

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 19, 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 Chorale and Aria on *Abbott’s Leigh*

Carl D.N. Klein, 1991

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 525 The Church’s one foundation

AURELIA

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 - mighty 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. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

All sit.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 119:33-40

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Give me life in your ways, O God." The word "Give" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it, indicating a sustained sound. The word "me" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "life" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "in" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "your" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "ways," is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "O" is under a note with a long horizontal line above it. The word "God." is under a note with a long horizontal line above it.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; ***
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 **Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 **Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN As we gather at your table

RAQUEL

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

1. As we gath - er at your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
 3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
 wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us
 sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
 forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:38-48**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

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.

We are God's temple, called to be a holy people. Let us offer prayers for all in need of God's mercy.

For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops; for all who minister in Christ; and for all the people of God. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, especially our president, Donald; our governor, Dannel; our state and local legislators; and all who advise them. We pray for the welfare of their people. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the poor and the alien, and for all who suffer from oppression, especially those from war-torn and chaotic places who are seeking refuge. We pray for our enemies and all who persecute others. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are living with pain in their bodies, minds, and spirits. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all the departed, and for those who remember them with love. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Remembering all your saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord. 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 Teach me, O Lord

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Words: Psalm 119: 33-38

Soloist: Elizabeth Proteau

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

This Psalm setting was apparently not designed as an anthem, but as a truly liturgical piece, a festal Psalm to be sung after the Preces; it was popular enough to have found its way (usually as an anthem) into several sources. The piece might almost have been written to exemplify the Royal Injunction that required "a modest distinct song, so used in all parts of the common prayers in the church, that the same may be as plainly understood, as if it were read without singing." There is a new intimacy, partly due to the verse idiom, in which a soloist alternates with the full choir. A modern listener used to hearing Evensong cannot help noticing the similarity of the full sections, with their regular cadential formulae, to Anglican chant. (Notes courtesy Robert Quinney)

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 Deep river

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?

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 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The *Prelude in C Major* is an example of Bach's use of concentrated material within a work. The entire musical fabric of the movement is presented in the first eight measures. The rest of the prelude explores various combinations of this material in a number of keys, often in quick succession. A sustained pedal note and several detached chords announce the return of the home key and final statement of the opening theme. Stay tuned for its companion Fugue, next week!

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 Beth Grieco.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreaders: Jyothsna Vijaya and Jeff Verney

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Britt Emerick, Ethen Worrell and Caleb Worrell

Ushers: Conny Deluca, Claude Brouillard, Paul Shaker, and Lyn Walker

Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson and Janet Willard

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader/Musician: Doug Engwall

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 &	Susan	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan	James	
Janet Ray	Cheryl Trahan	Kathy		

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Joyce Burke	Olivia Giuliano	Rhaili-Em Lowe	Nancy Sichler
Logan Burke	Heidi Gostyla	Lydia Henning	Wolfie Parsons
Sydney Burke	Joel Grieco	Lori Noyes	Mary Hardy
Bill Faude			

Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Laura and George Hicks
Mark and Ginny Proft

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Mahajanga (Indian Ocean) and the Right Reverend Jean Claude Andrianjafimanana

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; and for all parish mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; and the Companions in Mission Network.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Men's Bible Study - Studying the Bible safely for 427 days! Join us in the Reception Room on **Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m.**

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, February 21 at 7 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. Our topic will be "Sarai and Hagar: Expression of Faith." How did these two women from the Bible experience their faith and where did it take them? Where does your faith take you? You are invited to read Genesis chapter 12:10-17, chapter 16, and chapter 21:1-20 in preparation for the meeting. All women are welcome!

OH YES, WE DID!!! From the creators of the 2017 Midwinter Food Blitz & Auction comes...the **Second Annual SJP GIRLS NIGHT OUT!!** For only \$25, you can join the all-female crowd (sorry boys) at this exciting evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and girl talk at the 28 Walbridge Road home of Ginny Kemp (and Mike Biondi). Mark your calendars!! **Thursday, February 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

The St. John's Youth Choir will present a service of **Choral Evensong** on **Sunday, February 26 at 5 p.m.** In the ancient service of Evensong, the clergy, choir and congregation offer music, scripture, and prayer to the glory of God alone, that it might make the day we have just shared holy and perfect, and prepare us for the week ahead. If you know someone who could use a reflective, quiet and beautiful start to the week, invite them to join you!

Students currently in grades 8 and up, and their parents, are invited to an **informational meeting about the 2018 pilgrimage** to Camas, Scotland, on **Sunday, March 5** after the 10:30 service. Contact Janet Babbitt, director of religious education, if you're interested but cannot attend the session.

St. John's will hold an **Adult Inquirers Class** with the Rev. Susan Pinkerton after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services on **March 12, March 19, March 26 and April 2.** Inquirers classes are especially for adults considering being confirmed in the Episcopal church, but any adult who wants to learn more about the Christian faith and Episcopal practice and liturgy is welcome to attend. Please let Susan know if you are interested.

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Spring Training & Gathering is an annual training day, held in the spring, with dozens of workshops. The 2017 Gathering will take place **Saturday, April 1** at Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Workshop categories are Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy, Stewardship and Worship. This event is designed for both clergy and lay people, and Susan Pinkerton will be leading a workshop with Bishop Laura Ahrens. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/>.

If you signed up to contribute a reflection to the

St. John's Lent Devotional

Please either turn it in today (look for the sign and turn-in box in Hubbard Hall)

OR

E-mail or drop it off to the parish office by Wednesday.

The deadline is firm, to allow for time to get the devotionals printed.

If we don't have your contribution by Wednesday it might not be included!

Thank you!

RESOURCES FOR A HOLY LENT

The Men's Bible Study will host the annual **Fat Tuesday pancakes and ice cream feast at 6 p.m. on February 28.** (Vestry members - The monthly meeting will follow afterward at 7 p.m.)

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 7 a.m and 7 p.m. on March 1. In addition, parish clergy will offer "Ashes to Go" to anyone who wants to stop by during the day. **A 12:10 p.m. service** will be held jointly with St. James's Episcopal Church at St. James's (at the corner of Farmington Avenue and Walden Street).

Our inaugural St. John's Lent devotional, including reflections created by parishioners, will be available for you to pick up at the church, starting on Ash Wednesday. Use it to support your Lenten practice—and get to know other St. John's parishioners a little better.

A **"Women Together" Lenten book study**, to which all women from St. John's, Trinity Church and St. James's Church are invited, will take place **every Tuesday in Lent, starting on Shrove Tuesday (February 28), from 3 to 4:15 p.m.** at St. John's. The group will read and discuss *A Season of the Spirit* by Martin L. Smith. Through 40 daily meditations and prayers, Smith leads readers on a journey of discovery in which we find that Christ, through the Spirit, embraces every aspect of our humanity. Copies of the book may be purchased from St. John's for \$15.

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton will lead a **Bible study at noon every Wednesday in Lent**, starting on March 8. All are welcome to drop by, whether one time, every week, or somewhere in between.



Faith@Work

A St. John's Faith Forum series on the connections between our daily work and our Christian faith

March 5

Jeff Verney, president of UnitedHealthcare Retiree Products & Services

9:30 a.m.
Sunday mornings

March 12

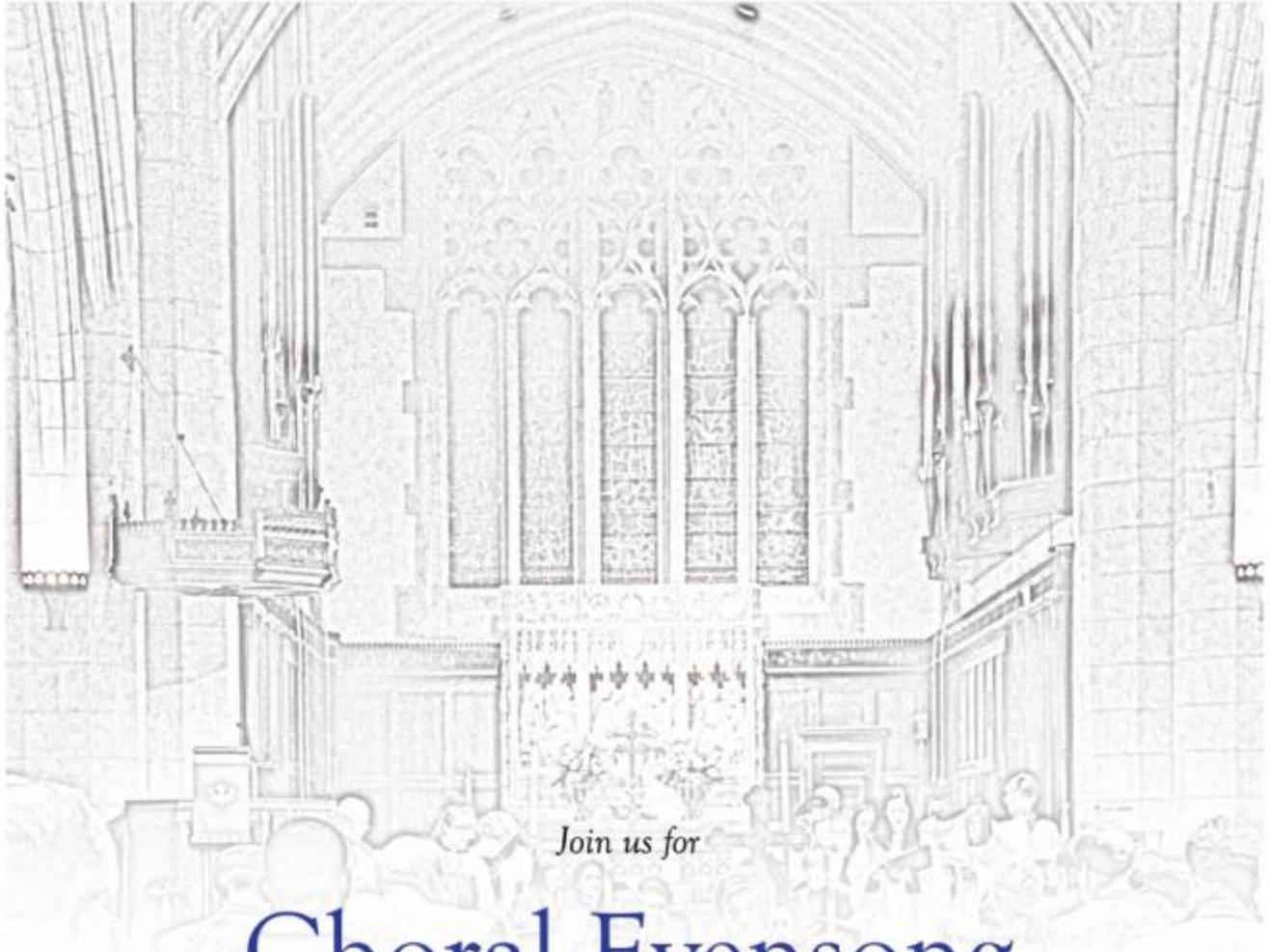
Dr. Joanne Berger-Sweeney, president of Trinity College

March 19

Dr. Karan Emerick, pediatric gastroenterologist at CCMC & Yale-New Haven Hospital

March 26

The Honorable Togo D. West Jr., former secretary of the Army and secretary of veterans affairs



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
www.reddoormusic.org



Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour in March or April - We have several open dates. See the sign-up sheet on the Faith Forum bulletin board in Hubbard Hall.

Help plan for the Second Annual Neighborhood Block Party - St. John's will once again host a neighborhood party with music, food and fun on Sunday, September 17. Come to the 9:30 a.m. Faith Forum on **Sunday, February 26** to discuss ideas for building on last year's success to make the 2017 Block Party the best it can be.

Donate gift cards in small denominations (\$5 or \$10) from Walgreens, CVS, Subway, ShopRite or Stop & Shop - Every week, several people stop by the church because they are cold, hungry and in need. A gift card to buy \$5 or \$10 worth of food, toiletries, and other basics makes a big difference. Bring gift cards to the office during the week or give to any staff member on Sundays.

Sign up for the St. John's "Just Call" list - This is an e-mail list of people willing to be contacted when special needs come up—when a parishioner needs meals delivered or extra child care, when there's a special event at church in need of extra hands, etc. There's no commitment required by signing up; you can say "yes" or "no" to any request. To add your name to the list, contact Ellen in the parish office.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Sacred Circle — February 21 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Girls' Night Out — February 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Evensong with St. John's Youth Choir — February 26 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Fat Tuesday Pancakes and Ice Cream — February 28 at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday service — March 1 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (and 12:10 p.m. at St. James's)
- ❖ Faith@Work Faith Forum series — March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert by Floyd Higgins — March 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ "Women Together" Lent book study — Tuesdays in Lent, starting February 28, 3 to 4:15 p.m.
- ❖ Lent midweek Bible study — Wednesdays in Lent, starting March 8, at noon
- ❖ Gospel at the Red Door: Legacy of Spirituals Singers — March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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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

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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.*

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Ellen Painter Dollar	Clerk

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

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

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