

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Last Sunday after Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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.



Scan to fill out online 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!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children 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. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

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THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Rhosymedre* and *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING HYMN 432 Oh praise ye the Lord!

LAUDATE DOMINUM

All stand and sing.

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 - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12–18

All sit.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 99

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

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Antiphon

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16–21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but people moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

WAREHAM

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1–9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Let us now bring before God our prayers and petitions for this community and the world.

Loving God, you sent Christ Jesus to enlighten all nations: Instill in those who govern a love of your will and the humility to follow you. Give them the heart of Jesus, a heart that seeks to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your only son Christ Jesus did not ignore the needs of the poor, the sick, or the oppressed, but healed them and invited them to be part of your kingdom: Protect the vulnerable, and help your church to be the hands of Jesus in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your son was born into poverty and lived, taught, and worked miracles among his own: Never let us forget those in our own community who are struggling, sick, and isolated. We especially remember those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in sending Jesus into the world you called us all into closer relationship with the divine: Grant rest to the departed, and comfort those who mourn, as they wait to be reunited in your perfect love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in you we find life and love and blessing: We thank you for all you have given to us, and we ask for grateful hearts to share your joyful bounty with the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O God, who came into our midst to enlighten the world, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that your church may see, follow, and shine your holy light, so that all may come into your loving embrace. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

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.

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.

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

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.

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

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET O nata lux

Annabel Rooney (b. 1973)

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.*

O born light of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worth and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost ones,
Grant us to be made members
of your blessed body.



Annabel McLauchlan Rooney studied in Cambridge with an MPhil and a PhD in 18th-century opera. She writes predominantly choral music, and combines this with performance and instrumental teaching. Her music appears regularly at Evensong at Christ's College Chapel, and has been performed by choirs including those of the Chapel Royal, and Exeter and Ely Cathedrals. The choir of Christ's College, Cambridge, released a CD of her sacred choral music, As a Seed Bursts Forth, in 2019.

THE COMMUNION HYMN I love to tell the story

HANKEY

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831–1911)

Music: William G. Fisher (1835–1912)

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 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

All sing.

HYFRYDOL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Cortège Académique

Ernest MacMillan (1893–1973)



Sir Ernest Alexander Campbell MacMillan was a Canadian orchestral conductor, composer, organist, and Canada's only "Musical Knight." He is widely regarded as being Canada's pre-eminent musician, from the 1920s through the 1950s. His contributions to the development of music in Canada were sustained and varied, as conductor, performer, composer, administrator, lecturer, adjudicator, writer, humorist, and statesman.

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

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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:** Richard Lammlin**The St. John's Adult Choir****Guest Organist & Choirmaster:** Christopher Houlihan**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia**Acolytes:** Sahara Barrow, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell**Ushers:** Jo Anne Burgh, Steve Crocker**Healing Prayers:** Sarah Kieffer**Livestream Oversight:** Jenn Baker**Altar Guild:** Carol Sonne, Buffy Ineson**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton**Sunday School Teacher:** Taffy Wilcox**Coffee Hour Host:** Lissie Brooks

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Wilson H. Faude and David W.R. Wawro.

LENT DEVOTIONAL

The seventh annual St. John's Lent Devotional, with daily reflections created or chosen by the people of St. John's, is available for pick-up in the narthex and in Hubbard Hall.

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	Sam
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Paul Epstein
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating	Nicole
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly	Wendy
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Joan Renz	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Anne Beyersdorfer	Jessica
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Gus Murchie	Emma Pinney
Marie Montas	Daisy	Bob Giolitto	Gilda Shepherd
Ella	Carolyn Dodd		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Isabel Castillo	Liana Guzman
George Giannios	Joel Grieco
Heidi Gostyla	Olivia Giuliano
Mary Hardy	Blythe Peck

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Laura & George Hicks
Ginny & Mark Proft

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; and for all parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Église Anglicane du Rwanda

Celtic worship, TODAY at 5 p.m. This month's Celtic service will be today at 5 p.m., with a potluck supper afterward. St. John's Celtic services include prayer, reflection, music, and Holy Eucharist, and are less formal than Sunday morning services. People of all ages are welcome.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, February 21 and 22. Mark the start of the Lenten season by joining us for a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (February 21) at 6 p.m., followed by a family-friendly service with imposition of ashes at 7 p.m. **If you can help with the pancake supper by lending us a griddle or cooking/serving pancakes, please contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net.** On Ash Wednesday (February 22), we will have three services in the church with imposition of ashes at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. The noon and evening services will include Holy Eucharist and hymns, and the evening service will also be livestreamed.

