

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Second Sunday in Lent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 13, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*

## Welcome!

**Masks are now optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or who is more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so.**

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.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Chorale et Variations (2008)  
Tempo ordinario - Quietto - Giocoso

Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)



*Rachel Laurin is a Canadian organist, composer and music educator living in Quebec. Laurin studied organ at the Conservatoire de musique du Québec à Montréal. In 1985, she received the McAbbie Foundation scholarship and, in the following year, the Bourse d'Excellence Wilfrid-Pelletier. She has performed in Canada, the United States and France. She has received the Conrad-Letendre scholarship five times. From 1986 to 2002, she was assistant organist at Saint Joseph's Oratory. In 1988, she started teaching at the Conservatoire de musique du Québec à Montréal. From 2002 to 2006, she was titular organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. In 2008, she received the Holtkamp-AGO Composition Award. In 2009, she was awarded first place in the Marilyn Mason New Organ Music Competition.*

## SILENT PROCESSION

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*All chant.*

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.*

*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. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18*

*All sit.*

**T**he word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE PSALTER

*Psalms 27*

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

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion." The word "LORD" is in all caps and bold. The word "sal" is split across two notes, and "va - tion" is split across two notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \***  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

- 4 **And though war should rise up against me, \***  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 **To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \***  
**and to seek him in his temple.** *Antiphon*
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 **Even now he lifts up my head \***  
**above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 **Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \***  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 **Hide not your face from me, \***  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.** *Antiphon*
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 **Though my father and my mother forsake me, \***  
**the Lord will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 **Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \***  
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,**  
**and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 **O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;**  
**be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \***  
**wait patiently for the Lord.** *Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 3:17–4:1*

**B**rothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 13:31–35*

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

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

**S**ome Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*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.*

In this holy fast of Lent, let us offer prayers to God who cares for us as a mother cares for her children.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that with all the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, we may stand firm in the Lord. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, that in this Lenten time we may find new zeal for living according to the example of Jesus. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all working for peace in Ukraine, that hearts may be turned from war and violence to the protection of human life and freedom. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the people of Ukraine, that God will sustain them in their struggles, strengthen them in their fear, protect them from danger, and give them the hope they desire. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For refugees from Ukraine, that God will guide them to places of safety, help them to find welcome, and open the hearts of many to provide the resources that they need. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all who are on a journey in this Lenten season, that they may know God's presence each step along the way, and be continually guided by God's light and truth. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the hungry and the homeless, those in doubt and distress, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God's healing and comforting love may be made known to them. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, that they may find their citizenship in heaven. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, God of our ancestors, who sent your Son to die for our sins. Receive the prayers we offer this day, renew the covenant you promised to your people, and prepare us to take up our citizenship in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* **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 Be not afraid *from* Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

“Be not afraid,” saith God the Lord, “be not afraid, thy help is near!”  
God, the Lord, thy God, saith unto thee: “Be not afraid!”

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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*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

*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. 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

*All chant.*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.  
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na  
 in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne  
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

*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

*All chant.*



*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.*

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

*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 A Gaelic blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)  
Words: Ancient Gaelic rune

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ,  
of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN My Jesus, I love thee

*All remain seated and sing.*

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;  
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,  
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:  
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:  
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow,  
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,

1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."  
4. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

## 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 688 A mighty fortress is our God

EINE FESTE BURG

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on *Ein feste Burg*

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



*(George) Calvin Hampton was a leading American organist and sacred music composer. From 1963 to 1983, Hampton was organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in the Gramercy Park neighborhood of Manhattan. His Fridays at Midnight organ recital series, which ran from 1974 to 1983, was among the most well-known and popular organ recital series in American history. Before Hampton's death, Erik Routley, an authority on church music, called Hampton "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes." His settings of the Episcopal liturgy are also used in Catholic churches, and his choral works are innovative and challenging pieces of sacred music. Hampton eventually stopped working at the church to concentrate on composition and organ consulting. He contracted AIDS but remained active until the final few weeks of his life.*

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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:** Jeff Verney**Psalterer:** Candy Green**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Alice Murchie**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Mary Sypek**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Paul Shaker**Nursery Workers:** Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Colin Gillespie, Ginger Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams**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	Eddie
Mary A. Looney	Mary	Bruce Bauer	Gary Wait
Joanne	Tom Reichenbach	Gerry Brooks	Shirley Blean
L.B.	Don Cole	Dennis Winkleblack	Jack & Suzanne Barr
Tracy Barth	Dale Stretz	Kate Coley	Peter
David Beers, Sr.	Paul Peck		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Nancy Skeele  
 Jo Anne Burgh  
 Ginny Kemp  
 David Grimaldi  
 Emily Hardy

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; and for our bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees and their families.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

**Adult Forums in Lent, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to follow him and grow into the beloved creatures of God that we were made to be. One of our greatest obstacles to sustaining this growth, however, is our tendency to believe we are independent, self-sufficient, and in control of our lives. During Lent, we will focus on another of the Way of Love practices: TURN. Turning is a set of spiritual practices and beliefs that, by God's grace, can help us to center God's will in our lives, and receive the whole life that God is eternally giving to us. Using Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Baptismal Covenant, we will together think and discuss the idea of "turning" in our Sunday morning adult education sessions.

**Body & Land: A Dance and Dialogue for Eco-Justice, Saturday, March 19 at 6 p.m.** St. John's is delighted to host the *Body & Land* program—a four-part dance work that follows the path of the four seasons—performed by Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, which is a professional dance company of artist-theologians whose goal is to create spaces where art and faith can flourish. The work uses dance to compare the effects of climate change on both human bodies and the body of the earth. The evening will include conversation with St. John's clergy and local advocates for climate care. This is a FREE event, and people of all ages are invited to attend. **This event will serve as the weekly EYC gathering, in lieu of our usual Sunday night EYC meeting**, so our middle and high school youth are asked to attend. Please come and bring a friend!

**Support the people of Ukraine.** We encourage you to pray for the people of Ukraine, and to give as you are able to organizations supporting Ukrainian refugees. Here are several organizations to consider:


- **Episcopal Relief & Development** is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org> for more information and to donate online.
- **The Ukrainian National Home of Hartford** lists several organizations to which you can contribute at <http://ukrainiannationalhome.org/support-ukraine/>
- **Together Rising** sends donated funds to organizations actively working in Ukraine and Eastern Europe to support refugees and other vulnerable people, including BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. Go to <https://togetherrising.org/give/>

**Supplies needed for youth pilgrimage.** Ten youth and three adults from St. John's will travel to Scotland in June for a pilgrimage to the Camas Outdoor Centre, part of the Iona Community. We welcome financial contributions to help cover costs (checks payable to St. John's with "Youth pilgrimage" in the memo) and are also seeking the following: large backpacks (of the type used for backpacking trips), new or gently used women's hiking boots, and travel/camp/pack towels. If you can lend or donate any of these items, please contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net).

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, March 27, 5 p.m. at Trinity College Chapel.** Our next service of Choral Evensong will be held at Trinity College Chapel, and will feature the St. John's Choir School with guests from the treble choirs of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Newington; Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford; St. Paul's, Fairfield; and St. Paul's, Norwalk. The Trinity Chapel is a wonderful sacred space in which to engage in the beautiful Evensong liturgy. All are welcome — bring a friend! Free admission with donations welcome.


## EYC THIS WEEK

This week: a scavenger hunt  
and pretzel making (did you  
know pretzels are a  
traditional food for Lent?)  
Dinner will be provided.  
Sunday, 3/13 5:00-7:00 pm



**BODY AND LAND**  
A Dance and Dialogue for Eco-Justice





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**SAINT JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Saturday, March 19th, 6pm - FREE event**  
St John's, West Hartford  
Rev. Todd Fitzgerald  
Rev. Margie Haber

**Event Location**  
679 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT 06117  
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### Blessing Box Shopping List

The Blessing Box or “little free food pantry” located on St. John’s front lawn gets used frequently by community residents in need of food. We’ve talked to a few people who have used the Blessing Box about what types of food are most helpful to them. Many don’t have access to kitchen facilities and need ready-to-eat foods. The next time you’re grocery shopping, please pick up a few of these items if you’re able, and leave them in the Blessing Box. If the box is full, hang onto the items and try again another time. Thank you!

- Peanut butter – Small jars or squeeze packs
- Tuna, Vienna sausages, other shelf-stable meat or fish in cans or foil packs
- Nuts, dried fruit, trail mix, other protein-rich packaged snacks (roasted chickpeas, sesame sticks)
- Protein bars, granola bars
- Cracker packs with peanut butter or cheese
- Bread, rolls, bagels (These items will not work well in warm weather, but right now, the cold will protect them from spoilage and pests.)
- Dairy or alternative milk in shelf-stable packaging
- Applesauce or other fruit in cans, jars, or single-serve packages

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*A place to discover connections with God and one another*

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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

## STAFF

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## VESTRY

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, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler

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