

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 18, 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 sparish.net/newcomer

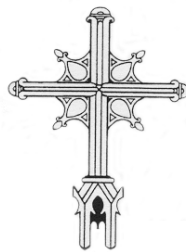


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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.

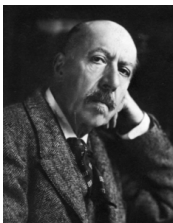
Cover art: Lenten Labyrinth by Mike Moyers. From the artist: "Labyrinths are ancient meditation tools. Unlike mazes, labyrinths are not puzzles to solve. They have the same entrance and exit point. The traveler merely wanders to the center and then journeys back out. The purpose is to journey into prayer and meditation while traveling through the labyrinth's many twists and turns...Because this labyrinth is meant to trigger your own contemplation, I won't go into great detail explaining its meaning. I will, however, get you started. The labyrinth begins and ends with the black path at the bottom. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Good Friday. Both are services about darkness, and death. Likewise, this Lenten labyrinth begins and ends with the darkness of the cross...The center is left blank. Empty, unpainted canvas. That is your place."



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN *Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

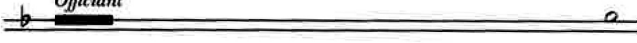





Charles-Marie-Jean-Albert Widor was a French organist, composer, and teacher of the late Romantic era. As a composer he is known for his 10 organ symphonies. He is the longest serving organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a role he held for 63 years. He also was organ professor at the Paris Conservatory from 1890 to 1896 (following César Franck) and then became professor of composition at the same institution, following Théodore Dubois. Widor was a prolific composer, writing music for organ, piano, voice and ensembles. Apart from his 10 organ symphonies, he also wrote three symphonies for orchestra and organ, several songs for piano and voice, four operas, and a ballet.



Please stand at the sound of the bell.



THE GREAT LITANY


All stand.


Officiant  *People* 
 O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
 O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 
 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

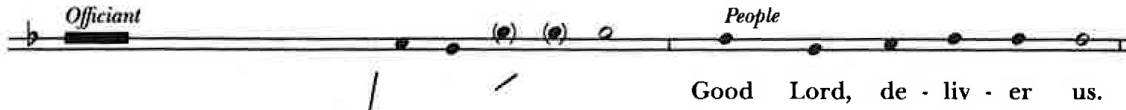
Officiant 
 Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 
 preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 
 From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

Officiant 
 devil; and from everlast - ing dam-na - tion,

People 
 Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all / want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, / and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word / and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

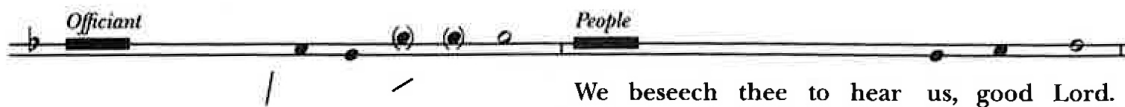
From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestil-/ence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and / unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, / and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the / Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the / day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in / the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show / it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind in-/to thy kíngdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits / of the Spírit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and / are decéived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after / thy commándments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or of this nation*), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the / ways of trúth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom up- / on all péoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and opprésed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all / may enjói them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the / common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor / or their trável,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or / torn by strífe,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing / and infírm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and / tribulátion,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy up-/on all mánkind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentence; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy / holy Wórd,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their héarts
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to rais-
 up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan un- / der our féet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all faithful departed eternal / life and péace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to
 thy hea- / venly kíngdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
People Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
 Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the
 weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son
 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

Genesis 9:8–17

All sit.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 25:1–9

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

Your paths, O LORD, are love and faith - ful - ness, to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Antiphon

- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 **All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:18–22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

CATHNESS

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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.

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and the people of St. John's. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may share the good news of God's love in our words and our actions. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, South Sudan, and all places consumed by violence and chaos, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.

Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list, and for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected. Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, and those who have injured or offended us. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and practice the loving, humble, and merciful way of Jesus. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all who have walked in the way of holiness, especially Patricia Chambers, let us pray to God. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant God of love, you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting, and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Be not afraid *from* Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Text: Julius Schubring, 1806–1889; adapted from the Psalms

“Be not afraid,” saith God the Lord, “be not afraid, thy help is near!”

God, the Lord, thy God, saith unto thee: “Be not afraid!”

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 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.

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.

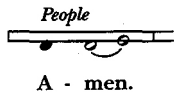
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.



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.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Cast thy burden upon the Lord *from* Elijah Felix Mendelssohn
Text: Julius Schubring; adapted from the Psalms

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall.
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heav'ns.
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 559 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us DULCE CARMEN
All remain seated and sing.

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 143 The glory of these forty days ST. FLAVIAN
All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in E minor Mark Fax (1911–1974)



Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mark Fax was a child prodigy. By age 14, he was employed as a theater organist and church organist. Fax studied at Syracuse University where he earned a B.Mus. in 1933, then at Eastman, earning a master's degree in composition and studying with Howard Hanson. He founded and chaired the music department at Paine College in Georgia. In 1942, Fax studied piano at Bennington College in Vermont, where he wrote music for the Martha Graham Dance Troupe. From 1947 to 1972, Fax taught music theory at Howard University and served as director of the school of music. Later, he became acting dean of Howard's College of Fine Arts. Concurrently, he served as music director at Washington's famed Asbury Methodist Church. Fax composed works for chorus, symphony, chamber ensemble, voice, piano, and organ, in addition to two full-length operas.

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 Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Linda Schatz**Psalterer:** Michael Mei**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Bruce Henley**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Geoff Emerick, Ellen Flynn, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Healing Prayers:** Enid Oberholtzer**Livestream Director:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Matteo Donnelly, Bill Lockery**Sunday School Teachers:** Ginger Gillespie, Todd FitzGerald**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton**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:

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	Dan Lazarowski	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nancy Pedersen	Mary Hardy
Isabel Castillo	Liana Guzman
George Giannios	Joel Grieco
Heidi Gostyla	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mary & Ryan Honyotski
Laura & George Hicks

Those who have died:

Patricia Chambers, *mother of Steve Chambers*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; and for the Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Scott Lamlein performing a free concert today at 4 p.m. Our music director and organist, Scott Lamlein, will perform works by Widor and others at a free concert today at the First Church of Christ, Congregational in Newington. All are welcome.

Midweek Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30 p.m. Starting this Wednesday, February 21, through Wednesday, March 20, St. John's will offer a short service of spoken Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m..

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.

How you can support youth at St. John's. The young people of the parish are currently involved with two fundraisers. The EYC (youth group) is raising money to support Dignity Grows, a Hartford area nonprofit that provides hygiene supplies to those in need. The Choir School is raising money via a Lyman Orchards pie sale to purchase new choir robes. See page 19 for details about how you can support either or both!



CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

Simple, spoken Eucharist with
space for silence and prayer.

Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30

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EVENSONG



The Choirs of
St. Patrick-St. Anthony

February 25, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

Events are also available livestreamed
at www.reddoormusic.org



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

The St. John's youth group (EYC) is raising money for Dignity Grows.

Dignity Grows is a local nonprofit that provides hygiene supplies to people in need. Our youth group has a goal of raising \$2,500, which will allow them to fill 250 bags with much-needed hygiene items.

The youth have raised funds for this project through several special events, and also invite parishioners and friends to donate directly to their project online.

To donate online, use this QR code or go to <https://dignitygrows.org/event-donations/> and select the "St. John's Youth Group" fundraiser.



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

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

2024–26: Ginger Gillespie, Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta