

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*February 13, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*

## Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed:

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.**
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.

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 need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to [sjparish.net/newcomer-form](http://sjparish.net/newcomer-form).

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents are also welcome to use the nursery if you need a changing table or a quiet spot. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m.

Cover image: *Bethlehem's Star* by James Fissel



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Choral Prelude on *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

Mark Fax (1911–1974)



*Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mark Fax was a child prodigy. By age 14, he was employed as a theater organist and church organist. Fax studied at Syracuse University where he earned a B.Mus. in 1933, then at Eastman earning a master's degree in composition, studying with Howard Hanson. He founded and chaired the music department at Paine College in Georgia. In 1942, Mark studied piano at Bennington College in Vermont, where he wrote music for the Martha Graham Dance Troupe. From 1947 to 1972, Fax taught music theory at Howard University and served as director of the School of Music. Later, Fax became acting dean of Howard's College of Fine Arts. Concurrently, he served as*

*music director at Washington, DC's famed Asbury Methodist Church. Fax composed works for chorus, symphony, chamber ensemble, voice, piano, and organ, in addition to two full-length operas.*

## THE OPENING HYMN 544, vv. 1, 3, 5 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

*All stand and sing.*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 thro' to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

*Jeremiah 17:5–10**All sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 1**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \***  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; \***  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \***  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 15:12–20*

**N**ow if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

All stand and sing.

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely

your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

*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**.*

Trusting in the Lord who shows us the way of righteousness and blessing, let us offer our prayers with faith and confidence.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that the power and truth of Christ's resurrection may give us vision for our lives, and the courage to live for God each day. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For this parish family, that we may see beyond the false answers of the world, and deepen our trust in God, who provides all that we need for life and wholeness. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For all who are persecuted, or suffer for their commitment to Christ, that they may be witnesses to the new life given by God. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For world leaders, that they may be inspired to new efforts to seek peace, and eliminate strife, famine, disease, and oppression, from all corners of the earth. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For all whose lives are burdened by the cold, and for those dealing with storms and flooding, that God will keep them safe and bring them to a new day. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For all who live and work in places of danger and violence, for the hungry and the homeless, the sick and those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may know the peace and hope of abundant life in Christ. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, especially Brian Carlos and Rowan McAuslan, that they may be raised with Christ. God of light, **hear our prayer**.

*Celebrant* God of every blessing, hear the prayers we offer this day, and plant your people in the garden of your kingdom, that we may bear the fruit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**



## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Beatitudes

arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Text: Matthew 5:3–12

Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you; and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake: rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven. Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in your kingly power.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand.*

**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 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

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 children; 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.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Taste and see that the Lord is good. The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*To go forward for Communion, please make a single line in the middle aisle and maintain social distance.*

*If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

*A healing minister is available to pray with you today; go to the baptismal font after you receive Communion.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Lasst uns singen  
von der Gnäde des Herrn

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*From the oratorio St. Paul*

Lasst uns singen von der Gnäde des Herrn  
und seine Wahrheit verkündigen. Ewiglich.

*Let us sing of the grace of the Lord  
and his truth proclaim. Forever.*

## THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.*

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand.*


*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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 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 CLOSING HYMN 296, vv. 1, 2, 4 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more ENGELBERG

*All stand and sing.*


We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



*Final Ending*

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY O God our help in ages past

Mark Fax (1911–1974)

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Paul Shaker

**Psalterer:** Virginia Eikel

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

**The St. John's Schola:**

Rich Barstow, Candy Green, Odanice Olibrice, Ram Tysoe, Abby White

**Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Acolytes:** Genella Evans, Isabel Grant, Claire O'Brien

**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Ellen Flynn, Mary Sypek, Wes Winterbottom

**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom

**Livestream Oversight:** Elijah Clapp

**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Paul Shaker

**Nursery Workers:** Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

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

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of William E. Knorr and Robert W. Knorr.

**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.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Kent Lawrence
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Clark Hendley
Brad Babbitt	William Bittinger	Joseph	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Christie	Aidan	Edie
Mary A. Looney	Mary	Bruce Bauer	Gary Wait
Joanne	Tom Reichenbach	Gerry Brooks	Shirley Blean
L.B.	Don	Dennis Winkleblack	

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Maisie Smith	Beth Kauczka	Nancy Pedersen
Caroline Smith	Ryan Hill	Joyce Burke

**Those who have died:**

Brian Carlos, *relative of the Lockery family*

Rowan McAuslan, *whose funeral was at St. John's on February 11*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; 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 The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.





**Year-end giving statements** have been mailed out. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Financial Administrator Peggy O'Toole at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 x311.

**Monday evening online Bible study, 7 p.m. on Zoom.** The current Bible study series considers stories about Jesus from his birth to his baptism. The Monday evening online Bible study is open to all and requires no preparation or homework! You may drop in now and then or attend every session. The Zoom link is provided in our e-newsletters, or you may contact Margie Baker at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net) to be added to a dedicated e-mail list for the Bible study. **Note: No Bible study on Monday, February 14.**

**Contribute to the 2022 Lent Devotional.** Each year, we share a Lent devotional created by parishioners, who contribute reflections on the daily scripture reading for each day of Lent. Reflections range from poetry and essays to visual art, with contributors of all ages and stages. *Everyone* is welcome to contribute! You do not need to be a professional theologian, artist, or writer to contribute something meaningful. Go to [sjparish.net/lent2022](http://sjparish.net/lent2022) or use the QR code on page 18 of this bulletin to choose a reading for your reflection (or ask us to choose a reading for you).

**Contributions are due by Monday, February 21.**

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 27 at 5 p.m.** The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on Sunday, February 27 at 5 p.m. for Evensong sung by Alchemy; Joseph D'Eugenio, choirmaster; Scott Lamlein, organist. Alchemy, the vocal chamber ensemble of the GMChorale, was established in 2016 as a company of musicians composed of music educators, professional soloists and performers, and skilled ensemble singers and instrumentalists. This event is free admission, donations welcome in any amount.

**Adult Forums on worship, Sundays in February at 9:30 a.m.** For the four Sundays in February, we are exploring Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. After examining these services in the Book of Common Prayer, we will discuss some of the beliefs contained in these sacraments, and consider how these sacraments might help us to live into our identity as disciples.

**Women Together begins a new book study on February 22 at 2 p.m.** The next book to be discussed by Women Together is *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. The series begins February 22nd and continues through March. Women Together meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. currently these meetings are taking place on Zoom. Women from St. John's, St. Monica's, Trinity, and friends participate, and newcomers are always welcome! For more information, and for the Zoom link, contact Sarah Kieffer ([kieffer2468@gmail.com](mailto:kieffer2468@gmail.com)).

**Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday at St. John's, March 1 and 2.** We will mark the beginning of Lent with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 1 at 6 p.m., followed by a family-friendly worship service with imposition of ashes at 7 p.m. The pancake supper is also a fundraiser for the youth pilgrimage to Scotland taking place this June. Suggested donation: \$5 per person, \$20 per family. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will have services with imposition of ashes at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. The noon service will be outdoors, weather permitting.

**Choral Music for the Soul: Darkness into Light, Saturday, March 5 at 3 p.m.** The St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir, singing together for only the second time since the pandemic began in March 2020, will present an afternoon of choral music to calm the mind, soothe the soul, and give voice to our hopes for better days ahead. The program, titled *Darkness into Light*, will include excerpts from Mozart's Requiem, choral and solo instrumental music, and contemplative readings, with violinist Leonid Sigal, organist Edward Clark, narrator John Nowacki, and choirmaster Scott Lamlein. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted.



## **Tuesday, March 1**

### **6 pm - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper**

Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$20/family, with proceeds supporting the youth pilgrimage to Scotland in June 2022

### **7 pm - Family-friendly service w/ imposition of ashes**

## **Wednesday, March 2**

### **Services with imposition of ashes at**

**7 am, 12 noon\*, and 7 pm**

\*Noon service will be held outdoors, weather permitting

**St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir**  
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster  
Edward Clark, organ  
Leonid Sigai, violin  
John Nowacki, narrator

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• Free admission  
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**Saturday, March 5, 2022 3:00pm**

Music at the Red Door  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
679 Farmington Ave (near Prospect)  
West Hartford, CT 06109  
RedDoorMusic.org

HOLIDAY FUND  
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**Evensong**

In-person seating and livestreamed at [reddoormusic.org](http://reddoormusic.org)

Sunday, February 27, at 5 p.m.  
Alchemy  
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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

(also livestreamed at [sjparish.net/services](http://sjparish.net/services))

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month

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Geoff Emerick .....	<i>Warden</i>
Kara Hart .....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and John Roche .....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary