

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 19, 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 Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7**All sit.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 95**The people say the words in bold and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

To - day if you would hear God's voice, har - den not your hearts.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. *Antiphon*

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest." *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 167 There is a green hill far away

HORSLEY

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

John 4:5-32

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or

have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.

To all who come to the well, God gives living water. As we make our journey to the paschal feast, let us pray for all who thirst for God's holy presence, saying, **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish family, that we may be an oasis of compassion in a world parched of love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For leaders and decision makers throughout the world, especially Donald, our president, Dannel, our governor, and our local officials, that they may strive for peaceful solutions in the midst of complex problems and bring forth new fruits of peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a deepening of prayer in our lives, that we may find ways to make room for God, and like the woman at the well, ask for help in changing our direction, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who thirst, particularly refugees and the victims of violence, natural disasters, and war, remembering especially the sick and the suffering, that in Christ they may find new strength, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have died, that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of water, light and life. Receive the prayers we offer this day and grant that we may share in Christ's work of reconciliation and give to others the living water of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon 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 Abide with me William Henry Monk (1823-1889), arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1897), found at Hymn 662

The setting of this timeless hymn by Moses Hogan melds his own harmonic language with the uncomplicated melody. Hogan masterfully drafted an arrangement using contemporary harmonies and stylistic devices such as sforzandos, suspensions, and dissonance resolving to consonance that effectively keep your ear interested and your heart totally engaged.

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - 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 A Gaelic blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Words: Ancient Gaelic rune

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
 Deep peace of Christ,
 of Christ the light of the world to you.
 Deep peace of Christ to you.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 676 There is a balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

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 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Jehan Alain, a Parisian composer whose life was cut short when his plane was shot down during WWII, wrote this morning's organ music. The opening voluntary is a haunting Choral that explores modal tonalities. Litanies is a breathless and relentless prayer. The desperation of prayer in time of deep need is illustrated by a repetitive litany and rhythms written while traveling on a train—all building to a frenzy. Alain writes, "When the Christian soul in its despair can no longer find any new words to implore the mercy of God, it repeats the same incantation over and over again in blind faith. The limits of reality are surpassed and faith alone continues upward."

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 Douglas Hyland.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Britt Emerick, Elsa Ciscel, Kiley Murphy

Ushers: Courtney Bass, Philip Chapman, Will Smith

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp and Janet Willard

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

Musician: Steve Metcalf

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	Cheryl Trahan	Mary Stoughton	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Grayson Moore	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Frank & Susan	Kate Forbes	Jim	Alec
Alison & Sam Johnson	Murray	Carol		

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

John Hardy	Margaret Thomas	Elizabeth Hammond	Shirley Blean
William Sloan	Andrew Worrell	Clara Tummescheit	Laura Hicks

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Mbale (Uganda).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; and for ECCT common life and common resources and the ECCT Program & Budget Committee.

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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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, March 21 at 7 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. The topic this month will be "Conversations that Matter: Aging and Death." Some of the most important dialogues we will ever have within ourselves, with our loved ones, and with our community are about aging and death. How can these conversations shape and be shaped by our faith? Please come. All women are welcome!

St. John's will hold a service of **Choral Evensong**, featuring the Bishop's Choir School of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, on **Sunday, March 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. Evensong quiets the soul and makes space for reflection and gratitude—please come and bring someone with you.

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 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 www.episcopalct.org/spring-training.

A revitalized **Christian Education committee will meet after the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 2**, to provide ideas and support for our religious education programs for children and youth. Contact Janet Babbitt, director of Christian education, if you have questions or want to participate but can't attend the meeting.

Our Popular **Pipes Alive!** series resumes with Christa Rakich playing the mighty Austin organ on **Sunday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m.** Christa is an internationally known concert organist, music director at St. Mark's Church in West Hartford, and Artist-in-Residence at the Somers Congregational Church. Join us for half-hour organ concerts featuring St. John's magnificent Austin pipe organ, on the first Sunday of the month, January through June, 12:30 p.m. with local organists. Free!



We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Estil, son of Father Colbert (who oversees St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti) and his wife Monese. Estil was born on March 15th and despite some prior concerns for the health of mother and baby, all are well. Please keep the Colbert family in your prayers.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Faith@Work Faith Forum series — March 19 and 26 at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ "Women Together" Lent book study — Tuesdays in Lent from 3 to 4:15 p.m.
- ❖ Lent midweek Bible study — Wednesdays in Lent at noon
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.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 Forum & sermon on Healing Prayer — April 2 at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! with Christa Rakich — April 2 at 12:30 p.m.

RESOURCES FOR A HOLY LENT

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, is held **every Tuesday in Lent from 3 to 4:15 p.m.** at St. John's. The group is reading and discussing *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 is leading an informal **Bible study at noon every Wednesday** in Lent. All are welcome to drop by—one time, every week, or somewhere in between.

Amelia Bloomer: The saint who invented women's underwear

Born in 1818 in New York, Episcopalian Amelia Bloomer was passionate about the issue of temperance, as she saw the damage that alcohol abuse does to communities and relationships, and advocated for women's rights. Her newspaper *The Lily* (founded in 1849) provided "a national platform to address women's rights, temperance, women's education, and double standards between women and men. *The Lily's* coverage of a new fashion for women that allowed for movement and less restriction went viral; subscriptions for her paper doubled when more mainstream newspapers ran stories about the ensemble eventually called bloomers. In her newspaper, Bloomer publicly countered arguments from clergy who used scripture to condemn women's fashion. Well-versed in scripture, Bloomer wrote extensively about verses traditionally used to demean women. She recognized that women's fashion issues were symptomatic of a larger issue—women were not seen as independent, capable citizens in the eyes of the government or the Church."



Amelia bested Philip Melancthon, a theologian who worked alongside Martin Luther in writing theological arguments supporting the Protestant Reformation, in one of this week's "Lent Madness" match-ups. 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 biographical information presented for each. As Lent progresses, "things get a bit more interesting... 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, or track the competition on the bracket posted on the bulletin board outside Hubbard Hall. While many of the featured saints are well-known (such as Augustine and Joan of Arc), many are not, and reading about them provides inspiration and a needed reminder that "saints" are nothing more than regular people who did what they believed God was leading them to do, despite obstacles and costs.



Faith@Work

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

9:30 a.m.
Sundays in March

- 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 and Yale-New Haven Hospital
- March 26** The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., former secretary of the Army & secretary of veterans affairs



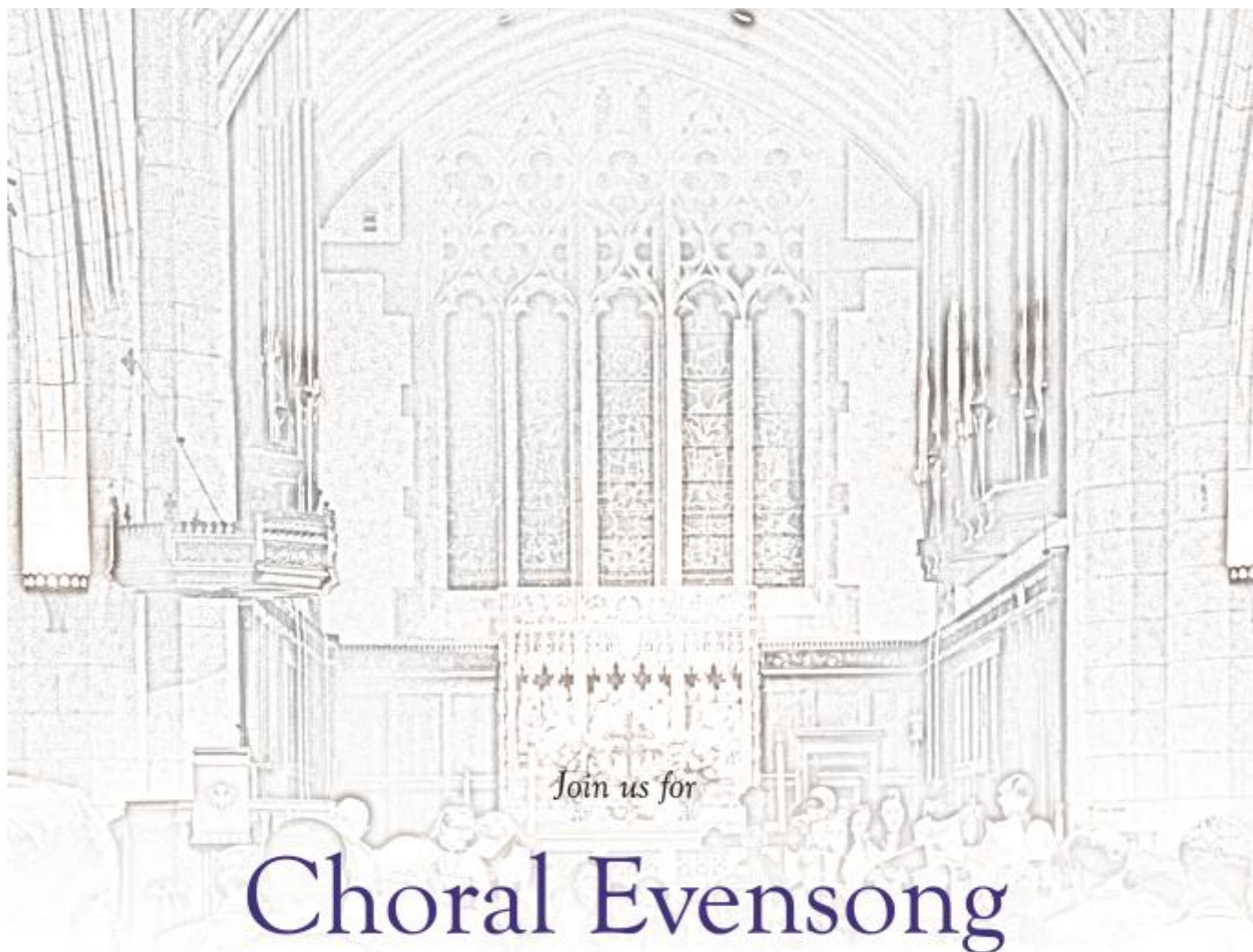
SAINT JOHN'S
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Healing Prayer

Why we all need healing
 How we experience healing
 The role of our prayers in God's healing power

A sermon and Faith Forum on healing prayer by Wes Winterbottom, warden

Sunday April 2
 Sermons at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
 Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m.



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

Sunday, March 26
Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield

Sunday, April 30
St. John's Youth & Adult Choirs

5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford
www.reddoormusic.org



Donate a new or gently used computer in good working order to Father Colbert, who oversees St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti. It can be a laptop or desktop. There is a volunteer who can carry it down to Haiti in late March. Contact the parish office if you can help.

The head of St. John's Global Missions Committee, Giselle Genece, will go to Haiti to visit St. Sauveur School (where St. John's provides annual support), leaving on April 17 and returning by the following weekend. **She is looking for a traveling companion.** If you're interested in nurturing this important relationship between St. John's and St. Sauveur by traveling to Haiti, please contact Giselle at geneceegj@sbcglobal.net ASAP. St. John's will cover your airfare and a modest per diem amount for meals and other necessities.

Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour on the Faith Forum bulletin board in Hubbard Hall.

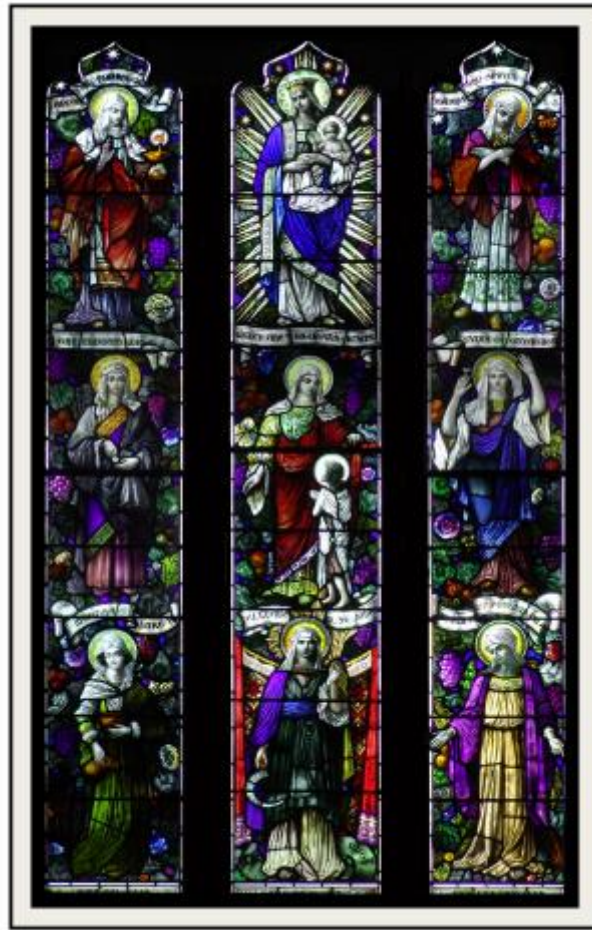
Partner with Grace Academy students for a community clean-up. All are invited to a community clean-up on **Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to noon** with students from Grace Academy, where we sponsor a student and provide volunteer support. We'll be cleaning up a park and/or other public space. This is an opportunity to not only contribute to neighborhood beautification, but also get to know Grace Academy students. Meet at Grace Academy at 10 a.m. Contact Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net for more information.

