

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 15, 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

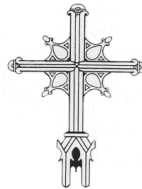


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 VOLUNTARY Lied

Gaston Litaize (1909–1991)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 645 The King of love my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

All stand and sing.

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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 TRISAGION

All stand and sing the hymn three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come

to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

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 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is

shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
All stand and sing.

NEW BRITAIN

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and

obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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.

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 Bobby Masse, 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 Be thou my vision

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Text: 8th-century Irish; tr. Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
vers. Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart;
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

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 Ave verum corpus

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Text: attrib. Pope Innocent VI (1282–1362)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine
 Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;
 Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine
 Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine
 O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae,
 Miserere nobis. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
 truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
 from whose pierced side flowed water and blood,
 Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
 O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, son of Mary,
 have mercy on me. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

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 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

OLD 113TH

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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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: Jo Anne Burgh

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Betsy Chicares

Acolytes: Danielle Branco, Eden Baker, Zeke Latif, Malcolm Latif

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Nick Capozzoli

Organ Scholar: Elijah Morris

Ushers: Caleb Peck, Don Polk, John Roche (greeter), Laura Roche

Livestream Operator: Rosa Guzzo

Altar Guild: Matteo Donnelly, John Dustin

Healing Prayer Minister: Enid Oberholtzer

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Jo-Ann Sadosky, Donielle Joslyn, Jeff Verney

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

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

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

Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting S through Z.

EVENSONG

St. John's Schola



March 15, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available
livestreamed at
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MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR

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	Joan Ackley	Bob Norton
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Jon Nelson	Joseph
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Ned	Sarah Carroll
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Roger	Greg Highland
Hale Walkoff	Miranda	Daniel Zoltan	Rachel
Rod Farrell	Allison and Family	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Linda	John Scott	Amy Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Tom Tata	Eric Zoltan	Mike
Nick Willke	Timothy Foga	Elizabeth Myers	Rick
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Robert & Erika Roy	Richard Myers
Naya	Elsa	Meghan	Carol
Amy	Heidi	Bonnie Evans	Paul Thaxton
Cora	Alondra	Dennis	Stephanie
Beth	Andrew Worrell	John Murray	Ann
Katie	Sam Wiley	Spencer Rothman	Alberto Guzman
Anne	Gracie	Rosow Family	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Martha Babbitt	Jackie Harding	Stacy Wagner	Sara Enright
Linda	Cynthia Wannace	Meg	Bob Norton
Jamie Blean	Lisa Sheehan	Tom Lauterbach	Ruth
Emily Brielle Clark	Ken Potter	Christina Andrews	April
Brendan	Will S.	Brooke	
Betsy Smith	Ian Waddington		

Those serving in the military:

Michael Meehan
Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Katie Reardon	Ginny Kemp	Lynn Russell
Luke Yelland	Jo Anne Burgh	Atticus Finkell
Nancy Skeele	David Grimaldi	Jenn Baker

Those who have died:

Bobby Masse, *nephew of Bill Lockery and cousin of Liz Marchion*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and for our bishops, staff at the ECCT Commons, and parish employees.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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. The youth group meets on Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Tonight we will again have a Lenten Bible study and games. Dinner will be provided. All youth (grades 6 to 12 or equivalent) are welcome to come and bring a friend!

Easter flower memorials/honoraria. Please submit names for Easter flowers by **Monday, March 30.** You may fill out an Easter flower envelope (available at both entrances to the church) and put it in the offering plate with your donation, or email names to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net, and send in your donation separately. Donations may be in any amount.

Upcoming Events

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

- **Spring Fling planning meeting** — TODAY after the 10:30 service in the St. John's Room
- **Episcopal/St. John's 101 class** — Sundays from February 22 through March 29, after the 10:30 service
- **Choral Evensong featuring the St. John's Schola** — TODAY at 5 p.m.
- **Vernal Illumine 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.
- **Memorial service for Rachel Boccio** — Saturday, March 21 at 11 a.m., followed by interment of ashes in the Cloister Garden and a reception in Hubbard Hall
- **Holy Week & Easter** — Sunday, March 29 through Sunday, April 5
 - Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 - Wednesday Compline at 7:15 p.m.
 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m.
 - Prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight & Good Friday from 6 to 10 a.m.
 - Good Friday at 12 noon
 - Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday at 8 p.m.
 - Easter services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Fling Fundraiser** — Friday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Music at the Red Door

VERNAL ILLUMINE A Spring Celebration




**Friday, March 20, 2026
7:30pm**

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



MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT 06119
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 The Richard P. Garmany Fund

Spring Fling & Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.
All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!
Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings leading up to the
event, and at the door.

Friday, April 24
6:30 p.m.

We would love your help!

- Contact Liana at liana.douillet@gmail.com or Lauren at laurenmascola@gmail.com
- Attend a planning meeting on March 15 after the 10:30 service
- Go to sjparish.net/springfling2026 or use the QR code to sign up



Holy Week Prayer Vigil

Prayer vigils from Maundy Thursday into Good Friday are a traditional Christian practice that echo Jesus' request for his disciples to stay awake and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion. Participants will pray silently in the nave in one-hour increments.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 from 8pm to midnight
Good Friday, April 3 from 6am to 10am

Sign-up required

To participate, please sign up for a one-hour time slot using the link/QR code below. Additional details are included with the sign-up and will also be emailed to participants, including security measures and logistics. For safety reasons, we need at least two people signed up per hour.

Sign up at sjparish.net/prayerwatch
or with the QR code.

Contact Molly Cooper (mollymmwc@gmail.com)
or Robert Eikel (reikel@reikel.org) with questions.



Holy Week & Easter Services

All are welcome to worship at St. John's

Palm Sunday

Services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Compline at 7:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Service at 7 p.m.

Prayer vigil 8 p.m. to midnight

Good Friday

Prayer vigil 6 to 10 a.m.

Children's walk through Holy Week at 10 a.m.

Service at 12 noon

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.



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