

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

JAZZ EUCHARIST

January 15, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Epiphany Message from the Rector

On the twelfth night of Christmastide we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This marks the time when the three magi, the wise men, visited the newly born baby Jesus. For the eight Sundays of the Epiphany season, we focus on how Christ was made known to the world. The word “Epiphany” is Greek for “manifestation,” the revelation of God made incarnate to the entire world in the most unlikely of ways—with the humble birth of his Son, Jesus the Christ. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of how the three Kings—Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar—followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to find this newborn with his mother Mary. To honor the Christ child, the magi offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is symbolic of Jesus’s royal position, frankincense symbolizes his divine birth, and myrrh depicts his mortality. The season of Epiphany is a perfect time to be aware of how the light of Christ is present in our lives and in the world. What gifts, given to us by God, can we share to honor the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Emmanuel, God with us? How can we reflect the love of God coming into the world?

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. 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 for young children. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other requests. Again, welcome.

The Adoration of the Magi (cover photo) is a detail from our west transept stained glass window. It is one of the original set of 1909 windows, and was given in memory of Nathan Morgan Waterman and Lucy Sooter Waterman by their daughter Catherine Waterman Root. The window was designed and constructed by the Harry Eldredge Goodhue Company of Boston and Cambridge.

ORDER OF SERVICE

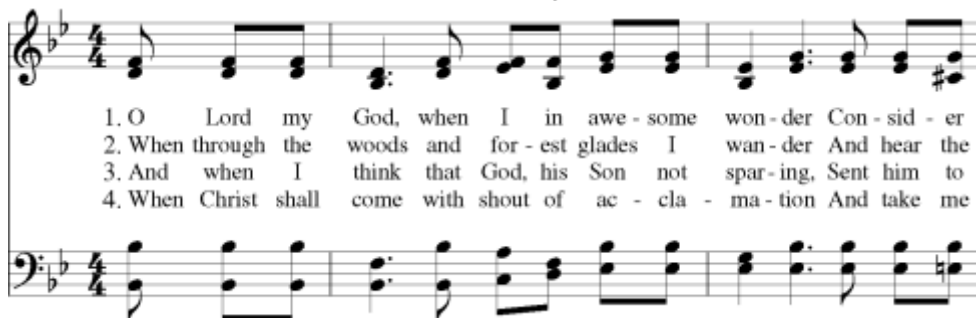
THE VOLUNTARY Hymns by the Hot Cat Jazz Band

Just a closer walk with thee
 What a wonderful world
 This little light of mine

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local Dixieland-style band that specializes in Jazz Worship; they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. The service music responses continue to be our traditional music with organ to provide an anchor in our traditional worship style. But everything else, including and especially the hymns, are a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy. Don't be afraid—join in and sing loudly!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN How great thou art

O STORE GUD



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Music: Traditional Swedish folk tune/adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - 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. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

All sit.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 40: 1-12

The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.

Be - hold, I come to do your will, O God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; ***
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! ***
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. *Antiphon*
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! ***
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, ***
and so I said, "Behold, I come. *Antiphon*
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; ***
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 **You are the Lord;**
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their

Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Take my hand, precious Lord

PRECIOUS LORD

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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THE GOSPEL

*John 1:29-42**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend William Eakins

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. The people say the words in bold.

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, that it proclaim salvation through Christ to the ends of the earth, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For all coastlands and waters, for the well-being of creation, and for our proper stewardship of those gifts of God, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For the leaders of the world at all levels, for those who bring about peace in war-torn areas, especially in Syria, and for all people of faith everywhere, that compassion and love thrive, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list, and for those who care for the suffering, that God's steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ bring about healing and wholeness, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For the fellowship gathered in this place, for the spiritual gifts of each of our members, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events, that the Holy Spirit guide us in our work and our journeys, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have died in Christ, that the witness of their faithfulness inspire us in our Christian lives, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

Celebrant Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Amazing grace

arr. Jack Shrader, 1998

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), found at Hymn 671

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **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, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.'

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive communion at St. John's.

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 *Agnus Dei* (from *A Little Jazz Mass*) Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
Latin words from the Eucharist liturgy, at the Breaking of the Bread

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.

HYMN IN PROCESSION I have decided to follow Jesus

ASSAM

All stand and sing hymn through twice.

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. - I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. - Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. - The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. - I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. - Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. - The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

- No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam

Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

*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.*

**St. John's Vestry members are on hand to welcome you to worship today.
Today's greeter is Mike Corey.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend William Eakins**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Kim Byrd**Hot Cat Jazz Band:** Ross Tucker, trumpet; Andy Sherwood, clarinet; Tom Boates, trombone; Doug Mayer, guitar; Donn Doucette, bass; and Tom Palinko, drums.**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Caroline Smith, Caroline Thaxton, Abby Thaxton**Ushers:** John and Laura Roche (*team leaders*), Susan Clemow, Conny Deluca**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd**Altar Guild:** Nancy Pedersen and Paul Shaker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Musician:** Joyce Burke

The altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. James B. Given III and Gregory Shaskan.

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 School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

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	Jim Tracy	Robert Connolly	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Kathy	Nancy
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	Jay	Susan
Janet Ray	Marie Aguiar	Charlie	

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

John Fraipont	Celia Kosinski	Paige Whittemore
Giselle Genece	Sam Verney	

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Kyushu (Japan) and the Right Reverend Luke Ken-ichi Muto

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; and for peace and peacemakers.

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Vestry Nominees 2017

Nominated for Warden



Wes Winterbottom — A lifelong Episcopalian, Wes grew up attending Grace Episcopal Church in Whitestone, N.Y., where he was active in the church choir, acolytes, Young People's Fellowship, and the Boy Scout troop, where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed many summers at Incarnation Camp in Ivoryton, CT, first as a camper and then as a counselor leading canoe and hiking trips. A resident of West Hartford since 1978, Wes was a member of St. James's Episcopal Church for many years while his three children were young; he taught Sunday School and helped found and grow the Healing Prayers Ministry. A member of St. John's for almost 10 years, Wes has served on the Vestry for last two years and as chaplain of the Recruitment Committee that recommended hiring the Reverend Susan Pinkerton. Additionally, he currently serves as a layreader, usher, member of the Global Missions Committee, and chair of the Healing Prayers Ministry. Wes holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Lehigh University, a master's degree in environmental engineering from Cornell University, and an MBA in finance and management from the University of Connecticut. After a successful career at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Wes has worked as a professor at Gateway Community College in New Haven for more than 20 years. He has three grown, married children and three grandchildren and lives in the Buena Vista neighborhood of West Hartford with his partner, Dr. Beth Rocco. Hiking, swimming, cycling, theater, whitewater canoeing and the New York Yankees are among his recreational interests.

Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry

Geoff Emerick — St. John's has been Geoff's spiritual home since moving to Connecticut with his wife and two daughters 10 years ago. A former Vestry member, Stewardship Committee chair, and member of the Discernment Committee, he now identifies mostly as "choir parent." In his spare time, he likes to usher, attend Sacred Music at the Red Door events and talk about stewardship. When not at church, he works as an ophthalmologist. He is thankful for being part of this vibrant parish.



Douglas Hyland — Douglas and his wife Alice R. M. Hyland, who recently retired from the art history faculty at Trinity College, have three grown children, Samuel I. duP. Hyland, Octavia H. Jones, and Cassandra A. Hyland, and four grandchildren—two living in Delaware, two in Louisiana. Douglas earned a bachelor's degree from the



University of Pennsylvania and a Ph. D. in art history from the University of Delaware. He was an art museum director for 35 years in Memphis, Birmingham, San Antonio and New Britain, retiring from the New Britain Museum of American Art in 2015 after 16 years. He serves on the boards of the Elizabeth Park Conservancy, the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum and the Hartford Art School Endowment, among other organizations. His hobbies include travel, visiting art museums and artists, swimming, skiing and gardening. He and his wife joined St. John's in 2004, where he has periodically served as an usher. With his recent retirement, he looks forward to spending more time supporting the mission of St. John's Church.

Virginia Van Dyk — Virginia moved to West Hartford from New York City in 2010 with her husband, John Wilcox, and their two daughters, Eleanor and Caroline. They joined St. John's about 10 minutes later, as John had attended this parish as a child. During her tenure at St. John's, Virginia has served on the Recruitment Committee for our rector, as a teacher in the Sunday School, as a co-chair of the Newcomers Committee, as a member of the Gourmet Food Auction Committee, and as a participant in the Women's Fellowship Group. Her husband John is currently Stewardship Chair and is a former Vestry member. While in New York, Virginia had a 10-year career in book publishing, followed by a 10-year career in nursing at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In West Hartford, she



has continued her association with Sloan-Kettering as a freelance writer. She has also become very involved with the Hartford Hospital Auxiliary, serving on the Executive Board for the past five years, including two years as co-president. She serves as a corporator at Hartford Hospital and at Renbrook School, where her daughters attended.

Andrew Worrell — Eight years ago, Andrew started attending St. John's with his family. As the father of two young boys, he felt it was his responsibility to ensure that their moral and spiritual needs were being nurtured, just as Andrew's parents did for him, and he knew that he needed to lead by example. Andrew was born in Barbados in the Caribbean, and baptized at the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church. At the time, the relationship between the church and the state was extremely close, so he also attended the church's schools, where the priest visited regularly. Since emigrating to the U.S. in 1992, he has always lived in the Hartford area. He works in the construction industry as a license P6 plumber. At St. John's, he feels his spiritual and moral objectives for his children and himself are being realized; they have found a church and a church family here, and his boys are acolytes. He is married to Asia, who is originally from Poland, and they also have a young daughter. Andrew believes that he would bring a unique background and perspective to the Vestry and would be honored to serve.



Nominated to fulfill Mike Corey's unexpired Vestry term (two years)

Bess Amamoo — Bess is a Midwesterner who moved to Connecticut 40 years ago, spending the first 17 years in Simsbury and the last 23 in West Hartford. She was introduced to the Episcopal Church by her husband, John, a cradle Anglican. They spent several years at Trinity Church in Hartford, where Bess served as a Vestry member, layreader, choir member and co-chair of the Hospitality Committee. They have worshipped 11 years at St. John's. Bess is currently serving as a layreader and Altar Guild member, and has participated in the Sacred Circle and served on a discernment committee. Bess is a retired educator who, having worked in Kansas and Minnesota, joined Hartford College for Women as registrar and director of student affairs when she moved to Connecticut. Presently, as a part timer, she coordinates the Adults in Transition Program at Manchester Community College. Bess is the proud parent of two daughters who grew up in Simsbury, moved away, and have now relocated to this area. She has one grandson. In addition to nurturing her family, she enjoys gardening, inside and outside. Volunteerism and community work have been an integral part of Bess's life in the Greater Hartford community. She belongs to several service organizations and has served on numerous boards and committees over the years. The concept of "Building Bridges" is one that she embraces and feels that our faith community, under careful and wise leadership, will hear what God is calling us to do. She is quite excited to commit to this endeavor of spiritual growth, community outreach and deepening her relationship with the parish.



The St. John's Annual Meeting, including Vestry elections, presentation of the 2017 budget, and reports on various ministries, will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017. There will be NO 8:00 a.m. service that day. The Annual Meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and reconvene after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with a potluck brunch. **Please bring a brunch item as follows:** Last name A to G - Bring fruit or salad; Last name H to S - Bring a main dish such as small sandwiches, quiche, or breakfast casserole; Last name T to Z - Bring baked goods. If you would like to nominate someone else for the Vestry or express your own interest in being on the ballot, please contact the rector, Susan Pinkerton, as soon as possible.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

St. John's Midwinter Food Blitz & Auction will be held on February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of delicious food, drinks and live music. This annual adult social event will take place in Hubbard Hall and include a silent and live food auction to raise funds to support St. John's many ministries. No pressure to bid — just come and have fun with fellow St. John's parishioners!! Donations of food are encouraged from everyone with something yummy to share. To donate please call Marki Ware (860-521-7796) or Susan Clemow (860-233-2886). All taste treats are welcome!

Book lovers of all ages — mark your calendar for **St. John's first annual Book Fair and Literary Weekend on Saturday, February 18 (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Sunday, February 19 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)**. The weekend will feature a book sale, story times for children, and more. More information about donating books and volunteering will be forthcoming. Contact Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com if you'd like to know more or help out.

Women Together! Women from St. John's, St. James's, and Trinity Episcopal Churches are invited to gather for an Epiphany-themed Bible study led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore. Over the course of four meetings, we will explore Scripture, cultivate friendships and reflect on our spiritual journeys. **The group will meet every other Tuesday in Epiphany (remaining dates are January 24, February 7, and February 21) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's.** If you plan to attend or have questions, contact the Rev. Helen M. Moore at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net, Linda MacGougan at 860-561-1588, or Emily Estes at 860-966-5466.

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on **Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. Please come. All women are welcome!

