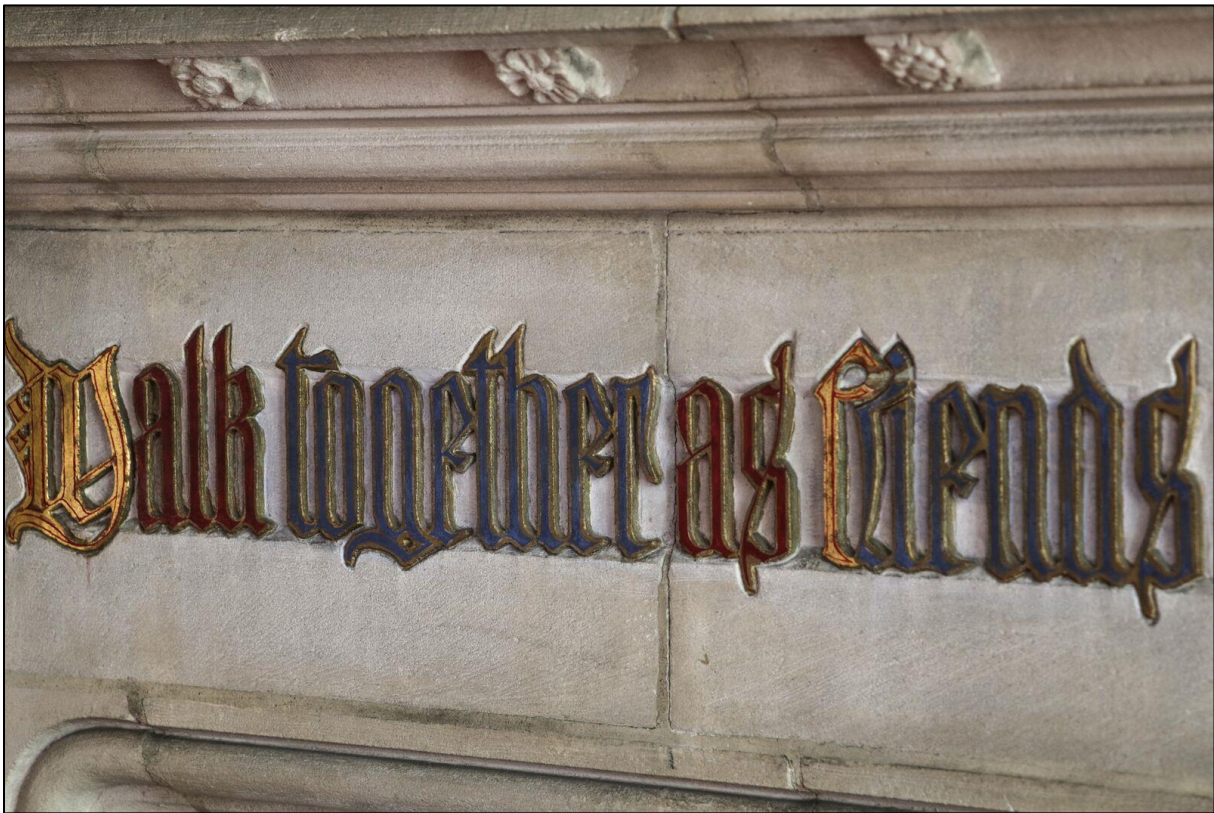


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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

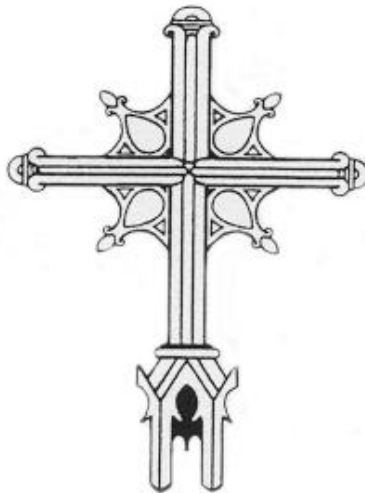
November 13, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint John's

We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. 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 should need to participate in the service is found, here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is nursery care. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.

The photo on the front of the bulletin, with its reminder to "Walk together as friends," is a call to unity and fellowship in this week after a divisive presidential election. In her letter to the congregation on Wednesday, November 9, the Rev. Susan Pinkerton wrote, "We are bound together in Christ's love and these bonds cannot be broken. Our mission and resolve is to reach out and love one another without exception. This love is necessary if we are to begin the real work of healing the wounds that divide our nation." We hope that St. John's can be a source of comfort, hope and inspiration as we join in God's work of reconciliation. (Photo taken by parishioner Ginny Kemp.)



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Variations on "Simple Gifts"

Noel Goemanne (1926-2010)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

All stand and sing.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

All sit.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Isaiah 12:2-6

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

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon "Sing the praises of the Lord." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics "Sing the praises of the Lord." are written below the treble staff, with horizontal lines under the words "the", "prais", "es", "of", "the", and "Lord." to indicate where the notes should be placed. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

All stand and sing.

The children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom

that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

A MUSICAL OFFERING My country, 'tis of thee

AMERICA

The youth will sing the song through three times, inviting the congregation to join in singing for the third and final time.

St. John's Youth Orchestra
 and Church School

My country, 'tis of thee,
 sweet land of liberty,
 of thee I sing;
 land where my fathers died,
 land of the pilgrim's pride,
 from every mountainside
 let freedom ring.

In honor of Veterans Day, we dedicate this song to those in our parish family who have served in the armed forces.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

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

A period of silence is kept.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, as we worship in this holy place and with our extended family online.
 — God our creator, **guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do — act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. — God our creator, **guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for communities struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God. — God our creator, **guide us in truth and love.**

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world. — God our creator, **guide us in truth and love.**

On this Veterans Day weekend, we remember before you with grateful hearts the women and men of our country who have ventured much for the liberties we enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of freedom and justice. — God our creator, **guide us in truth and love.**

Celebrant: Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Lead, kindly light

William Henry Harris (1883-1973)
Text: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
 And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

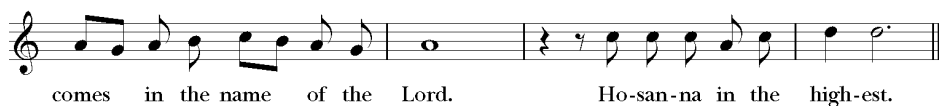
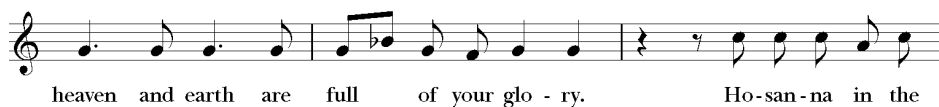
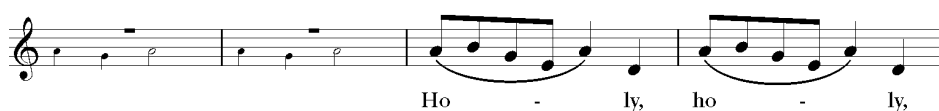
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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.**

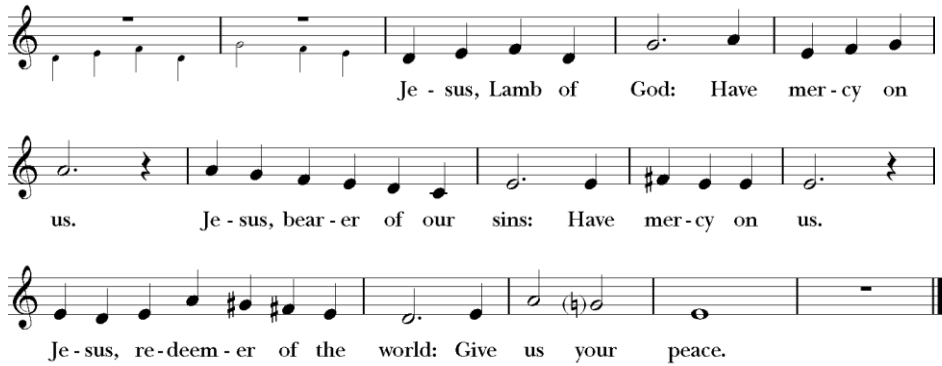
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

To request healing prayers, proceed to the baptismal font in the back of the nave immediately after receiving communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM My Lord, what a morning

African-American Spiritual,
arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways – join that heavenly band.

