-news will include a brief video and graphic about that week's practice. On Sunday mornings, we will hold an online Faith Forum after the 10:30 service, where you may ask questions, discuss ideas, or share your experiences with that week's practice. The forum will begin on Zoom after about 10 minutes of online coffee hour.
- **Sunday evening Compline in the Cloister Garden (begins on March 7)** – The EYC (youth group) will begin holding their Sunday evening gatherings in person, outside in the Cloister Garden, starting on March 7. They will close their time together with Compline, which is an evening prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer. **Everyone is invited** to join the EYC for Compline, which lasts about 10 minutes. We will have a fire in our outdoor fire pit, and will only cancel in the event of significant precipitation or extreme cold.

Women's book discussion starts again on February 16, 2 p.m.

Women Together begins a seven-week book discussion series on February 16 with *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*. The author is Episcopal priest, retreat leader and lecturer Cynthia Bourgeault. The Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schiori describes the book as "a remarkable invitation into the origins and wisdom of Christianity, through the apostolic witness of Mary Magdalene." Women from St. John's, Trinity, and St. Monica's currently participate, and all women are welcome to join, whether for this series alone or longer. Meetings are weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. For more information, and to receive a link, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

Linda Spiers to serve as supply priest starting on February 21

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Linda Spiers (pronounced Spy-ers) to St. John's as a supply priest starting on February 21. She will assist Margie with preaching and celebrating at Sunday services until we have a new priest in charge. Linda is the former rector of Trinity Church, Collinsville, and has most recently served as interim rector at St. John's, Essex. **Linda will also lead an online Lent book study** on *Love is the Way* by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Sara Grace. The five-week book study will begin on **Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m.** If you're interested in participating, please get the book from your favorite book seller or local library.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only).

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