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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 29, 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 Prelude

Robert Paoli, 1991

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 556, verses 1-5 Rejoice ye pure in heart!

MARION

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.**

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.

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Micah 6:1-8

All sit.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

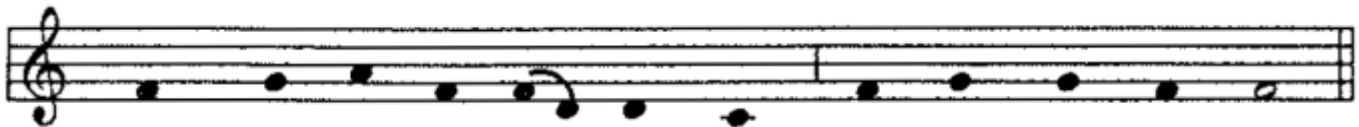
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 15

Sung by the choir, with the people singing the Antiphon at the beginning and end.



Bles - sed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend 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. 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.

God, you call the church on earth to witness to the life we receive in Jesus. Help us to share your good news with the world. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All creation is holy. Lead us to restore the hills and valleys, lakes and rivers, forests and coastlands to the beauty you created. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Call those who are wise and powerful to use their gifts to do justice in a world longing for peace. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who mourn, ease the suffering of all who are lonely or in pain, heal the sick. Bring to your table all who hunger and thirst. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Continue to uphold this community of faith to proclaim Christ crucified and reach out to those who are poor, hungry, homeless, or easily overlooked. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect us in our weakness until you gather us with all your saints upon your holy hill. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine; My soul for God's grace; No other care nor hope is mine;
To heaven I turn my face; One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;
Tis named when God's name is said; Tis love, 'tis heavenly Love;
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Whether for voices or organ or orchestra, Herbert Howells could most certainly write grand, sweeping musical phrases. As the Youth Choir sings, note the crest of the phrase on the word "eyes" from the outset. The highest note of the first section occurs on the word "heaven" not by accident, indeed. In the middle section, not only does he write another high passage for "heavenly Love," he even slows down the tempo and harmonic rhythm to make sure we pay close attention to the use of "Love" (capitalized) as an equivalent name for God. He then uses similar tempo and rhythm techniques with the words "celestial fire" at the end with similar sublime effectiveness. *(Notes courtesy David Perry Ouzts)*

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.

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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 Nunc dimittis

George Dyson (1883-1964)
Words from Psalm 27

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

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 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
All stand and sing.

WOODLANDS

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Processional

Robert Paoli, 1991

*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.
 Please stay after the service for a potluck brunch and the remainder of the Annual Meeting.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: David Beers

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Eddie Genece, Morgan Babbitt, Genella Evans

Ushers: John Amamoo (*team leader*), Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp and Conny Deluca

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Musician: Steve Metcalf

The altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles A. Pease II, Erik Franz Lattey, and Elsa M. Lattey.

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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	Jay
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Anita Winters &	Nancy	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan	Susan	
Janet Ray	Marie Aguiar	Kathy		

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Samantha Giuliano	Audree Raffay
Mary Beth Lamlein	Courtney Bass
Marie Montas	Quint Noyes

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the churches of Lichfield (Canterbury, England) and the Right Reverend Michael Ipgrave; Lichfield - Shrewsbury (Canterbury, England) and the Right Reverend Mark James Rylands; Lichfield - Stafford (Canterbury, England) and the Right Reverend Geoffrey Peter Annas; and Lichfield - Wolverhampton (Canterbury, England) and the Right Reverend Clive Gregory.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Immanuel St. James, Derby; Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; and Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT.

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.

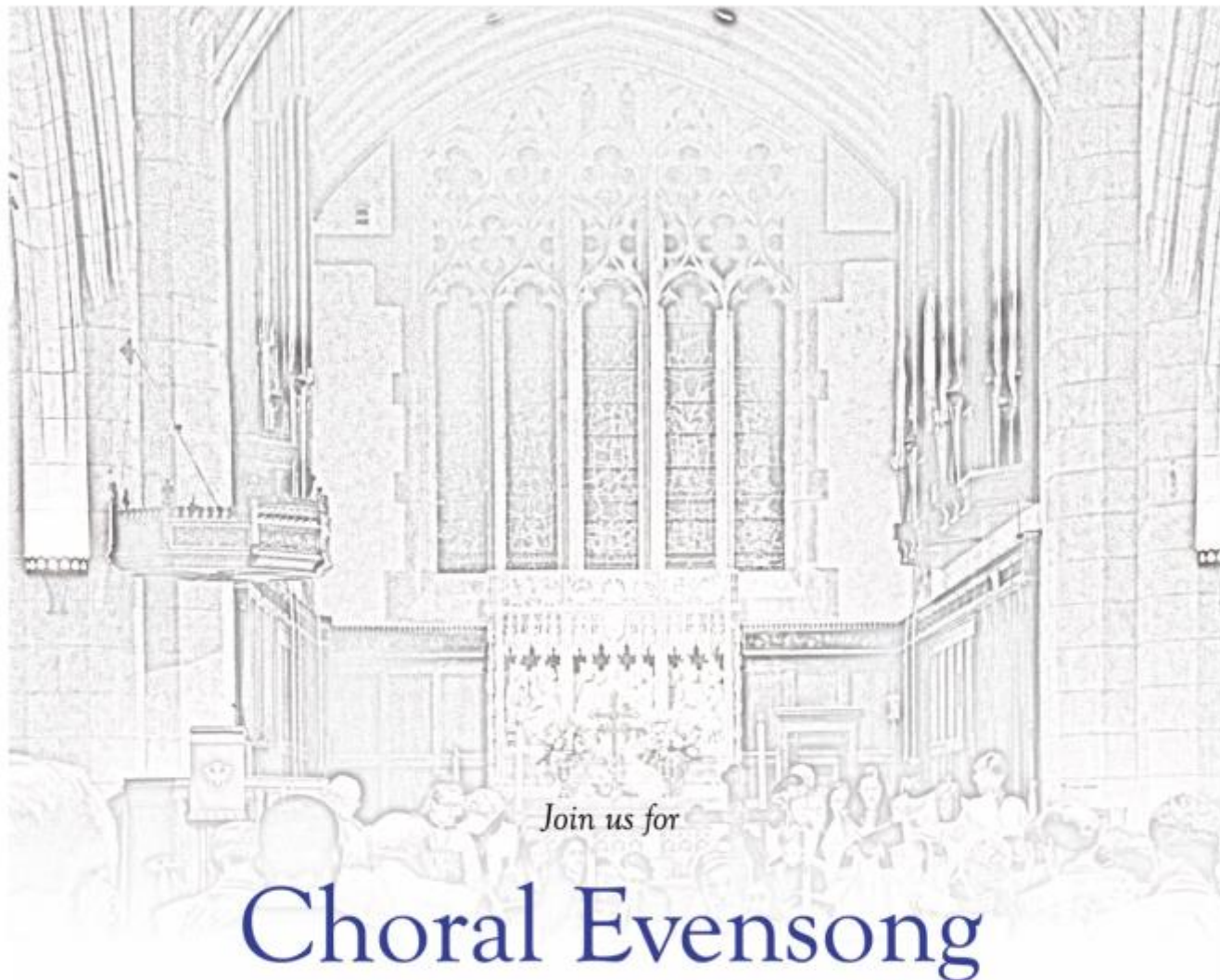
Andrew Worrell — Eight years ago, Andrew started attending St. John's with his family. As the father of two young boys, he felt it was his responsibility to ensure that their moral and spiritual needs were being nurtured, just as Andrew's parents did for him, and he knew that he needed to lead by example. 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.





Join us for

Choral Evensong

A time of quiet, music, and a needed connection to the Sacred.

Sunday, January 29

Choir of Center Church, Hartford

Sunday, February 26 - St. John's Youth Choir

5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford
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St. John's Midwinter Food Blitz & Auction **February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall**

Join us for an evening of delicious food, drinks and live music. This annual adult social event includes 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!!

This event is free, and donations of food are encouraged (but not required!) from anyone with something yummy to share. Food donations can range from goodies that partygoers can bid on and take home that evening, to a themed dinner party, summer picnic spread, or special dish to be made at a later date. To donate please call Marki Ware (860-521-7796) or Susan Clemow (860-233-2886).

All are welcome. Bring a friend!

BOOK FAIR & LITERARY FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 18 AND 19

St. John's First Annual Book Fair will be held Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (before and after the 10:30 a.m. service). Here's how you can participate:

- **Come browse and purchase books** of all kinds at bargain prices!
- **Sign up to read a favorite children's book or two** to kids on Saturday.
- **Donate your good-condition used books:** Fiction, nonfiction, history, how-to, health and wellness, art and photography, cookbooks, children's and young adult, etc. Bring your book donations to the cloak room just inside the back entrance.
- **Invite friends and neighbors** to the event. Our community partners will also be spreading the word to their participating families.
- **Share your thoughts and memories related to books and reading.** Keep your eyes open when you're at St. John's in the coming weeks, as you'll come upon postcards with conversation-starter questions about your experiences with books and reading. Answer a question or two and turn them in at a designated spot. We'll compile the answers for a snapshot of how, why and what the St. John's community reads.

We hope this will become an annual event, and will add features and programs to future weekends as interest and support allow. Help this first annual event get off to a strong start by donating books and planning to come shop, read, and share your love of books.

Contact Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com if you can sign up for a 20-minute kids' story time slot on Saturday, can help in other ways, or have questions.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please come to the kick-off and planning meeting of a **new playgroup for parents of young children and their kids**. Parents and children ages three and younger — and their friends! — will meet on **Saturday, February 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** in the nursery. Our goal is to establish a regular playgroup where parents can socialize while our children play with each other in a safe place. For questions, please contact Kate Bittinger Eikel at kate.eikel@gmail.com.

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 5), we'll have our own "Souper Bowl" of fellowship and outreach.

Please **bring cans of soup** to donate to our monthly food pantry collection. The youth will also be making and serving a simple soup with bread and dessert at coffee hour after the 10:30 service. (Suggested donation: \$5) After you've eaten, stick around for the **12:30 p.m. Pipes Alive! organ concert featuring our own Scott Lamlein.**

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 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.

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

2016 contribution statements for tax preparation are now available!

To save on postage and ensure that you get your tax information as soon as possible, please pick up your statement in Hubbard Hall today. They are in sealed envelopes filed in alphabetical order by last name.

Statements that are not picked up today will be mailed on Monday.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Choral Evensong featuring the Choir of Center Church — TODAY at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Annual Food Auction Fundraiser — February 3, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Playgroup for families with young children — February 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ "Souper Bowl" Sunday canned soup collection and soup lunch — February 5 after 10:30 a.m. service
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert featuring Scott Lamlein — February 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — February 7 and 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ St. John's Book Fair and Literary Weekend — Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

We have an ongoing need for \$5 or \$10 gift cards for CVS, Walgreens, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, gas stations (Sunoco, Exxon/Mobil, Shell), Subway, McDonald's, or Dunkin Donuts. Every week, people in need come to the church looking for a listening ear and some help. While we can't always help with their more significant needs, people are grateful to get a gift card for a meal, some toiletries or grocery essentials, a few gallons of gas, or a hot cup of coffee. You may drop off gift cards in the office during the week or hand them to any staff member on Sundays. Thank you!

We need **volunteers to lead Evening Prayer services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.** The services are short and require no special expertise beyond an interest in leading a small gathering of worshippers in reading scripture and saying prayers—a lovely way to end a busy weekday. You will receive instruction and may commit to once a week, once a month, or however often is feasible for you. Contact Mike Corey at mpcorey@gmail.com for more information. And if you've never attended Evening Prayer, know that you are always welcome.

St. John's volunteers are providing **child care** in our Good Shepherd Room for several children while their parents participate in ESOL classes on **Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m.** If you can help, whether in an ongoing way or for a single morning, contact Brooke Whittemore at brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net.

Make sure you're getting all of the St. John's news! The three main ways that St. John's shares information with parishioners and the larger community are:

- The **Sunday bulletin**, which serves as a weekly newsletter featuring key announcements and calendar dates. Please take your bulletin home so you can read through the announcements and make notes on your own calendar. (If you don't take it home, please put it in one of the blue recycling bins at the entrances to the nave.)
- A **new and improved web site**, which is in the works and will be unveiled in the spring. (Note that the old web site is being phased out and is not being regularly updated beyond very basic scheduling information on the home page.)
- A **weekly e-mail newsletter**, sent out every Thursday with information on upcoming events.

We're phasing out a printed and mailed monthly newsletter as more people rely on digital and online information resources. However, we will do a simple printed monthly flyer with key announcements for parishioners who are unable to readily access the Sunday bulletin or weekly e-mail newsletter. People need to "opt in" to this monthly mailing; it will not be automatically sent to the entire mailing list.

Please contact Ellen in the parish office at 860-523-5201 or ellen@sjparish.net to:

- Update your mailing address, phone, and/or e-mail address in the parish database.
- Sign up for the weekly e-mail newsletter.
- Sign up to receive monthly news and announcements by mail.
- Let us know if you are in touch with a homebound parishioner who would like to receive monthly news and announcements by mail (or, if they have reliable computer and e-mail access, encourage them to sign up for the weekly e-mail newsletter).
- Transfer your membership to St. John's or inquire about your membership status.

Thank you!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net).....	Rector
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)	Director of Music
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The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net)	Priest Associate
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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Jeff Verney.....	Warden
Buffy Ineson.....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd.....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Clerk

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

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

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

ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606