New church directory coming! In a few weeks, we will print a new parish directory. The directory is also available online through the **Realm Connect** app for your tablet or smartphone. **IMPORTANT: If you do NOT want to be included in the parish directory, let Ellen know by March 1.** Contact Ellen also if you need help signing up for Realm, our new member management software.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 26 at 5 p.m. Our next service of Choral Evensong will feature the St. Patrick & St. Anthony Gallery Choir. Choral Evensong is an ancient service of prayer, chant, and music to center your soul and prepare you for the week ahead. Free with donations welcome.

New online Bible study series begins Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. in Zoom. The Monday night online Bible study will begin a new series on February 27 on Matthew's Holy Week parables. This series will go through April 3. All are welcome for one, several, or all sessions. The Zoom link is included in the Thursday and Sunday e-news, or you can email Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated email list to receive the link each Monday.


Women Together beginning a new book study, Tuesday, February 28 at 2 p.m. Women Together is a group of women from St. John's, other Episcopal churches, and friends that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer, and fellowship. We meet on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. On February 28, we will begin discussing *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus J. Borg. If you can, please read the first chapter before the February 28 meeting. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can! The books we choose are usually available at libraries and online booksellers. Please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com if you would like additional information.

St. John's Primary Choir rehearsals March 5, 12, 19 after the 10:30 service. Children age 3 to 7 are invited to rehearse with our Primary Choir, and sing at the March 26 10:30 Holy Eucharist. Rehearsals will be after the 10:30 service for the first three Sundays of March. A light snack will be provided, and we'll be done by 12:15. Contact Scott Lamlein at music@sjparish.net if your child will participate.

Choral Music for the Soul, Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. Join the St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir along with the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra as they present the sacred music of Gabriel Fauré and the Organ Symphony No. 3 by Camille Saint-Saëns. Free admission with donations welcome.

Spring Fling & Food Auction, Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. While it may be cold now, spring will soon arrive and with it our annual Spring Fling—a combined fundraiser and parish evening event for adults. Please save the date of Friday, April 28. If you'd like to help with planning, e-mail Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net. There will be roles big and very small for all who want to participate. Think spring!

Christmas in March? Yes! 2023 Christmas Festival planning meeting, Sunday, March 12, after the 10:30 service. We are getting an early-bird start on the festival this year, and we'd love your help to review what the festival has been and could be like, and discuss potential new ideas. On Sunday, March 12, immediately after the 10:30 service, please meet in the Reception Room if you are interested in helping to plan the event, or simply want to learn more about it. Email Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or Steve Crocker at sj_crocker@yahoo.com for more information or to express your interest. The Christmas Festival is one of the major fundraisers for St. John's and we would love to start the planning stages with volunteers ready to take on various roles.



CELTIC WORSHIP
at St. John's


**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 19**

5:00 PM

**WITH POTLUCK DINNER
AFTERWARD**

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.
Questions? Speak with Todd or Margie.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



**Shrove Tuesday
& Ash Wednesday**
at St. John's

Tuesday, February 21

6 pm - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$10/family

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

Wednesday, February 22

**Services with imposition of ashes at
7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm**

All three services will be held in the nave. The 7pm service will also be livestreamed online.

EVENSONG



featuring the **St. Patrick – St. Anthony Gallery Choir**
February 26, 5pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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Fauré Requiem

CHORAL MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir
with the Farmington Valley Symphony

Sunday,
March 5, 2023
3:00pm



- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)



Music at the Red Door
St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave (near Prospect)
West Hartford, CT 06119
RedDoorMusic.org



St. John's Lent Bible Study

MATTHEW'S HOLY WEEK PARABLES

Join us Mondays in Lent as we explore the parables Jesus shares in the final days before his arrest. What do these parables have to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven and following Jesus?

Feb. 27 Introduction & parable of the two sons

Mar. 6 Parable of the wicked tenants

Mar. 13 Parable of the wedding banquet

Mar. 20 Parable of the bridesmaids

Mar. 27 Parable of the talents

Apr. 3 Parable of the sheep and the goats

Mondays at 7pm in Zoom. Email margie@sjparish.net with questions.

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PRIMARY CHOIR

Children ages 3 to 7 are invited to sing at the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 26.

Rehearsals (and light snack) after church on March 5, 12, and 19. We will meet in Hubbard Hall at 11:45 and be done by 12:15.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer