

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 19, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*



*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.  
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 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
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 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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*Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor*

*Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1–13

*All sit.*

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

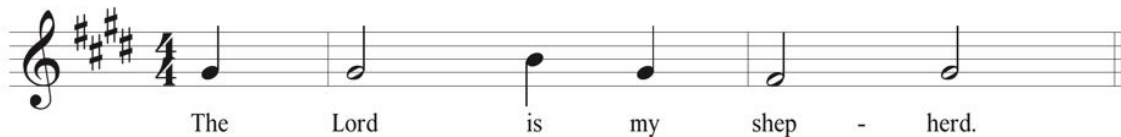
People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

*Sung by the choir; the people sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Anglican chant by C. Hylton Stewart



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
 you have anointed my head with oil,  
 and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

**O**nce you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 645 The king of love my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*John 9:1–41*

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

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

**A**s Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will

speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

*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.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM There is a balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson (1899–1990)  
 Words may be found at Hymn 676  
*Katherine Reardon, soprano*



*William L. Dawson ran away from home to study music full-time as a pre-college student at the Tuskegee Institute (now University) under the tutelage of school president Booker T. Washington. Dawson paid his tuition by being a music librarian and manual laborer working in the school's agricultural division. He later studied at the Chicago Musical College and the American Conservatory of Music, where he received his master's degree. Dawson developed the Tuskegee Institute Choir into an internationally renowned ensemble. His arrangements of traditional African-American spirituals are widely published in the United States and regularly performed by school, college, and community choral programs.*

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

*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 - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*All chant.*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec cá - ta mun-di: { mi-se-ré-re no - bis.  
 mi-se-ré-re no - bis.  
 do-na no-bis pa - cem.

*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. 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.*

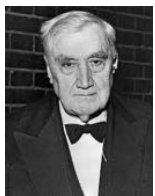
## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1951)

Words: Psalm 34:8

*Catherine Emerick, treble*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.



*The compositions of Ralph Vaughan Williams include operas, ballets, chamber music, secular and religious vocal pieces, and orchestral composition,s including nine symphonies, written over 60 years. Strongly influenced by Tudor music and English folk-song, his output marked a decisive break in British music from its German-dominated style of the 19th century. One of the last of Vaughan Williams' sacred pieces, this work was written for the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The music is of distilled simplicity, with a pentatonic flavor that reminds us of the composer's lifelong interest in folk-song.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

SCHMUCKE DICH

*All remain seated and sing.*

## 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 LENTEN PRAYER

*In Lent, in place of a blessing, a solemn prayer is used. The people respond, Amen.*

## THE HYMN IN PROCESSION It is well with my soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

*All sing.*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,  
 It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 soul,

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Fugue in C minor, BWV546b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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 Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Assisting:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Layreader:** Paul Shaker

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

**Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia

**Acolytes:** Genella Evans, Dorian Ciscel, Alice Murchie, Atticus Finkell

**Ushers:** Jo Anne Burgh, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel

**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi

**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein

**Altar Guild:** Carol Sonne, Brenda Zanta

**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt, Lilah Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton

**Sunday School Teachers:** Jenn Baker, Robert Eikel, Colin Gillespie, Akilah Williams, Leah Lorenzo

**Coffee Hour Host:** Lissie Brooks

**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	Paul Epstein
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Wendy
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating	Bob Norton
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly	Emma Pinney
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Anne Beyersdorfer	Sean Kuruvilla
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Gus Murchie	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Bob Giolitto	
Marie Montas	Mima Esponda	Alison Gillespie	

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays:**

John Hardy	Cricket Booker
Jenn Baker	Livvy Lorenzo
Margaret Thomas	Shirley Blean
Andrew Worrell	Laura Hicks

**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 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 the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**St. John's Primary Choir rehearsal TODAY 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.

**Lent meditation discussion group, Wednesdays in March, 5 p.m.** Parishioner Robert Eikel is leading an informal, in-person group to discuss some favorite parables. The group will meet in the Reception Room at St. John's on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29. All are welcome to attend one, several, or all sessions.

**Episcopal/St. John's 101 classes, March 19, March 26, and April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the St. John's Room.** Join Todd FitzGerald, priest in charge, for a class designed for adults who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church and explore what it means to be a part of this faith community. All adults are welcome! Attending all three sessions is encouraged but not required. These classes will take place concurrently with our regularly scheduled adult forums, which will meet as usual in Hubbard Hall.

**New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.** Join us for a concert from the New World Trio, ensemble-in-residence at Music at the Red Door: Anahed Stowe, violin; Peter Zay, cello; David Ballena, piano. Free admission with suggested donation of \$20 (checks payable to New World Trio).

**Celtic worship, Sunday, TODAY at 5 p.m.** This month's Celtic service will be Sunday, March 19, 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.

**Choral Evensong at the Trinity College Chapel, Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m.** Join us for Evensong sung by the treble choirs of St. John's Choir School, West Hartford; St. James's Episcopal Church, West Hartford; First Church of Christ, Congregational, Newington; Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford; and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norwalk. Will Doreza, Michelle Horsley, Scott Lamlein, Alan Murchie, and Peter Niedmann, choirmasters; Christopher Houlihan, organist. This event is free admission, with donations welcome in any amount.

**Easter flower memorials due by Monday, April 3.** If you would like to honor or remember a loved one by donating toward the cost of Easter flowers to adorn the church, please either fill out a flower offering envelope (available at both entrances to the church and in the pews) and put it in the offering plate with your donation, or e-mail Ellen with the names of those whom you would like to honor, and send in your donation. Donations of any amount are welcome. Names must be received by April 3 to be included in the Easter service bulletins.

**Holy Week and Easter at St. John's.** We have opportunities for people of all ages to gather this Holy Week and Easter. The full schedule is listed on the graphic on page 18. In addition to worship services, we are offering the following special events:

- Walk through Good Friday for children, April 7 from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Holy Saturday retreat for adults and children (6 and older), April 8 from noon to 5 p.m.
- Easter egg hunt for children, after the 10:30 service on Easter Day

**Spring Fling & Food Auction, Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.** Spring is getting ever closer and with that, the SPRING FLING! Mark your calendars for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising. The event is an adult-only evening in Hubbard Hall with heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations. There will be a silent auction until 8 p.m. followed by a live auction. Here are ways to get involved:

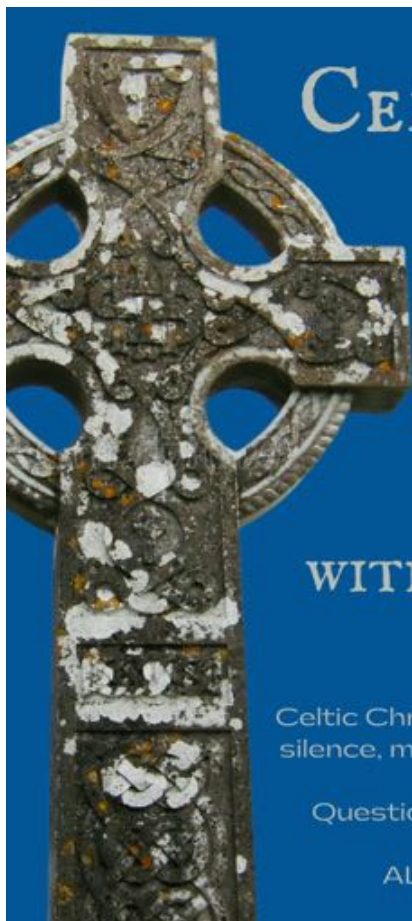
*Tickets:* Starting April 2, we will be selling tickets to the event after the 10:30 service (no ticket sales on Easter, April 9). Cash, check, and card will all be accepted. Tickets are \$10/person ahead of time and \$15 at the door. Your ticket gets you into the event and also enters you into a raffle for gift cards to local restaurants.

