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The Third Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 20, 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 siparish.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 Andantino quasi allegretto from Symphony V Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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

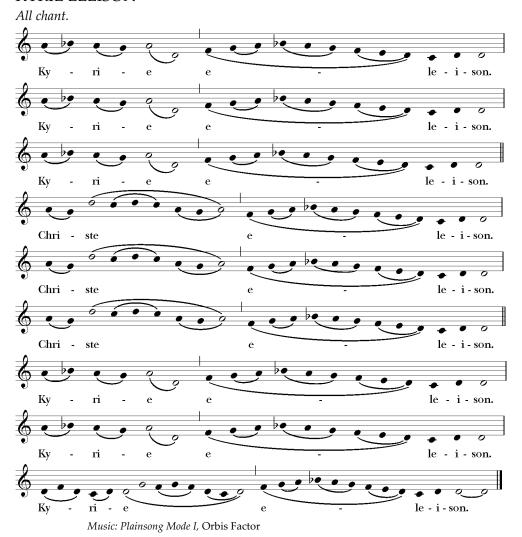
unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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



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. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 3:1–15

All sit.

oses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of ■the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 63:1–8

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



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 *Corinthians* 10:1–13

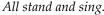
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



RESTORATION





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THE GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

t that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans ⊾suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord. Minister

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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 pray to the Lord who knows the needs of all.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may take to heart the gospel's call to repentance so our lives may bear fruit. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

The Reverend Margie Baker

For this parish family, that, like Moses, we may turn away from our daily pursuits and find God's presence and invitation in the midst of our busy lives. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those areas of our lives that do not produce fruit, that God will prune us, nurture us, and continue to give us opportunities to bring forth a harvest of faith, hope, and love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to conflict and war, that God will challenge all who resort to violence, open new opportunities for dialogue between conflicting parties, and help them find new ways that benefit the common good. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations, that God will help them hear the cries of those who suffer, and inspire them to address human needs and be moved to action. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

For the people of Ukraine, lifting up the weary, the frightened, and the homeless, that they may be watched over by God's holy angels, and find peace, comfort, and hope. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

For all those affected by spring flooding, 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 they may be strengthened by willing hands of help. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that they may be brought to the good and broad land of life eternal. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Blessed are you, God of Israel, who reveals your mercy to every generation. Receive the prayers we offer this day, and nurture us with your love, that we may bear the abundant fruit of conversion, and glorify your Name forever, in the power of your Holy Spirit, 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 You are my God

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955) Text: David Adams, 2005

You are the light that guides my way, you are the seeker when I stray, You are my strength and my friend, you are the peace that keeps me calm, You are my love and my sure light, you are the presence when hope is gone, You are with me, I am never alone, you are the power that's always there, You are my God beyond compare, you are the one to whom I pray, You are the Lord with me this day, you are my strength to my life's end, You are my God.



As a composer, conductor, and singer, Bob Chilcott has enjoyed a lifelong association with choral music, first as a chorister and choral scholar in the choir of King's College, Cambridge, and for 12 years as a member of the King's Singers. He became a full-time composer in 1997, embracing his career with energy and commitment, and producing a large catalogue of music for all types of choirs, which is published by Oxford University Press. He is well-known for his compositions for children's choirs, including Can You Hear Me?, which he has conducted in the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, Estonia, Latvia, Germany, and

the Czech Republic. He is associated with the New Orleans Children's Chorus and the Crescent City Festival in New Orleans, for which he wrote A Little Jazz Mass, Happy Land, This Day, Be Simple Little Children, and I Lift My Eyes.

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.

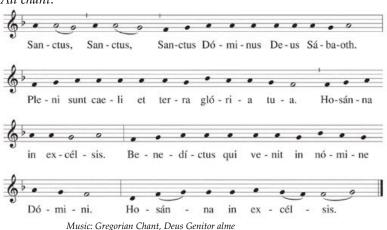
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.



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.

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

and the glory

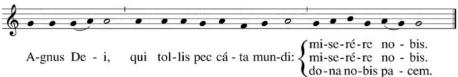
for ever and ever. Amen.

