

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 26, 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.

Cover image: Who's Carrying My Cross by Donna Gallant



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Movement in A-flat

Elisabeth Stirling (1819–1895)



Elisabeth Stirling was born in Greenwich, London, and studied piano and organ at the Royal Academy of Music. She served as organist at All Saints Church, and at St Andrew Undershaft. Stirling was noted for her exceptional pedal playing. She published two grand voluntaries, six pedal fugue, eight slow movements and other organ pieces, more than 50 songs and duets, and arrangements of the works of Bach, Mozart, and Handel.

THE INTROIT Sing Out

Sung by the Primary Choir
Cate Emerick and Abby White, co-directors

Sing out, the Lord is near.
Build him a temple here,
a palace of praise, a throne of thanksgiving
made for the King of kings.

Sing out a joyful song.
His love goes on and on,
where praises abound.
His glory surrounds us,
filling his temple here.
Sing out a joyful song.

THE SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

KYRIE ELEISON

All chant.

The musical notation consists of nine staves of chant. The first three staves are for the Kyrie part, and the next three are for the Christe part. The final three staves return to the Kyrie part. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Ezekiel 37:1–14

All sit.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 130

Plainsong, Tone III.5

Chanted by Katherine and Patrick Reardon

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 151 From deepest woe I cry to thee

AUS TIEFER NOT

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas,

who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

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 Out of the depths

Alan Hovhanness (1911–2000)

Words: Psalm 130

During the Presentation Hymn, children are invited to bring up donated food up as an offering. Children who would like to participate may go to the wagon at the back of the church, choose one food item, and bring it forward to put in front of the altar.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

All chant.

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 Even when God is silent Sumner Jenkins (b. 1962)
 Anonymous text found on a basement wall in Cologne, Germany
 written by someone hiding from the Gestapo during the Nazi holocaust.

I believe in the sun
 even when it isn't shining.
 I believe in love
 even when feeling it not.
 I believe in God
 even when God is silent.
 I believe in the silence.



Sumner Jenkins holds a bachelor's in church music and a master's in organ performance from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA, and has done additional study with Dr. Wilma Jensen and Diane Meredith Belcher. He is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the American Guild of Organists. Sumner joined St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, VA, in September 2016. Prior to that, Sumner served St. John's, Washington, CT. He also served 11 years at Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 309 O Food to pilgrims given O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN
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 665 All my hope on God is founded MICHAEL
All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Paulus-Praeludium (2019)

Carson Cooman (b. 1978)

*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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Please stay after the service to help make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Layreader:** Richard Lammlin**The St. John's Adult Choir & Primary Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia**Acolytes:** Bradley Crocker, James Baker, Eden Baker**Ushers:** David Grimaldi, Karen Licht, Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk, Paul Shaker**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Livestream Oversight:** Mary Honyotski**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson, Paul Shaker**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Jenn Baker, Robert Eikel, Jeff Verney, Matt Ciscel

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 Skeele	Gina Giusto	Bob Giolitto	Robert Beisler
Marie Montas	Mima Esponda	Alison Gillespie	Sarah Carroll

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Emeline Carlisle	Kevin Mani	Patricia Hensley	Tita Hyland
Molly Fowler	Stuart Carlisle	Cruz Douillet Guzman	Taffy Wilcox
Maggie Grant	Sahara Barrow	Toby Aguiar	Dylan Farrell
Paul Farrell	Pam Dimock	John O'Brien	Kate Eikel

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; and for collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

Choral Evensong at the Trinity College Chapel, TODAY at 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.

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.

Pipes Alive! organ recital, Sunday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. The Pipes Alive! series continues with our own Scott Lamlein playing the St. John's organ next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The concert is free admission – 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 17. 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

Help fill Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt! Please pick up a bag of empty eggs near the red door entrance, take them home to fill with candy (no nuts!), stickers, or other trinkets, and return them by 10 a.m. on Easter Day (April 9). We also welcome your help hiding eggs between 10 and 10:20 a.m. that day, before the 10:30 service.

Women Together to begin a new book discussion on April 11 at 2 p.m. Women Together is a group 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 April 11, we will begin discussing *Julian of Norwich: The Showings* by Mirabai Starr: "In this contemporary translation of one of the most beloved and influential mystical texts of all time, *Julian of Norwich: The Showings* brings the message and spirituality of this 14th-century mystic to 21st-century readers." For the first meeting, we will read Chapter 1-8, pages xv-22. 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, Amazon, and other booksellers. Women Together includes women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James's, and St. Monca's. Contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com for more information.

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.

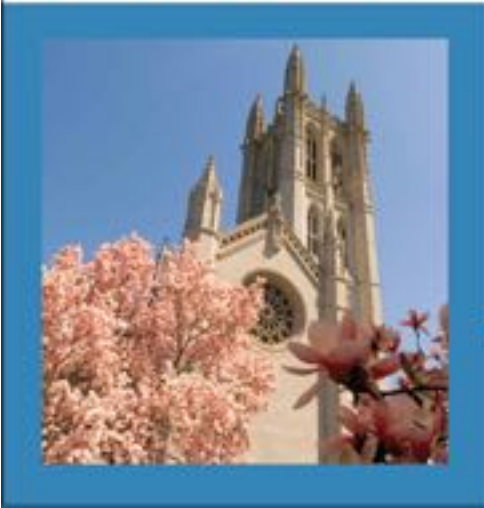
Wine Pull: Please donate a bottle of wine (worth \$10 - \$50), preferably in advance but even at the door the evening of the event. At the event, people can purchase a \$10 wine pull ticket, which guarantees they take home a mystery wine of at least that value (and often more!). Bottles can be donated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

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 to let her know what you will contribute. We also need people to donate food-related items for the silent and live auctions (homemade 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, Barbara Roos at bjeanroos@gmail.com, or Virginia Van Dyk at virginiavandyk@yahoo.com.

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

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April 2, 12:30pm

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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

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

**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

St. John's Church Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 after the 10:30 service

Want to help?

- Pick up a bag of empty eggs by the Red Doors on 3/26 or 4/2, and return them filled with candy (no nuts), stickers, or trinkets by 10am on Easter
- Help hide eggs Easter morning beginning at 10am



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

Friday, April 28

6:30 p.m.



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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

Contact parish office for call-in details.

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