*Wine Pull:* Please donate a bottle of wine (worth \$10 - \$50), preferably in advance but even at the door the evening of the event. At the event, people can purchase a \$10 wine pull ticket, which guarantees they take home a mystery wine of at least that value (and often more!). Bottles can be donated at coffee hour following church any Sunday leading up to the event. Reach out to Pia Mara Santomauro at [piamarasantomauro@gmail.com](mailto:piamarasantomauro@gmail.com) to donate a bottle, with questions or to assist at the event:

*Assist at the Event:* We need people to greet people upon arrival and sell tickets, pass hors d'oeuvres and restock food, assist with bartending, assist with clean up, assist with checkout, assist with keeping track of live auction purchases, etc. If you would like to help with *any* of this, please e-mail Julia O'Brien at [jpowellob@comcast.net](mailto:jpowellob@comcast.net).

*Donate food or food-related items for purchase or auction bidding:* We need people to donate homemade food items—cookies, breads, pies, quiches, sauces, candies, etc.—that attendees can purchase and take home the night of the event. Please e-mail Lauren Mascola at [laurenmascola@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmascola@gmail.com) to let her know what you will contribute. We also need people to donate food-related items for the silent and live auctions (homecooked meals or desserts, themed dinner parties, picnic spreads, cooking classes, restaurant gift cards, special wines, cocktail kits, kitchen/cooking equipment, etc.) To discuss what and how to donate, please reach out to Rosa Guzzo at [rosaguzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:rosaguzzo@yahoo.com), Barbara Roos at [bjeanroos@gmail.com](mailto:bjeanroos@gmail.com), or Virginia Van Dyk at [virginiavandyk@yahoo.com](mailto:virginiavandyk@yahoo.com).

**Most of all, we simply want you there! ALL parish adults are welcome, as are friends, family, and neighbors!**



**CELTIC WORSHIP**  
at St. John's

**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 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!**



# EVENSONG

## Trebles from Five Churches

March 26, 5pm • Trinity College Chapel  
300 Summit Street, Hartford, Conn.



MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.

This event is not available by livestream  
[www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)



## Good Friday for Children

Friday, April 7, 10:00-11:00am



Parents and children of all ages are invited to a prayerful walk through the three Holy Days leading up to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Together we will tell the story of Jesus' last meal with his friends, his prayers in the garden, and his arrest and death, while always looking ahead to the glory of Easter morning. We will begin in the church at 10:00am.

Questions? Email [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net)

## Lent Retreat

Saturday, April 8, 12:00–5:00

Youth, adults, and children ages six and above are invited to a Lent Retreat at St. John's (younger children welcome, with adult supervision).

- prayer and craft stations
- walk the labyrinth
- rite of reconciliation

The day ends with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows at 4pm in the nave.

To sign up, email [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net)

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**West Hartford, CT**

## Holy Week & Easter at St. John's



Palm Sunday - April 2  
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am



Maundy Thursday - April 6  
Holy Eucharist at 7 pm



Good Friday - April 7  
Children's service at 10 am  
Worship at 12 noon



Holy Saturday - April 8  
Retreat from noon to 5 p.m.

Easter Day - April 9  
Festal Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am

# Spring Fling & Food Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.

All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!

Tickets: \$10 purchased ahead of time, \$15 at the door

Tickets for sale on Sundays: April 2, April 16, April 23

Want to help? Contact Julia O'Brien at [jpowellob@comcast.net](mailto:jpowellob@comcast.net)

## Friday, April 28

### 6:30 p.m.



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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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](http://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

*Contact parish office for call-in details.*

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net).....	<i>Director of Music</i>
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Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net).....	<i>Parish Manager</i>
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net).....	<i>Sexton</i>
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net).....	<i>Financial Administrator</i>
Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

## VESTRY

Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie .....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

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

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

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