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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Margaret Valerie Joslyn

February 11, 2024

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

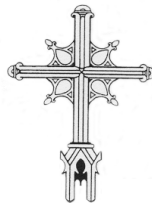


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN Processional

Robert A. Harris



Dr. Robert A. Harris is currently professor emeritus at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. He also serves as director of music and choirmaster at the Winnetka Congregational Church in Winnetka, IL. Dr. Harris held the position of professor of conducting and director of choral organizations at NYU from 1977 to 2012. Active as a conductor, composer, clinician, lecturer, and adjudicator, he has also held guest professorships in conducting at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Texas in Austin, and the University of South Africa in Pretoria.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All stand and sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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

2 Kings 2:1–12

All sit.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 50:1–6**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken.

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

*Mark 9:2–9**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Margaret Valerie to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that she is
being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into
the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of
God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in
Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own
baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Leader Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Priest says to the candidate

Margaret Valerie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTT GART

All sing as the baptismal party returns to their seats.

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

THE PEACE

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

THE WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO CHANTED EUCHARIST FOR LENT

All sit.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so 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.

People
A - men.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O nata lux

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

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.*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand and sing.*

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

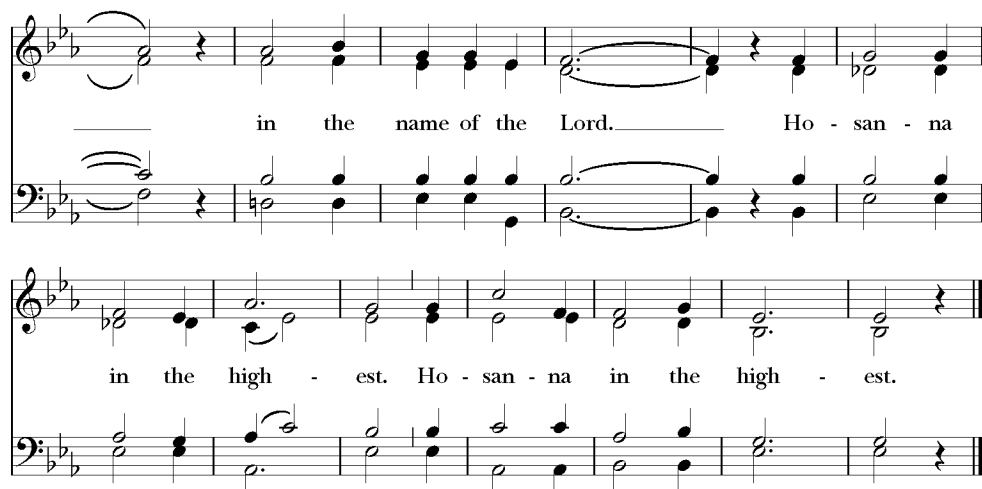
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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.

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

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

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 Eternal light

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Words: Alcuin Albinus Flaccus (c. 735–804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
 Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
 Eternal Power, be our support,
 Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
 Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
 that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
 we may seek thy face
 and be brought by thy infinite mercy to thy holy presence;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Leo Sowerby began to compose at the age of 10, to teach himself organ at the age of 15. He studied and taught at the American Conservatory of Music, received the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for Music for his cantata, Cantic of the Sun, and was the first composer to receive the Rome Prize from the American Academy. His substantial output includes more than 500 works in every genre but opera and ballet. After his retirement as organist and choirmaster from St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago, he was called to Washington National Cathedral to become the founding director of the College of Church Musicians, a position he held until his death.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

BRYN CALFARIA

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare

John Cook (1918–1984)

A trumpet mardi gras for organ! This is the last time we'll hear the Trompette-en-Chamade (horizontal trumpet over the main entrance) and Trompette Harmonique (high pressure trumpet in the chancel) in worship until Easter Sunday, as Lent begins this coming week.

*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.*

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Matteo Donnelly**Psalterer:** Danielle Branco**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Acolytes:** Elise Biondi, Danielle Branco, Atticus Finkell**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Matt Ciscel, Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom**Healing Prayers:** Sarah Kieffer**Livestream Director:** Elijah Clapp**Altar Guild:** Eti Akpan, Barbara Roos**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney, Leah Lorenzo,
Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Colin Gillespie**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Robert W. Knorr, William E. Knorr, and David W.R. Wawro.**

LENT DEVOTIONAL

Copies of a devotional titled "Practicing Lent," published by SALT, are available in the narthex and on the information cart in Hubbard Hall. It includes readings and reflections for each week of Lent.