Rector Susan Pinkerton and Director of Religious Education Janet Babbitt will lead a **communion class for kids in preschool and elementary school (ages 3 to 11) on three Wednesdays — January 25, February 1, and February 8 from 5 to 5:45 p.m.** While the Episcopal Church doesn't hold formal "first communion" classes and children may receive communion at any age that parents deem appropriate, an introduction to the "what, why, and how" of communion can be helpful for both kids and parents. **Children who attend the three classes will be invited to receive communion at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 12.** Please contact Janet Babbitt at janet@sjparish.net or Susan Pinkerton at susan@sjparish.net, or through the parish office, if you have questions or want to sign your child(ren) up for these classes.

At the adult **Faith Forum on January 22 at 9:30 a.m.**, the Rev. Dr. Borden Painter will present an "Anglican Update." We will take a look at the history of the Anglican Communion over the past 500 years, and discuss the current situation and, in particular, the role of the Episcopal Church.

St. James's Episcopal Church is hosting a conversation titled Racism 101 on Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Representatives of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Hartford, will facilitate the discussion, and all are welcome. Please register at <http://ow.ly/AT7D307YSDF> so they know how many to expect.

Men's Bible Study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Join us!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

We are in great need of **coffee hour hosts!** Please sign up for your preferred date on the sign-up sheet posted in Hubbard Hall. Thanks!

As you're taking down your Christmas decorations, **please save fabric bows, faux greenery or fruit, small ornaments, etc.** from your wreaths or other décor, and return them to St. John's for reuse next year. You can drop your decorations off in the parish office anytime in the next two weeks, no later than Monday, January 23.

DID YOU KNOW?

Focus on refugee ministry and the Kattoub family

The Kattoub family—a Syrian family cosponsored by St. John’s and St. James’s Episcopal Churches—just passed their five-month anniversary in West Hartford. It is not an exaggeration to say that everything has gone better than we could have hoped, thanks to the support of the many volunteers from St. John’s and St. James’s.

Anas (husband/father) has been working with the Max Restaurant Group since early October at their new Savoy restaurant on LaSalle Rd as a prep/line cook. Arabia (wife/mother) is exploring options for her employment as well, with the expectation that their youngest child, four-year-old Jana, will begin school later this year. Both parents continue their ESL training, mostly through the efforts of volunteers from each parish. Hala (first grade) and Aboud (kindergarten) are thriving at Whiting Lane Elementary School, and all the children have made tremendous progress in learning English.

The family is immensely grateful for all the support they have received, and there are many people at St. John’s who have played key roles in making the Kattoubs’ transition as smooth as possible. People have dedicated their time and opened their hearts to the Kattoubs to welcome them into our community. We are grateful to the many volunteers who have supported this effort, but a special appreciation goes out to Nancy Latif, Sarah Kieffer, Ellen Dollar, Lisa Mahoney, Beth Rocco, Mark Proft, and many others.

While many people have met the family, we realize that there are others who would like to, and there should be more opportunities to volunteer in the months ahead and to meet the family socially. A recent example is a ladies’ tea for refugee women in West Hartford and the surrounding towns that was attended by parishioners from St John’s and St. James’s. More than 30 women and children attended, including the Kattoub family. We are making plans to make this a monthly tea and/or craft gathering as the refugee community in our area continues to grow, and we hope to organize a similar men’s gathering.

There is an immediate need for two volunteers to assist the family in managing state social service programs (DSS, Husky, SNAP) and coordinate responses to ensure the Kattoubs continue to receive the appropriate level of benefits. Someone with knowledge of and experience with these programs would be ideal. Please contact Mark Proft at mproft@gmail.com if you can help in this critical and time-sensitive area.

While there will be regular challenges ahead, we are confident that we can overcome them with the help of so many generous volunteers. We believe that the Kattoub family is well on their way to achieving self-sufficiency.

At this point, it’s uncertain if we will be resettling a second family. However, we will continue to support the Kattoub family and the growing refugee community in our area. Additionally, there are opportunities to assist Refugee Advocacy Services, an organization founded by Nancy Latif, which provides continued everyday support to the more than 30 recently resettled refugee families in our greater community. Thank you all.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Sacred Circle — January 17, 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — January 24, February 7 and 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Communion classes for kids — January 25, February 1 and 8 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ St. John’s Annual Meeting — January 29
- ❖ Choral Evensong featuring the Choir of Center Church — January 29 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Annual Food Auction Fundraiser — February 3
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert featuring Scott Lamlein — February 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ St. John’s Book Fair and Literary Weekend — Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19

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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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2014-16: Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, David Beers, Marki Ware

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

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