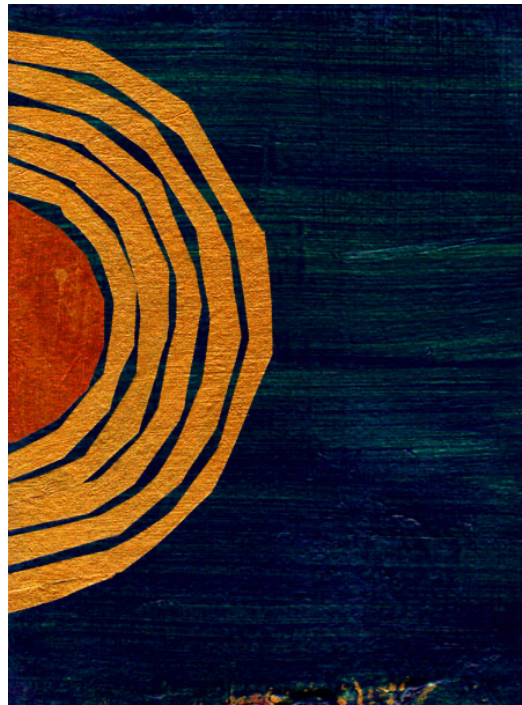


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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 58:1–12**All sit.*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 112:1–9**Chanted by the choir. The people sing the antiphon before and after the psalm.*

Hap-py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor. **Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Christ, be our light

All stand and sing.

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 3 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Text and music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13–20**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Katherine Leary

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.

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayers to God.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of worship and a readiness to seek and follow you always. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: Accept the offering of our hearts and minds as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus in the year ahead. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Inspire our leaders to work for an abundance of peace, justice, and compassion, and strengthen all peacemakers, especially in places overwhelmed by violence and conflict. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, all immigrants and refugees, and those without a safe place to call home. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family in Nazareth: Protect in your love our families and neighbors, and comfort all who are struggling, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus reigns with you in eternal life: Welcome those who have died into your realm of everlasting love and peace. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, 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

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 A steady flame to light the dark

Angela Birkhead-Flight (b. 1964)

In times of darkness formed from sin
we seek your light held deep within.
A spark when fed becomes a flame;
Christ's brilliant light shines bright again.

And even in the darkest night
we thank the Lord for hidden light
that will not die, though sometimes dimmed,
it needs just hope to burn again.

We thank you Lord for gifts of love,
abundant blessings from above:
the light of Christ placed in our hearts,
a steady flame to light the dark.

And when each feeds their spark divine
the blazing lights as one combine
to chase the darkness from the earth:
in Christ we have a second birth.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
uplifted by his sacrifice.
We'll share the gifts that we've received,
and light a fire in the night.

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All remain standing or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the world to himself yet we were heedless for his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 instead of receiving Communion, 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.

Confidential prayers are available with a trained healing prayer minister at the back of the church near the baptismal font. If you would like to pray with someone about life's challenges or joys, go to the font after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930–2019)
 Text: Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

In the hour of my distress,
 When temptations me oppress,
 And when I my sins confess,
 Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
 Sick in heart and sick in head,
 And with doubts discomfoted,
 Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
 And the world is drown'd in sleep,
 Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
 Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

THE COMMUNION HYMN 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
All remain seated and sing.

SCHMÜCKE DICH

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 347 Go forth for God

LITTON

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: Katherine Leary

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Jane Harris

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Eti Akpan

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Brielle Worrell, Zeke Latif, Malcolm Latif

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist & Choirmaster: Nick Capozzoli

Organ Scholar: Elijah Morris

Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Stewart Murchie (greeter), Julia O'Brien, David Vandermeulen

Livestream Operator: Rosa Guzzo

Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, John Dustin

Healing Prayer Minister: Annabel Clapp

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Erica Weinstock, Jeff Verney, Akilah Williams,

Matt Ciscel, Leah Lorenzo, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Altha Brooks Roy.

Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour.

This week, coffee hour food is provided by those with last names starting G through L.

Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting M through R.

Today, we welcome Bart Geissing, executive director of Camp Washington, to our services, coffee hour, and EYC meeting. Located in Litchfield County, Camp Washington hosts summer camps for children and teens along with retreats and special events throughout the year. Bart will be available at coffee hour to answer any questions you may have. Go to campwashington.org for more information.