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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, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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| Kim Green | Susan | Ellie Brown | Wendy |
| Brad Babbitt | Sue | Anita Winters | Bob Norton |
| Paul L. Peck | Whitney Lynch | Alison Gillespie | Joseph |
| Virginia Skeele | Tessa Trussell Wolf | Joyce Flynn | Sarah Carroll |
| Grant Loevenbruck | Gina Giusto | Rachel Boccio | Greg Highland |
| John & Barbara Spannaus | The Yelland family | Joan Ackley | Rachel |
| Jennifer Blean | Harry Barber | Guy Russo | Lucas |
| Tori | Doug Larson | Jon Nelson | Amy Bittinger |
| Deborah | Dennis Simoni | G.F. | William Bittinger |
| Hale Walkoff | Brenda | Ned | Ben Mabrey |
| Rod Farrell | Nick Willke | Craig W. | Mike |
| Hillary Lord | Jeff Lewis | Ryan W. | Dan Minster |
| Madeline | Miranda | Roger | Rick |
| Helen Rosen | Allison and Family | | |

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Danielle Layfield | Susan Harrison |
| Maisie Smith | Beth Kauczka |
| Caroline Smith | Ryan Hill |

Those who have died:

Janet Ray, *friend of Judith Schaffer*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; and for Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Celtic worship TODAY at 5 p.m. Celtic services, held on the second Sunday of the month, offer a different way to worship together here at St. John's. Somewhat less formal than Sunday morning services, Celtic worship is held in Hubbard Hall and includes silence, chant, prayer, music, and the opportunity to try spiritual practices such as walking a labyrinth or lighting candles. All are welcome to stay afterward for a potluck supper.

Having a Super Bowl shindig? Bring home some St. John's chili! We still have quarts of turkey chili (and several other types of soup) in the freezer left over from the Christmas Festival. They are available to purchase for \$8 a quart, or \$12 for two quarts. First come, first served—go to the large white freezer in the kitchen after the service today to see what's available. Ginger Gillespie can take your payment today, or you may take what you'd like and send payment to the church ASAP. *Cash or check only.*

Women Together to begin a new book discussion on Tuesday, February 13. Women Together 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 13, we will begin discussing *Seeds* by Thomas Merton. This group has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James's, and St. Monica's, and new members are always welcome. Please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com if you would like additional information.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and Ash Wednesday Eve service, Tuesday, February 13, 6 p.m. Join us for the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, followed by a brief, family-friendly worship service with imposition of ashes. Suggested donation (which goes toward the youth group's Dignity Grows fundraiser) is \$7 per person/\$20 per family. Bring cash or use this QR code to donate online. **If you can help with set-up, flipping pancakes, or clean-up, please email Margie at margie@sjparish.net.**



Ash Wednesday services at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14. Mark the beginning of Lent with worship and the imposition of ashes. St. John's will hold three services, at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. The evening service will also be livestreamed online.

2023 year-end giving statements. Year-end giving statements were sent out by email on Tuesday, January 23, to all donors for whom we have an email address on file. The remaining statements were sent by mail. **If you use email but have not received your 2023 giving statement, please check your spam/junk folder,** and if it's not there, contact Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net to make sure we have the correct email address on file for you. Please note that, per the giving deadline publicized in the e-news and bulletins in late 2023, contributions received after we made our final bank deposits of the year in late December will not appear on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2023 pledge.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 25 at 5 p.m. The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on February 25 at 5 p.m. for this time of music and worship. This event will be presented in person and by livestream. Sung by the Choirs of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, Hartford; Gabriel Löfvall, choirmaster; Madison H. Thompson, organist. This event is free admission, donations welcome in any amount.

Lent online Bible study begins on February 26 at 7 p.m. in Zoom. The next cycle in our ongoing Monday night online Bible study will explore the different ways that Jesus prayed. The Bible study is held online in Zoom, and all are welcome to attend one, several, or all sessions. There is no homework or preparation required. The Zoom link is shared in our regular Thursday e-newsletter, or you may contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated email list to receive a reminder and link every Monday.



CELTIC WORSHIP

at St. John's

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 PM

WITH POTLUCK SUPPER AFTER

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.

Please bring something for the potluck if you are able (and come anyway if you're not!).

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

at St. John's

Tuesday, February 13

6 pm - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

Suggested donation: \$7/person, \$20/family

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

Wednesday, February 14

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.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS

Lenten Bible Study
Mondays at 7pm in zoom
February 26-March 25

Join us Mondays in Lent as we explore some of the ways Jesus prayed in the gospels. From temptation in the desert to the transfiguration, from the Lord's Prayer to the cross, Jesus shows the disciples and all of us how to pray. As always, there is no homework, no preparation, and no one-size-fits all answers. Come wonder with us!

Questions? Email margie@sjparish.net

Save the date!

Spring Fling & Food Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.
All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!

Friday, May 31

6:30 p.m.



Who wants PIE?

The St. John's Choir School is selling pies from Lyman Orchards to raise money for new choir robes.

From classics like apple and strawberry-rhubarb to chocolate peanut butter pie, Lyman offers a variety of flavors to suit all tastes. They also offer ready-to-bake cookie dough and other delicious treats.

All orders will be delivered to the church by Maundy Thursday so they make a perfect dessert for your Easter celebration!

To order, talk to any of our choristers, or use the QR code below to order online, where there's also an option to simply make a donation if you prefer.

Thank you for your support!



**Orders must be placed
by February 26**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

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

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