

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*First Sunday of Lent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 5, 2017*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *A Lenten Message from the Rector*

Lent is a season that invites us to be actively engaged in the process of *becoming* the unique person God has called each one of us to be. To help guide us in this process of *becoming*, we turn to our rich Anglican tradition for support. For the next 40 days, we inhabit a liminal space, an in-between time of quiet reflection, prayer and meditation. Lent is a penitential season, meaning that we are intentional about reviewing our lives and the choices we make. We take time out from our daily schedule to devote sincere thought and prayer to naming and confessing our sins (the word “sin” is from the Greek for “miss the mark”). We reflect on the brokenness in our lives, not to be maudlin, but as a necessary step toward enriching and deepening our spiritual lives. In acknowledging how we miss the mark, we also acknowledge our need for God, not just on Sunday but every day. Let this Lent be a holy invitation to experience God’s grace with the promise of hope and renewal.

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.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY    Pr  ambule  
                                  Prelude on *Lonesome Valley*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)  
 Robert Powell (b. 1932)

### SILENT PROCESSION

*All stand at the sound of the bell.*

*Celebrant*    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*        **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

*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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Lent brings us an opportunity for deeper reflection, as we take a break from musical fanfares and descants, and replace them with a silent procession and meditative chant. The service music that we will sing during Lent is all from the Gregorian Missal; both the Sanctus and Agnus Dei were famously set in Maurice Duruflé's Requiem.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**All sit.*

**T**he Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

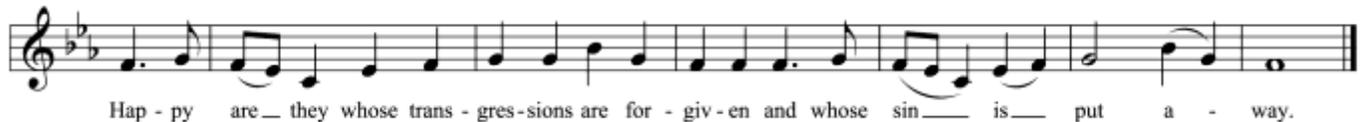
*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 32*

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



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \***  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \***  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**      *Antiphon*
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \***  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \***  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**      *Antiphon*

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*Romans 5:12-18*

**A**s sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:1-11*

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

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

**J**esus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan!

for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*After the children’s sermon, the children will be led out for Word Alive and will return after the Peace.*

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Helen M. Moore

#### 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.*

Let us offer our prayers to the Lord, responding in the words of today’s Psalm.

Have mercy on us, O God. Give us grace to repent of our sins and amend our lives.

**Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away.**

We pray for Donald, our president; Dannel, our governor; and all in civil authority. Grant them wisdom and strength to lead us to be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the nations of the earth.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.**

You have given us dominion over this good earth; give us as well the reverence to use its resources so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them and that generations to come may praise you for your bounty.

**Instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.**

We pray that visitors to St. John’s may find welcome in this place, and that the churches in our community may be faithful witnesses to your love.

**Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

We pray for St. John's missions: for teachers and students of English as a second language, those in citizenship and high school equivalency classes, and the pupils and staff of St. Sauveur School in Haiti.

**Give them understanding; draw them near to you.**

Defend and preserve those who hunger and thirst for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those who are unemployed and in financial need.

**We call upon you in time of trouble, when the great waters overflow.**

Comfort and heal those who are sick and in pain, those who are lonely and depressed, and those without a place to lay their head.

**You are our hiding-place; you preserve us from trouble and bring us deliverance.**

We commend into your care those who have died and for those who mourn.

**Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Lord Jesus, you were tempted in the wilderness yet did not waver. Be present with us who live with temptation this day, and give us your strength. **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 Kyrie eleison (*Messe Solennelle*)

Louis Vierne

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme*

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



*Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme*

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## 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 Surely he hath borne our griefs Karl Heinrich Graun (1704-1759)  
Words: Isaiah 53:4

In what is probably the best-loved Old Testament prophecy of Christ's suffering, the prophet reveals the infamous role of the people in the unfolding drama of the Crucifixion: *We were not attracted to him... We hid our faces from him... We thought him under God's righteous judgement... We have each gone astray.* It is in this context that the prophet sets the record straight. Christ is not guilty in the least: "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." Then Isaiah asserts—and here we can imagine his utter astonishment—that by his scourging we are healed. Graun depicts the grief and sorrow in this text by the use of melisma (one word, many notes) on the words grief and sorrow, chromaticism (half-step movement), and dissonance. The poignant resolution at the end of the work reminds us that the scourging is not in vain. Indeed, by it we are healed.

### 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.**

### PRAYER FOR MISSION

**Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, and we have arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life; when having fallen in love with time we have ceased to dream of eternity; and, in our efforts to build the new earth have allowed our vision of the new heaven to grow dim. Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. In the name of Him, who has pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow Him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA  
*All stand and sing.*

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata in D minor Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)

*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 Buffy Ineson.**

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Helen M. Moore**Layreader:** David Beers**Assisting Organist:** Kari Miller**Acolytes:** Gus Murchie, Francis Lamlein, Emma Evica, Teddy Babbitt**Ushers:** Shirley Blean, Sarah Kieffer, Jeff Gostyla, Jean Mitchell**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Altar Guild:** Conny Deluca and Shirley Blean**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

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*"Disturb us, O Lord" prayer by Addison H. Groff*

**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	Kate Forbes	Jay
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Anita Winters &	Chas	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan	Susan	Ian
Janet Ray	Cheryl Trahan	Mary Stoughton	James	Alec
Frank & Susan	Marlene Lambert	Grayson Moore	Kathy	Jim
Murray	Susan			

**Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:**

Peggy Dimmitt	Emma Bass	Cooper Swift	Geoff Emerick
Joe Sichler III	Richard Bartlett	Suzanne Santamaria	Karan Emerick
Malachi Ward	Martha Church	Edith Connolly	Missy Cipriano
Maddie Green	Jenefer Berall	Ronald Hensley	

**Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Wendy and Richard Bartlett

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the church of Marathwada (North India) and the Right Reverend Madhukar Kasab.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; the Connecticut Episcopal Clergy Association (ConnECA); clergy peer groups; and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Students currently in grades 8 and up, and their parents, are invited to an **informational meeting about the 2018 pilgrimage** to Camas, Scotland, **TODAY** 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 **TODAY 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 **TODAY 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. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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 Grace Academy Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies** in Hubbard Hall directly after the 10:30 service next **Sunday, March 12.** Please support the Girl Scout program at Grace Academy in Hartford, one of St. John's community partners where we sponsor a student. The Girl Scout troop is led by St. John's parishioner Mary Hardy. Cookies are \$5 - \$6 a box, payable by cash or check.

**Trinity Academy**, a tuition-free nonprofit elementary school located at Trinity Episcopal Church, welcome all to their Excellence Dinner: The Magic of Trinity, on **March 18 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford. For more information or to buy tickets, contact Trinity Academy through their web site at [TrinityDay.org](http://TrinityDay.org).

**The Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Spring Training & Gathering** is an annual training day with dozens of workshops. The 2017 Gathering will take place **Saturday, April 1** from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. 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/>.



# Pipes Alive!

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April 2	Christa Rakich
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## RESOURCES FOR A HOLY LENT

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Our inaugural **St. John's Lent devotional**, including reflections created by parishioners, is now available in the literature racks at either entrance. 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 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.

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](http://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](http://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. Each day, two saints are featured, with basic biographical information presented for each. As Lent progresses, "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, read about the saints, and vote each day for which of the day's paired saints you like best at [www.LentMadness.org](http://www.LentMadness.org), or track the competition on the bracket posted on the bulletin board outside Hubbard Hall.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ 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 from 3 to 4:15 p.m.
- ❖ Lent midweek Bible study — Wednesdays in Lent, starting March 8, at noon
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Evensong with the Bishop's Choir School, Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield — March 26 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Episcopal Church in CT Spring Training — April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## 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

**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*

**9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday mornings**

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

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