In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, those serving our country in the armed services, and 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	Joyce Flynn	Wendy
Virginia Skeele	Sue	Rachel Boccio	Bob Norton
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Ackley	Joseph
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Jon Nelson	Sarah Carroll
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Ned	Greg Highland
Hale Walkoff	Miranda	Roger	Rachel
Rod Farrell	Allison and Family	Daniel Zoltan	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Linda	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Amy Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Tom Tata	John Scott	Mike
Nick Willke	Timothy Foga	Eric Zoltan	Rick
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Elizabeth Myers	Richard Myers
Naya	Elsa	Rob Roy	Carol
Amy	Heidi	Meghan	Paul Thaxton
Cora	Alondra	Bonnie Evans	Stephanie
Beth	Andrew Worrell	Barbara	Ann
Katie	Sam Wiley	Dennis	Chris
Anne	Gracie	John Murray	Alberto Guzman
Martha Babbitt	Jackie Harding	Spencer Rothman	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Linda	Cynthia Wannace	Rosow Family	Sara Enright
Jamie Blean	Lisa Sheehan	Stacy Wagner	Bob Norton
Emily Brielle Clark	Ken Potter	Meg	Jeff Hilliard
Brendan	Will S.	Tom Lauterbach	Ruth
Jacob Stanton	Betsy Smith		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Spencer Sloan	Amy Steckler	Beth Kauczka
Alice Murchie	Maisie Smith	Julie Desilet
Cate Emerick	Caroline Smith	Bernice Bailey
Danielle Layfield	Susan Harrison	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Jordan Kinsky & Florencia Longo

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; and for church musicians: organists, choirs and choir directors, bands, community chorister programs, parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Midweek contemplative Eucharist, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chancel. All are welcome to attend this brief weekly service including scripture readings, prayer, silence, and communion. No regular weekly Eucharist on Ash Wednesday (February 18).

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is our youth group for middle and high school students. EYC meets most Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. with dinner provided. Tonight we will make care packages for parishioners and friends away at college or boarding school.

Upcoming Events

More information in each week's Thursday e-news and in the graphics in this bulletin.

- **Choral Evensong featuring the St. John's Adult Choir with the choir of St. James's Episcopal Church (West Hartford)** — Sunday, February 15, 5 p.m.
- **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper & family-friendly Ash Wednesday Eve service** — Tuesday, February 17 with dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday services** — Wednesday, February 18 at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m.
- **Episcopal/St. John's 101 class** — Sundays from February 22 through March 29, after the 10:30 service

EVENSONG



St. John's Adult Choir
and Choir of
St. James's Church


February 15, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available
livestreamed at
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MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday at St. John's

<p style="color: #4a86e8; font-weight: bold;">Tuesday, February 17</p> <p>6 pm - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Suggested donation to support youth group fundraiser: \$7/person, \$20/family</p> <p>7 pm - Family-friendly service w/ imposition of ashes</p>	<p style="color: #4a86e8; font-weight: bold;">Wednesday, February 18</p> <p>Services with imposition of ashes at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm</p>
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Join the St. John's team for Habitat for Humanity build days.
Saturdays 2/28 and 3/7
7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m in Hartford

- We have space for 5 team members for each date.
 - If you tried to sign up for last spring's build day but were unable to because we'd reached our quota, you will be given priority (but still need to let Jeff know if you want to attend this time!).
 - Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and if under 18, must attend with a chaperone.
- Contact Jeff Kinney at jeffpkin@gmail.com with questions and to sign up.

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

Dignity Grows provides period and hygiene products to people in need. Our youth group is raising funds to fill several hundred bags with these much-needed products.

NEW THIS YEAR: CHECK OUT OUR CASH DONATION BOARD IN HUBBARD HALL!

The board has 100 envelopes, each marked with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$100. **Choose an envelope and return it (via the offering plate or to the office) with a donation equal to the amount on that envelope. Cash is preferred!** If you'd rather write a check to St. John's, please put "Dignity Grows" in the memo. Be aware that we will not deposit checks until the fundraiser ends in late March, and your donation will not appear on your annual church giving statement because we will pass the funds along to Dignity Grows. THANK YOU!



EPISCOPAL 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

EPISCOPAL PRACTICE &
THEOLOGY

HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH HERE AT ST.
JOHN'S CHURCH

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, OR BECOMING A
MEMBER OF ST. JOHN'S

Join Todd FitzGerald, rector, for a class to learn more about the church and explore what it means to be a part of this faith community. The class will meet on six consecutive Sundays after the 10:30 service; bring a bag lunch if you wish. All are welcome regardless of how long you've been worshipping at St. John's.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – SUNDAY, MARCH 29

AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE/COFFEE HOUR

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Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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Tom Oberholtzer.....	Warden
Jeff Kinney and John Wilcox.....	Treasurers

2024–27: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–28: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Jeff Verney

2026–29: Betsy Chicares, Matt Ciscel, Young Hee Derby, Don Polk