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,

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 Bread of the world, in mercy broken John Abdenour (b. 1962) Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), found at Hymn 301



John Abdenour, B.A., B.Mus., J.D., sang as a boy in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit and began organ study at the cathedral. He subsequently received degrees in organ performance and American history from Oberlin College. After pursuing a brief career as an attorney, he returned to his first love, sacred music. He undertook further study of Anglican choral training in 1996, when he spent a month singing with and studying the choir of St. Albans Cathedral, then directed by Barry Rose. John is the director of music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, CT. He is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, has served as dean of the Fairfield-West Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and has

served as a faculty member of the Bridgeport AGO Pipe Organ Encounter. John lives in New Haven with his wife Margaret and son Michael.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 439 What wondrous love is this *All remain seated and sing.*

Wondrous Love

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 Eterna

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 401 The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542a

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Betty Knorr Psalterer: Sahara Barrow The St. John's Choir School The St. John's Schola:

Rich Barstow, Nancy Eaton, Candy Green, Benjamin Mabrey, Odanice Olibrice, Jacqueline Smith, Paul Smith, Abby White

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Assisting Pianist: Nancy Eaton
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Genella Evans, Claire O'Brien

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Virginia Van Dyk, Jeff Verney

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer **Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto **Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Paul Shaker

Nursery Workers: Abby Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Angela Allen-Peck, Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton

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 Cole	Dennis Winkleblack	Jack & Suzanne Barr
Tracy Barth	Dale Stretz	Kate Coley	Peter
David Beers, Sr.	Paul Peck	Edythe Freeouf	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Hardy	Cricket Booker	Paul Farrell
Jenn Baker	Elizabeth Hammond	Emeline Carlisle
Margaret Thomas	Shirley Blean	Maggie Grant
Andrew Worrell	Laura Hicks	Rich Barstow
Livery Loronzo	Molly Forglan	

Livvy Lorenzo Molly Fowler

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; and for the ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

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.

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.

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. Masks and proof of vaccination are required for this event.

Community Garden Work Days, Saturdays, April 2 and May 7 at 10 a.m. It's time to wake up our community garden and prep it for growing vegetables to be given away to our neighbors. Please join us on our upcoming work days, April 2 and May 7, at 10 a.m. No gardening expertise is needed! Please wear gloves and sun protection, and bring gardening tools if you have them.

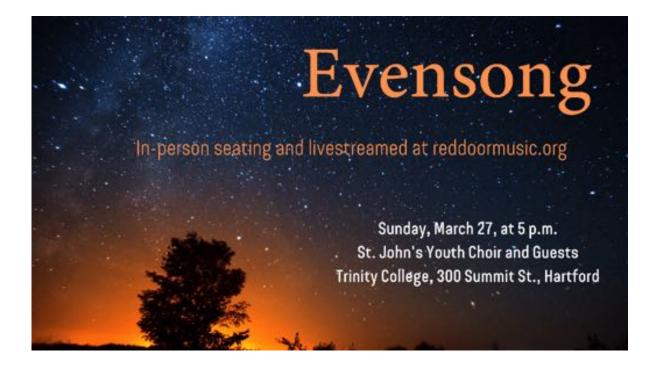
Pipes Alive! Student Showcase, Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 p.m. The April Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature several of Scott Lamlein's students. Come support the progress of these fine players. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Spring Chamber Music: The Larksgrove Duo, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. Through their innovative blending of classical and traditional forms, Larksgrove brings a fresh voice to the musical scene. Peter Zay, cello and guitar, and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin and fiddle, present unique interpretations of the classics and inventive arrangements of traditional tunes. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

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
- Pop-top cans are useful so a can opener isn't needed. In very cold weather, please avoid donating canned goods, as they can freeze and burst.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 17







Holy Week & Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday - April 10 Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday - April 14
Holy Eucharist at 7 pm

Good Friday - April 15
12 noon at St. John's &
7 pm at St. James's

Easter Day - April 17
Festal Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am

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

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