Volunteer as a rickshaw driver! Yes, you read that right — Bike West Hartford's new program "Cycling without Age" pairs volunteers with residents of the Hughes Rehabilitation Center, where St. John's leads a weekly Sunday worship service. As you pedal, your passengers (each rickshaw can hold two) enjoy fresh air and increased mobility, along with conversation with you and each other. What better way to get some exercise (although the rickshaws are equipped with electric-assist motors that do most of the work) while connecting with our neighbors and the great outdoors? Training is provided and you can volunteer on your own schedule. Volunteers must have a valid drivers license. Get more information, or make a monetary donation to the program, at www.bikewesthartford.org/cycling-without-age.html. Or contact program coordinators Kevin Sullivan (860-690-4576, ksullivan12@snet.net) or Dan Firestone (860-521-6835, dsfcpa@ntplx.net).

Help Habitat for Humanity build homes. Habitat's mission is "to build safe, affordable housing with people in the United States and around the world, and that [mission] comes from a desire to put God's love into action." Upcoming events include "**Building on Faith**" on **April 19 to 22**, where volunteers from various faith communities will work together on build sites, and "**Women Build 2017**" on **May 10 to 13**, which invites groups of women (perhaps a group of St. John's women can join forces?) to learn how to install windows and siding on a build site. For more information, contact St. John's parishioner Mark Proft at mproft@gmail.com or 860-989-4637.

Thank you for the generous response to our call for small-denomination gift cards to drug stores and take-out restaurants. Our supply is now replenished. Please keep this need in mind the next time you're shopping at Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Subway or Dunkin Donuts, and pick up a few \$5 or \$10 gift cards for us to have on hand for people who come to St. John's for help. The need is ongoing.

CELEBRATING THE WHITMORE WINDOW'S 100TH YEAR



The Whitmore window, over St. John's main entrance, was dedicated by Harriet Whitmore Enders to the memory of her mother, Harriet Goulden Whitmore. It was installed in March 1917. Its large images depict women (mostly from the New Testament) who were important to the life of Jesus. Flowers of Jesus's time are also illustrated.

Approximately 45 feet high, the window was designed and constructed by the Harry Eldredge Goodhue Company of Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts. Harry Goodhue, the younger brother of the church's architect, Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue, was a talented artist whose company had more than 70 installations from coast to coast. Mr. Goodhue passed away in 1917, making our window one of his firm's final works.

Harriet G. Whitmore was a long-time member of St. John's, dating back to our Hartford years. She and her husband Franklin were personal friends of Mark Twain, who is known to have visited their home, then on the northwest corner of Farmington Avenue and Highland Street. Their daughter, Harriet W. Enders, a parish member who was active in philanthropic circles, was the mother of Nobel Prize winner Dr. John Franklin Enders. John O. Enders, her husband and a repeated member of our Vestry, headed up Hartford National Bank and Trust for many years. He, along with his older brother Dr. Thomas, donated the land upon which this building sits; our first West Hartford organ, the 14-rank Austin Opus 231; and other important gifts.

WHITMORE MEMORIAL WINDOW IMAGE DIRECTORY
(Described Left to Right)



Three Trefoils: "Hosannah," "Shield of the Holy Trinity," and "Alleluia"



Ten Virtues of the Virgin Mary: Reason, Justice, Prudence, Hope, Moderation, Mercy, Faith, Modesty, Charity and Innocence



"Daughter of Jairus, Mark 5," "Anna the Prophetess," "Mary the Virgin and Jesus," "Joanna Who Served,"
"Mary Who Chose the Better Part"



"Mary Magdala, Saint," "The Widow's Mite," "Elizabeth and St. John [the Baptist]," "Lydia of Thyatira,"
"Mary the Mother of James [and] Salome"



"Widow of Nain, Luke 7," "Martha, Luke 1," "Ruth," "Wife of Pontius Pilate," "Dorcas, Alms and Good Works"

Text shown in quotation marks is from the window. The extensive pro-bono assistance of Ms. Angela Goedicke of UK's *National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies* (nadfasc.org) is gratefully acknowledged. Wm. Uricchio, Parish Historian, March 2017.

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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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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