

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 10, 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](http://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

**Note on today's music:** Today is the third annual Woman Composer Sunday, on which church musicians around the world honor women who have contributed to the church music canon, in recognition of the historical predominance of men in this field. Women wrote the text and/or music for all of this morning's organ and choral pieces. Celebrating Woman Composer Sunday is one piece of our ongoing effort toward an expansive and inclusive church music repertoire that reflects the contributions of all kinds of people.

**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Variations on *Nettleton*

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

### 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 ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three staves are for the 'Kyrie' part, and the next three are for the 'Christe' part. The final four staves return to the 'Kyrie' part. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e 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. 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. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Numbers 21:4–9*

*All sit.*

**F**rom Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 107:1–3, 17–22*

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

Give thanks to the LORD, whose mercy endures for ever.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \***  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \***  
**they were afflicted because of their sins.**

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.**
- 22 **Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

**Y**ou were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*John 3:14–21*

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

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

**J**esus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

*All sit.*

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

## 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 the departed who have walked in the way of holiness, especially Diane Lawrence Newton, 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 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 God so loved the world (2014)

Brittney Boykin (b. 1989)

Text: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



*B.E. Boykin is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and graduated from Spelman College with a B.A. in music. She received her M.M. in sacred music with a concentration in choral studies from Westminster Choir College. She continued to compose music during her time at Westminster, and was awarded the R and R Young Composition Prize just a few months shy of graduating. Boykin currently serves as assistant director/accompanist for the Spelman College Glee Club. Her most recent commissioned work, We Sing as One, was commissioned to celebrate Spelman's College's 133rd anniversary. Her instrumental and choral works are currently being published and distributed through her own publishing company, Klavia Press.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*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.**

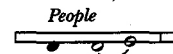
**Christ is risen.**

**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.



*People*  
A - men.

## 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** When from bondage we are summoned Carl Haywood (b. 1949)  
Text: Dolores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

When from bondage we are summoned  
Out of darkness into light,  
We must go by hope and patience,  
Walk by faith and not by sight.

Refrain:

Let us throw off all that hinders;  
Let us run the race to win!  
Let us hasten to our homeland  
And, rejoicing, enter in.

When our God names us his people,  
Then he leads us by the hand  
Through a lonely, barren desert,  
To a great and glorious land. *Refrain*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN 671** Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
*All remain seated and sing.*

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## 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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



*Emma Lou Diemer's music has been published since 1957 and ranges from hymns and songs to large chamber and orchestral works. She is a native of Kansas City and received her composition degrees from Yale and Eastman. She is professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has served as organist in various churches, most recently at First Presbyterian in Santa Barbara. Diemer is a keyboard performer and over the years has given concerts of her own organ works at Washington National Cathedral, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, Grace Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, and others. Her compositional style over the years has varied from tonal to atonal, from traditional to experimental. She has more than 150 compositions to her name, and continues to write at the age of 96.*

*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:** Sarah Kieffer

**Psalterer:** Anne Harney

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Eden Baker, Virginia Eikel

**Ushers:** Jo Anne Burgh, Mary Honyotski, Don Polk, Erica Weinstock

**Healing Prayers:** Annabel Clapp

**Livestream Director:** Francis Lamlein

**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Carol Sonne

**Sunday School Teachers:** Taffy Wilcox, Margie Baker

**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Christine Babbitt

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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 Skeelee	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
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	G.F.	William Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Allison and Family	Dan Lazarowski	Dan Minster
Helen Rosen	Erin Roben	Randy McCord	Rick
Everett			

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Jenefer Berall	Angie Finkell
Cooper Swift	Katie Reardon
Edith Connolly	Nancy Skeelee
Ronald Hensley	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Giselle & Edwin Genece  
Wendy & Richard Bartlett  
Nicole Douillet & Liana Guzman

**Those who have died:**

Diane Lawrence Newton, *aunt of Kimberley Byrd*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; and for the Girls Friendly Society and all ministries to, with, and for women.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal Church (USA).

**March Celtic worship, TODAY at 5 p.m.** Celtic worship, held in Hubbard Hall, is less formal than Sunday morning worship and includes music, chant, prayer, silence, and opportunities for reflection. All are welcome.