The arranger of this anthem was an influential black composer who was passionate about preserving the tradition of African American spirituals. Spirituals, said Burleigh, are hymns of soulful depth and rhythm that express the profound faith of slaves in the face of unspeakable injustice. The striking imagery of "My Lord, What a Morning" offers a glimpse of this faith. The hymn even carries a double name that is revealing – My Lord, What a Mourning/Morning. What is the meaning of this double name? The bitter tears of mourning that flow out of oppression and marginalization give way to a new morning in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. (Notes courtesy Jill Crainshaw)

THE COMMUNION HYMN 679 Surely it is God who saves me

THOMAS MERTON

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 599 Lift every voice and sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Wer nur den lieben Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*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.*

Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.

This morning's greeter is Ginny Kemp.

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Prayers of the People adapted from Prayers for the Election, prepared by the Rev. Shannon Kelly Ferguson, Episcopal Church Missioner for Campus Ministry.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Assisting: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Britt Emerick, Emma Evica, Genella Evans

Ushers: Jean Mitchell (*Team Leader*), Brad Babbitt, Bob Connolly, Edwin Genece, Giselle Genece, Annabel Clapp

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Altar Guild: Audrey Walker and Bess Amamoo

At Hughes Convalescent Home:

Layreader: Kim Byrd

Musician: Helen Hughlett

A big thank you to the St. John's Youth Orchestra, directed by our religious education assistant Mary Scripko, for today's musical offering of *My country 'tis of thee*. This offering from the orchestra and the church school is dedicated to all veterans who have served our nation with diligence and sacrifice.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alexander J. Winterbottom, Roselle J. Winterbottom, and Hester B. Carter.

All are welcome to coffee hour immediately after the service. Thank you to the Women's Fellowship Group for hosting today. If you'd like to know more about this group, which provides fellowship and a safe space for discussing topics that touch our lives as women and Christians, members will be on hand to answer your questions. We have some open dates for coffee hour hosting in late November and December. Please sign up for your preferred date on the sign-up sheet in Hubbard Hall.

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur, Les Cayes, Haiti. Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti. Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home. Our postulants, Stacey Kohl and Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher. All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Janet Ray	Charlie	Kathy	Chas
Kim Green	Jim Tracy	Susan	Jay	Nancy
Carol Grieco				

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Cristina Garcia	Bob McKeon	Bailey Proft	Marge Hardge
Stanley Giliberto	Meredith Beir	Merriol Almond	Stella Spletstoesser
Grace Powell	Claude Brouillard		

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chapman

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and the Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

The 232nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting Nov. 19-20 in Hartford.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Pledge Sunday today. If you didn't bring your completed pledge card today, please send it in to the office as soon as possible. Extra cards are available in the Narthex and at the back entrance of the church building.

Celebration Eucharist at Diocesan Convention, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. with sermon from the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Our St. John's choir will be one of three "core choirs" providing service music. Registration for Sunday is free to all attendees, but requires advance registration (including for choir members). To register, go to <http://ow.ly/iwXk305Bvvs> and click on "Register for Sunday only." St. John's will still hold regular services that morning for those who cannot attend the Convention worship service.

Music Director Scott Lamlein will participate in a "Music of the Heavens" concert at Congregation Beth Israel, next **Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.** Susan Carroll, organist and music associate at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, will also perform. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students, and free for children under 13. Pay at the door or call 860-236-0580 to reserve tickets ahead.

A Grace Disguised book group on loss meets this morning and on November 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Jerry Sittser's deeply moving, empowering book will be the springboard for discussion on the reality of loss in our lives, whether centered on employment, vocation, health, a loved one, aging or other areas, and God as an ever-present force in every circumstance. Contact the Rev. Helen M. Moore, 860-331-1127 or Helen@sjparish.net for further information. Copies of the book are available from the church office.

Sacred Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the St. John's Room. Sacred Circle is a group for women who want to explore our relationship to the sacred in everyday life. This month's meeting will discuss Jesus the rabblouser: When does our faith compel us to take a stand? All women are welcome!

Join the new Worship Committee: If you are interested in how we envision and plan our worship services at St. John's, plan to join us on **Sunday, Nov. 27 immediately following our 10:30 a.m.** service in the Reception Room. We will discuss what a worship committee does and share our interests in the various aspects of worship.

Men's Bible study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Almost always less sweaty than the gym! Join us!

Teen Volunteer Fair at Conard High School, November 17, 6 to 8 p.m. with local organizations on hand to match middle and high school students with volunteer opportunities appropriate for their age and availability.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

St. John's provides regular financial support to **St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti**—a coastal city that was heavily damaged in Hurricane Matthew. To donate toward the school's hurricane relief efforts, please write a check to St. John's with "Haiti hurricane relief" in the memo (that part is important!), and put it in the offering plate or send it to the office between now and November 20.

St. John's is again supporting 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas Gift Bags. Sign up to fill a bag and make a child's Christmas brighter. Look for the Christmas tree bearing tags with each child's wish list outside Hubbard Hall today and for the next few Sundays. Choose a tag, shop, place unwrapped items in a gift bag, and return your bag to the St. John's office by Monday, November 28. More information: Contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Brittany Bass at britbrown76@aol.com.

Printed contribution statements for 2016 will be available this week. We will make them available for pick up at church for a short time, and then mail out any that aren't picked up. Thanks to those who have already fulfilled their 2016 pledges. Outstanding pledge payments must be received in the office by December 31 if you wish to claim them on your 2016 taxes. If you are donating stock to meet your pledge, please let Mirella Russo, financial administrator, know the name of the stock, how many shares, and from whom to expect a payment (brokerage firm, etc.). If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to fulfill your pledge, please let one of the clergy or treasurers know; these conversations will remain confidential.

The Christian Education program is collecting clean half-gallon milk or orange juice containers for a Christmas craft activity. Please give your cartons to Janet Babbitt, director of religious education.

Keep up with St. John's online! Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast, which will alert you to events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website at www.SJParish.net, connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford, and follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/

DID YOU KNOW?

Focus on Sunday Services

Did you know that it takes more than 80 people to make a regular Sunday church service happen? On a Sunday with a special event or holiday, the number will be even higher. If you're one of the people on this list, thank you! And if any of these areas interest you, let someone know — one of the clergy, a committee chair, or the church office. We'd love to connect you with one of these ministries that contribute to Sunday morning worship and fellowship.

- 3 clergy serving as celebrant, preacher, and assistant or deacon
- 1 choirmaster and organist (and sometimes a guest organist)
- 40 adult and youth choir members
- 4 acolytes
- 6 ushers
- 2 Altar Guild members
- 1 healing prayers minister
- 1 layreader
- 1 layreader at the Hughes Home
- 1 musician at the Hughes Home
- 1 or more donors for altar flowers given in memory or honor of a loved one
- 1 Vestry greeter
- 1 Faith Forum speaker
- 1 book group leader
- 2 Christian Education staff members
- 1 nursery staff person
- 8 Christian Education volunteers
- 1 coffee hour volunteer
- 2 people to deliver altar flowers to people who are sick or couldn't come to church
- 1 sexton to help with set up, clean up, supplies, and any issues that come up with the facility on Sunday mornings
- 1 parish manager to compile and print bulletins
- 2 staff or volunteers to count and deposit the weekly offering money

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & PLEDGE SUNDAY**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: St. John's Storycorps, Hubbard Hall
- 9:30 A.M. "A Grace Disguised" Book Group, Reception Room
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Iona Pilgrimage Meeting, Reception Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Community Service Meeting, Reception Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room
- 6:30 P.M. GED and Citizenship Classes
- 7:00 P.M. Sacred Circle Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 9:30 A.M. Madsingers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. House Committee Meeting, St. John's Room
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Dinner
- 6:00 P.M. Hartford Family Institute, Library
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. GED and Citizenship Classes, Education Wing

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
- 6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00 A.M. Altar Guild Clean-Up Session
- 1:00 P.M. Recital, Nave
- 1:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous Lecture, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth and Adult Choir Rehearsal, CT Convention Center
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: This Week's Gospel, Hubbard Hall
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 A.M. Diocesan Convention Celebration Eucharist, CT Convention Center
- 11:45 A.M. Healing Prayer Group Meeting, Reception Room

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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson, Wes Winterbottom

2016-18: Mike Corey, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

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Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

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