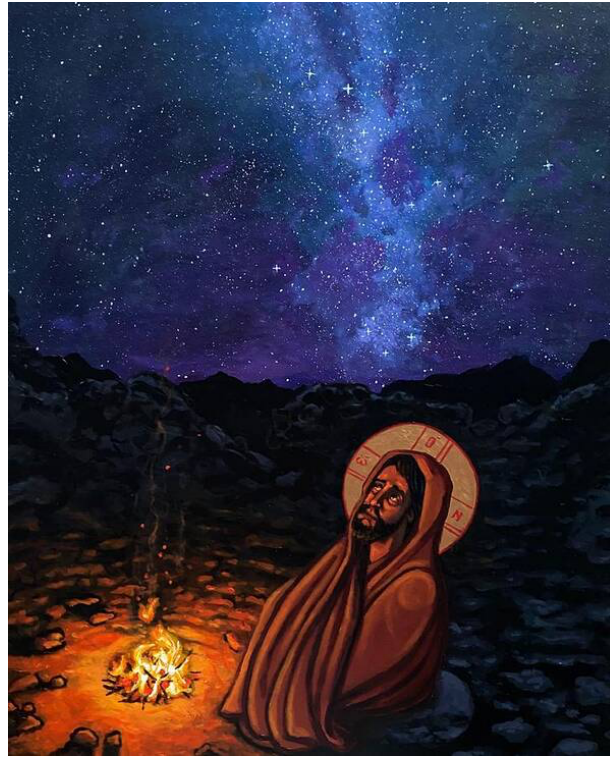


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The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John’s, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn’t yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We’re glad you’re here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what’s going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don’t feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children’s bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children’s use during the service. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GREAT LITANY

All stand.

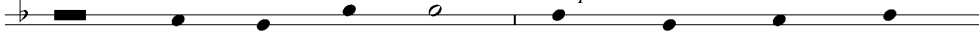
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| <i>Officiant</i> | <i>People</i> |
| O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, | Have mer - cy up - on us. |
| <i>Officiant</i> | <i>People</i> |
| O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | Have mer - cy up - on us. |
| <i>Officiant</i> | <i>People</i> |
| O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, | Have mer - cy up - on us. |
| <i>Officiant</i> | <i>People</i> |
| O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, | Have mer - cy up - on us. |

Officiant



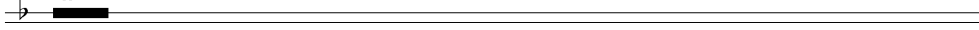
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People



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

Officiant

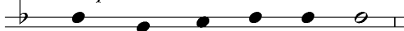


From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



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

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

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, pestilence, 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.**

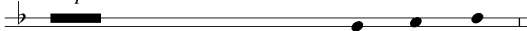
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

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,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

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 humankind into thy kingdom, **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 Spirit, **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 deceived, **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 commandments, **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, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, **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 upon all peoples, **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 oppressed, **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 enjoy 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 travel, **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 strife, **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 infirm, **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 tribulation, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; 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 Word, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, **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 raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

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

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **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.

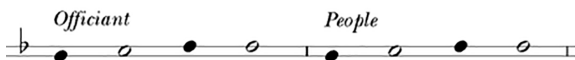


Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

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



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



Officiant O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

People Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

All sit.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of

both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

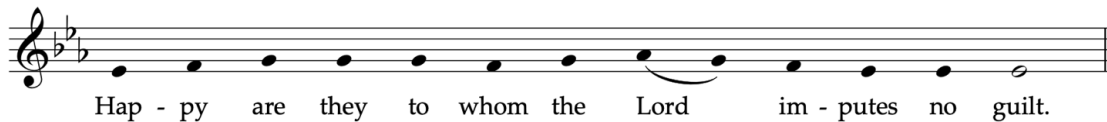
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 32

Chanted by the choir. The choir introduces the antiphon, after which the people sing it with the choir once before the Psalm and again where indicated.



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **Antiphon**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12–19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 150 Forty days and forty nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rebecca Bourret

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 Sean, 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, and for 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 Fred Tiballi, 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

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 new heart

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1982)

Text: Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.

I will take away your heart of stone.

I will give you a heart of flesh.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

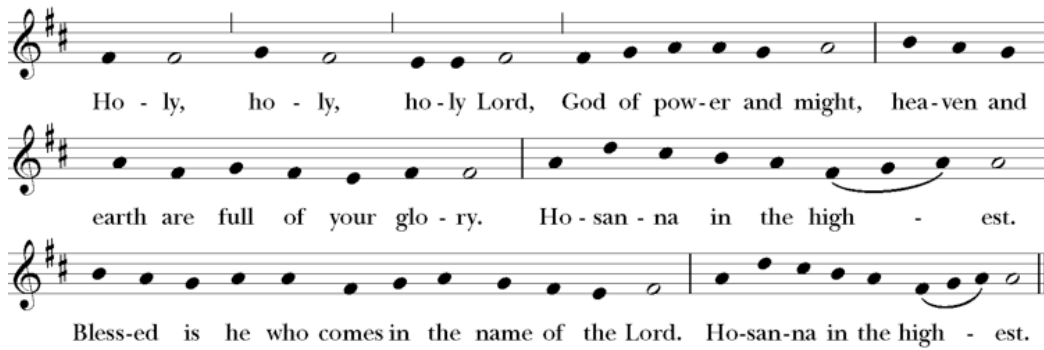
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



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: New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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. **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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: New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed: 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 Thou knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Text: Book of Common Prayer

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
 shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
 but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
 O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal,
 suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
 to fall from thee. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Jesus, tempted in the desert

EBENEZER

All remain seated and sing.

1 Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert, lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread:
 2 Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple, high a - bove its an - cient wall:
 3 Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain by the lure of vast do - main:
 4 When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er, lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread,
 "Use your power," the tempt - er tells him; "turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!"
 "Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to break your fall!"
 "Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're sure to gain!"
 Christ, who knew the tempt - er's hour, come and be our liv - ing bread.
 "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers, "can the hu - man heart be filled.
 Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels, feats that fick - le crowds re - quest:
 Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion, turns his eyes an - oth - er way:
 By your grace pro - tect, pre - serve us, lest we fall, your trust be - tray.
 On - ly by the Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
 "God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test."
 "God a - lone de - serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey."
 Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.

*Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007)**Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams (1869-1944)*

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 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Matt Ciscel, Leah Lorenzo, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Livvy Lorenzo, Olivia Thaxton

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:

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| Kim Green | Susan | Joyce Flynn | Wendy |
| Virginia Skeele | Sue | Rachel Boccio | Bob Norton |
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| 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 |
| Betsy Smith | April | | |

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Heidi Gostyla | Joel Grieco |
| Sarah Boucher | Dale Stretz |
| Mary Hardy | Blythe Peck |
| Liana Guzman | Bill Reardon |
| Sara Wigmore | Brielle Worrell |

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Ginny & Mark Proft

Those who have died:

Fred Tiballi, *father of Leah Murchie*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; and for Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter, and the honorary canons of our Cathedral.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

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.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is our youth group for middle and high school students. Today's EYC schedule is different than our usual, because we are hosting youth groups from other Episcopal churches at *Youth Group on the Move* from 3 to 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

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

- **Episcopal/St. John's 101 class** — Sundays from February 22 through March 29, after the 10:30 service
- **Pipes Alive! organ recital with Jennifer Hsiao** — Sunday, March 1 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Choral Evensong featuring the St. John's Schola** — Sunday, March 15 at 5 p.m.
- **Vernal Illume concert** — Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a selection of art songs and Broadway hits with local "rising star" vocalists, including our former choral scholar, Christiana Montalbano, and current choral scholar, Sierra McElroy.

PIPES ALIVE!

Jennifer Hsiao



March 1, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available
livestreamed at
www.reddoormusic.org



MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR

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!



YOUTH GROUP ON THE MOVE

Sunday, February 22

3-6pm

Hubbard Hall (Parish Hall)

St. John's EYC is hosting a diocesan-wide **YOUTH GROUP** on February 22! Come for games, food, and fellowship. Bring a friend! This is also a great chance to try on EYC, which meets on Sunday evenings.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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| The Rev. Nancy Wright..... | Priest Associate* |

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

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