**Spring Chamber Music: Leonid Sigal and Friends, Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.** Join us this Friday for an evening of exquisite chamber music with Hartford Symphony concertmaster Leonid Sigal and friends. Mr. Sigal always creates a program sure to mesmerize audience members and take full advantage of the beautiful acoustics of the St. John's nave. This event will be presented in person and by livestream. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.

**Help fill eggs for the Easter egg hunt!** We welcome donations of filled Easter eggs for our annual children's egg hunt after the 10:30 service on Easter Day. Pick up a bag of empty eggs on 3/17 or 3/24 from the narthex or Hubbard Hall and take them home to fill with candy (no nuts!), stickers, or other trinkets. If you prefer, you may purchase and fill your own eggs, or buy pre-filled eggs. Please return filled eggs by 10 a.m. on Easter (March 31).

**Easter flower memorials due by Monday, March 25.** 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 email 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 March 25 to be included in the Easter service bulletins.

**Save the dates!** More information about all of these events is forthcoming. For now, mark your calendars!

- **Trivia Night, Friday, April 5, 5:30 p.m.** Hosted by the EYC (youth group), this fun event is open to everyone! Bring your own team or be assigned to one. Pizza provided; bring a snack or sweet to share.
- **Spring Fling & Food Auction fundraiser, Friday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.** All parish adults and friends are welcome. Enjoy good conversation, live music, appetizers, beverages, and silent and live auctions.
- **St. John's at the Yard Goats, Sunday, June 16, 1:05 p.m.** Come cheer on Hartford's favorite minor league ball team at Dunkin Donuts Park with your St. John's friends. The Choir School will sing *America, the Beautiful* before the game starts.
- **Vacation Bible School for all ages, June 17 to 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m.** Prayer, Scripture, activities, and dinner on the theme of how God nourishes us. Open to everyone, regardless of age or affiliation with St. John's. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. Registration via Realm will be open soon.



**CELTIC WORSHIP**  
at St. John's  
**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 10**  
**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!

Presented by Music at the Red Door

**Spring Chamber Music**  
**LEONID SIGAL &  
FRIENDS**



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

**Friday, March 15, 2024 7:30pm**

The Edward C. & Ann T. ROBERTS FOUNDATION | RICHARD P. GARMANY FUND Hartford Foundation




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St. John's Episcopal Church  
679 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
RedDoorMusic.org



## Support our neighbors!

Help replenish supplies for those in need who come to the church looking for help. We especially need full-size toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant), warm men's socks, men's insulated/waterproof gloves, and ready-to-eat snacks/meals for the Blessing Box (small self-service food pantry outdoors).

Please put food donations directly in the Blessing Box. You may drop off other donations at the parish office or shop from our Amazon wish list (link below).

Thank you!

[sjparish.net/blessingbags](https://sjparish.net/blessingbags)

# CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

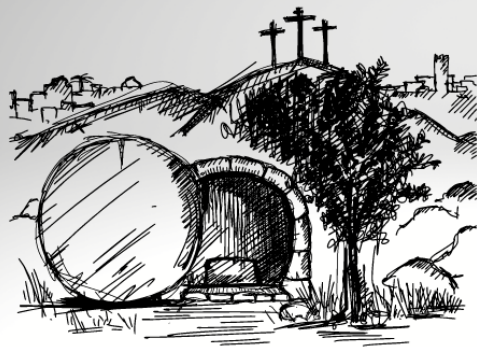
Simple, spoken Eucharist with  
space for silence and prayer.

Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30

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## Good Friday for Children

Friday, March 29, 10:00-11:15am

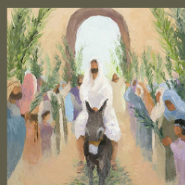


Parents and children of all ages are invited to a prayerful walk through the three Holy Days leading up to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

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 hope of Easter morning. We will begin in the church at 10:00am.

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

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



Palm Sunday - March 24  
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30am



Maundy Thursday - March 28  
Holy Eucharist at 7pm



Good Friday - March 29  
Children's walk through Holy Week at 10am  
Good Friday worship at 12 noon



Easter Day - March 31  
Festal Eucharist at 8 and 10:30am  
Easter egg hunt after the late service

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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

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