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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 26, 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Tuba Tune on *Laudate Dominum*
Andantino

June Nixon (b. 1942)
Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432 O praise ye the Lord!
All stand and sing.

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-18

All sit.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

The choir will chant the Psalm.

Psalm 2

Plainsong Mode VIII.1

Antiphon: I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

WAREHAM

All stand and sing.

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three

dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

THE SERMON

Rabbi Michael Pincus

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.

O Mighty King, Lover of Justice, we pray for the world around us: for Donald, our President and the leaders of all nations, for those who risk their lives for justice, and for those who dare to bridge the divide between rich and poor. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with hope.**

Holy One, give us vision, courage and patience to work together for unity and understanding among all members of the human family, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with peace.**

Great and awesome God, enthroned among the Cherubim, enlighten and empower people of faith in churches, synagogues and mosques everywhere, that we may further your mission of healing our fractured world. Lord in your mercy, **bless us with commitment.**

Giver of life, we pray for those who are sick in body and mind and spirit, remembering those we now name silently and aloud. [*Pause for silent or spoken prayers.*] Sustain them with your presence; restore them to health, and make us instruments of your healing. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with love.**

Source of all goodness, make us faithful stewards of all you have entrusted into our care, thankful for the generosity of those whose gifts have built, restored and hallowed this house of prayer in days past, and for those whose gifts sustain our mission today. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with gratitude.**

Lord of love, we commend those who have died into your loving care and pray that those who grieve may know the blessing of your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with trust.**

Celebrant God of glory, you gave the vision of your Son to those who gathered on the mountain top; give us eyes to see glimpses of Christ's presence in our lives and to trust in his never-failing love.

People **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 Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Words: David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,
 Fill our emptiness with your presence,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
 In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,
 In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,
 In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982.

During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely anthem was commissioned for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, director of music and organist, in 2011 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the church's dedication.

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 MOTET O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with kindness deign to receive the praise and prayer of suppliants.

You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

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 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in C Major, BWV 547/2

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The *Fugue in C Major* demonstrates a concentration of material with its extremely short subject, similar to its companion *Prelude*, heard last week. Although it is a five-voice fugue, Bach withholds the entrance of the pedal until the end of the movement—an unusual practice during the Baroque period. Shortly after the pedal entrance, the detached chords of the prelude make an appearance to announce the final return of the subject in the home key.

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 Wes Winterbottom.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: Rabbi Michael Pincus

Layreader: Mike Corey

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Caroline Smith, Kiley Murphy, Genella Evans

Ushers: Geoff and Karan Emerick (*Team Leaders*), Ben and Ellen Flynn,

Wes Winterbottom, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker and Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Carol Sonne

Musician: Joyce Burke

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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 &	Susan	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan	James	Ian
Janet Ray	Cheryl Trahan	Nancy Latif	Kathy	
Frank and Susan Murray				

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Alexander Beir	Nina Rosselli Del Turco	Katy Hart	Jonathan Hammond III
Emily Foust	Alyssa Vieau	Rees Pinney	Emma Evica
Scott Lamlein	Brielle Worrell	Alice Fraioli	Olivia Tummescheit
Joyce Milliken	Ann Newbury	Kate Lovas	
Katherine Powell	Lynn Brooks	Cricket Barnes	

Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Erika and William Ulrich

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Malek (Upper Nile, Sudan) and the Right Reverend Peter John Mayom.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; prison ministry and prison chaplains; and the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The St. John's Youth Choir will present a service of **Choral Evensong TODAY 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!

St. John's is honored to host the **Companions in Mission Ministry Network conference** on **Saturday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Panels and workshops will explore many aspects of refugee ministry, from funding to cross-cultural connections. Come help welcome Episcopalians from around Connecticut to our parish while also learning more about this area of ministry. More information and online registration are available at <http://ow.ly/i9MI309ivWq>.

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.

A **Pipes Alive! organ concert** featuring Floyd Higgins will take place on **Sunday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m.** These short concerts (about 30 minutes) are a great way to hear different musicians and different kinds of music on the St. John's organ.

The **American Baroque Singers** will perform a program entitled **Musical Memory: Sounds of the Slavic Courts** at St. John's on **Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m.** The program will feature works of the 17th and 18th century Slavic culture, ranging from the sacred to secular gems of the choral repertoire. Advance tickets may be purchased at <http://www.eventbee.com/v/absslaviccourts#/tickets>

The **Legacy of Spirituals Singers**, under the direction of G. Ingrid Faniel, will present an evening of Gospel music here at St. John's on **Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

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/>.

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).

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.

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.

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.

The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) is offering an **online "5 Marks of Love" Lenten course**, which provides a daily email with links to readings, videos and questions for individuals and small groups to "...reflect not on what we should do, but on how we should live. We will draw on our own monastic spirituality to suggest how we all can balance action with contemplation, so that our words and deeds proceed from the deepest places of our hearts, where God dwells." You may access the course free of charge at 5marksoflove.org.

Camp Washington is offering a **Lenten retreat March 31 - April 1.** Led by Brother Robert L'Esperance from SSJE, the retreat is for those who want to explore a contemplative prayer practice. Cost is \$205 for a private room, \$175 for a shared room, and \$125 if you want to attend sessions but not stay overnight. Register at campwashington.org.

Have some fun (and learn something too) with **Lent Madness.** Provided by Forward Movement (the people who publish the *Forward Day by Day* devotionals), Lent Madness is a March Madness-style bracket chart plotting "competitions" between saints of the church. According to the Lent Madness web site, "32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint...The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch." You can download your own bracket and read about the saints at lentmadness.org, or track the competition on the bracket posted on the bulletin board outside Hubbard Hall.

FAITH@WORK

A SPECIAL FAITH FORUM SERIES

The workplace is a laboratory for moral choice.

- How does Christian faith shape our decisions?
- What ethical challenges face us in the boardroom, the classroom, the shop?
- How does our faith affect our choice of vocation?
- “What would Jesus do?”

These are some of the vital questions that we will be exploring during the Sundays in Lent, in conversation with four intriguing guests. Two are well-known members of St. John’s, one a physician and the other an insurance executive and civic leader. Two other guests are prominent figures from the wider world, one a neuroscientist and college president and the other a high-ranking government official.

Each session of Faith@Work will follow the pattern of introduction, interview, and open questions from the audience. Be sure to be there!



Faith@Work

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

9:30 a.m.
Sunday mornings

March 5 *Jeff Verney, president of UnitedHealthcare Retiree Products & Services*

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*

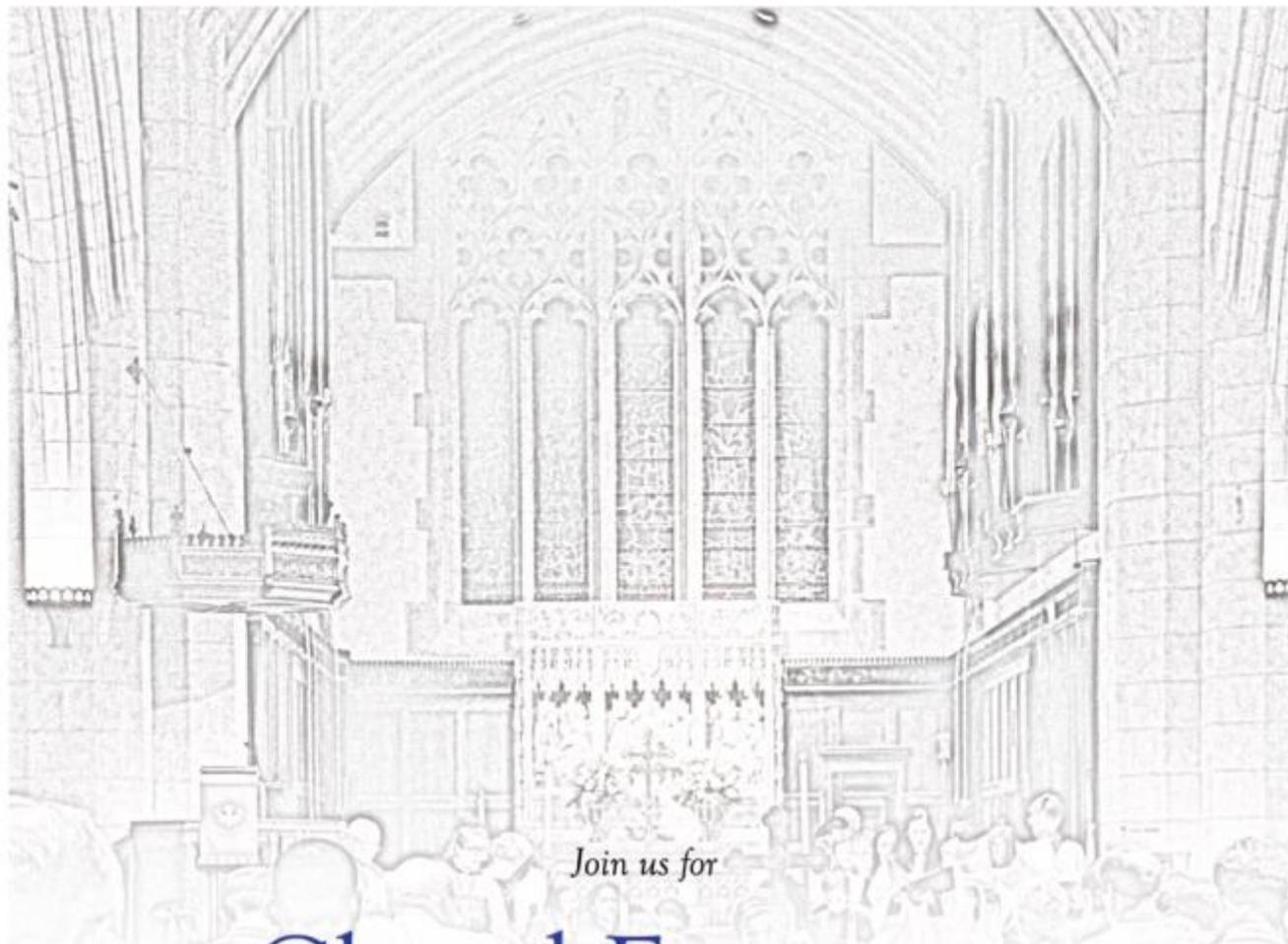


Provide child care for several children from refugee families while their parents learn English. The children have supervised play time in our nursery while their parents participate in ESOL classes on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. You may bring your own children along to play too. Contact Brooke Whittemore at brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

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.

Donate gift cards in small denominations 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 a list of people willing to be called on 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.



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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Evensong with St. John's Youth Choir — February 26 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ "Women Together" Lent book study — Tuesdays in Lent, starting February 28, 3 to 4:15 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)
- ❖ Companions in Mission conference — March 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Adult Inquirers Class — March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, after the 10:30 a.m. service

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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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Wes Winterbottom.....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd.....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Clerk

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

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