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The Third Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST

April 30, 2017

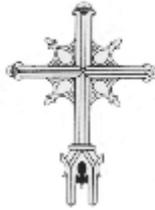
10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

During Holy Week we walked with Jesus as he made his way to Jerusalem for the last time. We shared a last supper and washed one another's feet as Jesus showed us what it means to love and serve others. Along with Mary his mother, and Mary Magdalene, one of his inner circle, we stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed Jesus's agonizing death. We know too well the sting of death as we kept watch at Jesus' tomb. But, as Christians, we know there is more. This Easter we sing our "Alleluias" as testimony to the world that love, not death, has the last say. For the 50 days of Eastertide we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as we live into our calling to be the living body of Christ in the world. Life and love, not death and despair, have the last word. Together we celebrate the good news that death has been defeated once and for all as we join our voices, singing, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!"

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 any other requests. Again, welcome.

Cover image: Fresco at the entrance of St. Mark's Basilica, Venice.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Aria

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

This Aria was originated in 1943 as the slow movement of a Sonata for trumpet and piano, and it is still a permanent fixture on exam syllabuses for aspiring young trumpeters. Peeters himself arranged it for organ. The expressive melody unfolds above an accompaniment of soft repeated chords. As in so much of his finest work, there is a simplicity and sincerity in this music that speaks directly to the heart. (Notes courtesy David Gammie)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

LAUDATE DOMINUM

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

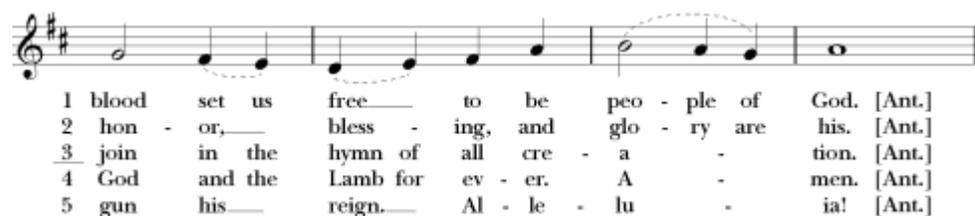
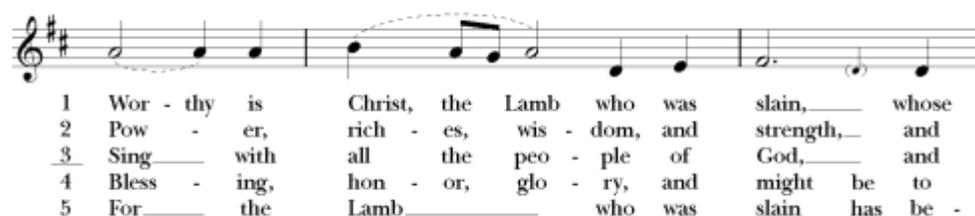
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Text: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:14a,36-41**All sit.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**Sung by the choir, with the people singing the antiphon as indicated.*

Anglican chant by Thomas Pavlechko, 2010



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." *Antiphon*
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people. *Antiphon*
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near

the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lord Jesus Christ, our companion on the road, we pray for eyes open to your presence, hearts burning for your truth, and courage and compassion to tell others about what we have seen, heard and known.

Guide us when the road ahead is hidden and we don't know which way to go. We pray especially for those in leadership positions, that they will be guided by your wisdom, justice and mercy. We pray for our bishops, Ian and Laura; our clergy; our lay leadership; for Donald, our president; and for all our elected leaders and their advisors. Lord Jesus Christ, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Strengthen us when the road is long and treacherous, and we are afraid. We pray for those living under threat of violence, war, chaos and disaster, especially for the people of Syria, South Sudan and Venezuela, that you will inspire and equip those working to restore peace and prosperity. Lord Jesus Christ, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Sustain us when each step on the road is hard, and we are in pain. We pray for those who are sick, addicted, depressed, grieving or in despair, and for those on the journey to recovery. We pray especially

for those on our parish prayer list. Heal and strengthen them, and carry them when they are unable to take another step. Lord Jesus Christ, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Receive those whose journey on this earth has come to an end in death, and joyfully welcome them into your presence. We pray especially for those who have died this week, and for their loved ones, that you will comfort them in their grief. Lord Jesus Christ, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Shield us when the road ahead is beautiful, and we are excited about where it is taking us. We thank you for the earth's bounty and beauty, for the love of family and friends, for work that satisfies and rest that refreshes, and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Lord Jesus Christ, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant We thank you for being our companion on the many roads we walk. We lift these prayers, and those for needs unknown or unspoken, to you, trusting that you are always walking beside us even when we don't know it. In the name of Jesus Christ,

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 ANTHEM They that go down to the sea in ships

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Words: Psalm 107:23-30

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth:
 which lifteth up the waves thereof.
 They are carried up to the heaven,
 and down again to the deep:
 their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man;
 and are at their wits' end.
 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble:
 He delivereth them out of their distress.
 For he maketh the storm to cease:
 so that the waves thereof are still.
 Then are they glad because they are at rest:
 and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

Herbert Sumsion was born in Gloucester, and sang in the choir of the cathedral as a chorister. He gained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists at the age of only 17. He was organist of Gloucester Cathedral from 1928 to 1967 and is remembered as a cathedral musician, organist and teacher. They that go down to the sea in ships (1979) was written for the choir of Repton Preparatory School. The piece unfolds with a remarkable economy of material: a rippling, listless organ part suggests the sea, with an attractive solo melody over it; and rising and falling choral writing depicts the movement of the ship and the staggering of its sailors.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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. **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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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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 Holy 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.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Text: From the Maundy Thursday liturgy

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 180 He is risen, he is risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata on *I Believe This Is Jesus* Spiritual, setting by Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

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.

Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.

This morning's greeter is Jan Hickcox.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Tom Moore

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Kari Miller

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Maisie Smith, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Ushers: Geoff and Karan Emerick, Ben and Ellen Flynn, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi

Altar Guild: Bess Amamoo and Shirley Blean

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Musician: Guy Verney

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

Mary E. Buschek, Anne Pease Carpenter, Wendy Wright Collins, James F. Gammill,

Andrya Ramer, and M. Searle Wright

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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 who have died:

Wende Taylor and Clifford A. Betts, Jr.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Robert Connolly	Chas	Jay
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Carol	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Alison & Sam	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Louis Neuchterlein	Grayson Moore	Jim	Alec
Kent Lawrence	Arlene MacIntyre	Marie Montas	Barbara	Julia
Regenold Moton	Helen Moore			

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Ezekiel Latif	Danielle Rucci	Claire Lovas	Callan Farrell
Brian Alemany	Sophie Murchie	Cait Semanie	

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Nandyal (South India).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; for retirement communities, especially Seabury and Armsmeary; and chaplains at retirement communities.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Evensong with the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs — TODAY at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! organ concert with Peter Niedmann — May 7 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Chili Cook-off — May 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Special coffee hour in the Cloister Garden — May 14 after the 10:30 service
- ❖ Youth Sunday — May 21 at the 10:30 service
- ❖ Cello and organ concert, Joseph Lee and Chelsea Chen — June 4 at 4 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant — October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Music at the Red Door Year-End Events

The final Choral Evensong of this program year will be TODAY at 5 p.m., and will feature St. John's Adult and Youth Choirs. Evensong is an ancient tradition of offering prayer, music and silence to God in a peaceful, reflective setting. It's a wonderful way to prepare for the busy week ahead — please come and bring a friend!

The final Pipes Alive! concert of the program year will feature Peter Niedmann playing the mighty Austin organ on Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m. Peter is a long-time friend of St. John's, a prolific published composer, and director of music at First Church of Christ, Newington. He is a Hartford native, having graduated from the Hartt School at the University of Hartford.

And finally, the last Music at the Red Door event for the spring is a concert featuring Chelsea Chen on the organ and Joseph Lee on cello, on Saturday, June 4 at 4 p.m.

As these events close out the 2016-2017 Music at the Red Door series, we're already looking ahead to the 2017-2018 program. A brochure listing next year's key events will be landing in mailboxes this week. Take a look, mark your calendars, and consider supporting this important ministry with your participation and donations.

Upcoming Faith Forums Especially for Parents

Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Faithful Parenting: A discussion with the rector, the Rev. Susan Pinkerton

Come share your stories, questions, tips and concerns about helping kids through their teen years as people of faith. What if your teen doesn't share your faith values? How do we nurture Christian values in a social media world? How do we help our kids claim their own values in the face of pressures and opposing viewpoints? What lessons have you learned that might be useful to other parents?

Sunday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m.

"Telling Our Stories": Brainstorming/planning for 2017-2018

Are you looking for a new way to deepen your faith and strengthen your connections to the St. John's community? We need folks to be a part of our teaching ministry. Come learn about our church school, middle school and high school programs and ideas for the upcoming program year. Hear about special events planned for next year, including service opportunities, the Acolyte Festival trip, a Lent Lock-In and more. Children's special events include Parents Night Out/Children's PLAY IN, game nights and movie nights. Our special program theme for both youth and adult education next year is "Telling Our Stories." Please bring ideas for how to share your favorite Bible stories and how to encourage our kids to tell their own stories and see God at work in them.

We need YOUR ideas and participation to make our children and youth programs the best they can be. Even if you're not sure how you can contribute, please come! The children and youth will be preparing for **Youth Sunday (May 21)** during both Forum times.

Opportunities for Study and Fellowship

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton's midweek Bible study, at noon on Wednesdays, was so successful during Lent that she will now offer it every week. Stop by whenever you're able — no need to sign up ahead of time!

The Women Together study/spirituality group will continue on Tuesdays in May, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at St. John's. This group brings together women from St. John's, St. James's and Trinity Churches under the leadership of the Rev. Helen M. Moore. On Tuesdays starting on May 2, the group will read and discuss Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. E-mail Helen at helen@sparish.net or call her at 860-331-1127 for more information or to let her know you're coming.

The Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the Reception Room, with coffee!



Bring in nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of the month (that's next Sunday!). We donate these items to the food pantry at the Hartford United Methodist Church. Needed items include peanut butter, cereal, canned soup and pasta, tuna, dried pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables and beans, and canned fruit/applesauce. Please place your items in the wagon in the back of the nave. We can also use paper grocery bags.

We need to re-stock our supply of small-denomination gift cards (\$5 or \$10) for Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Subway or Dunkin Donuts to give to neighborhood residents who stop by with basic needs for food and toiletries. Please pick some up when you're able and either drop them off at the office or hand them to any staff member. And THANK YOU to those who have faithfully brought in cards. This ministry is a simple way to let people in need (sometimes desperate need) know that St. John's is a place of refuge and welcome.

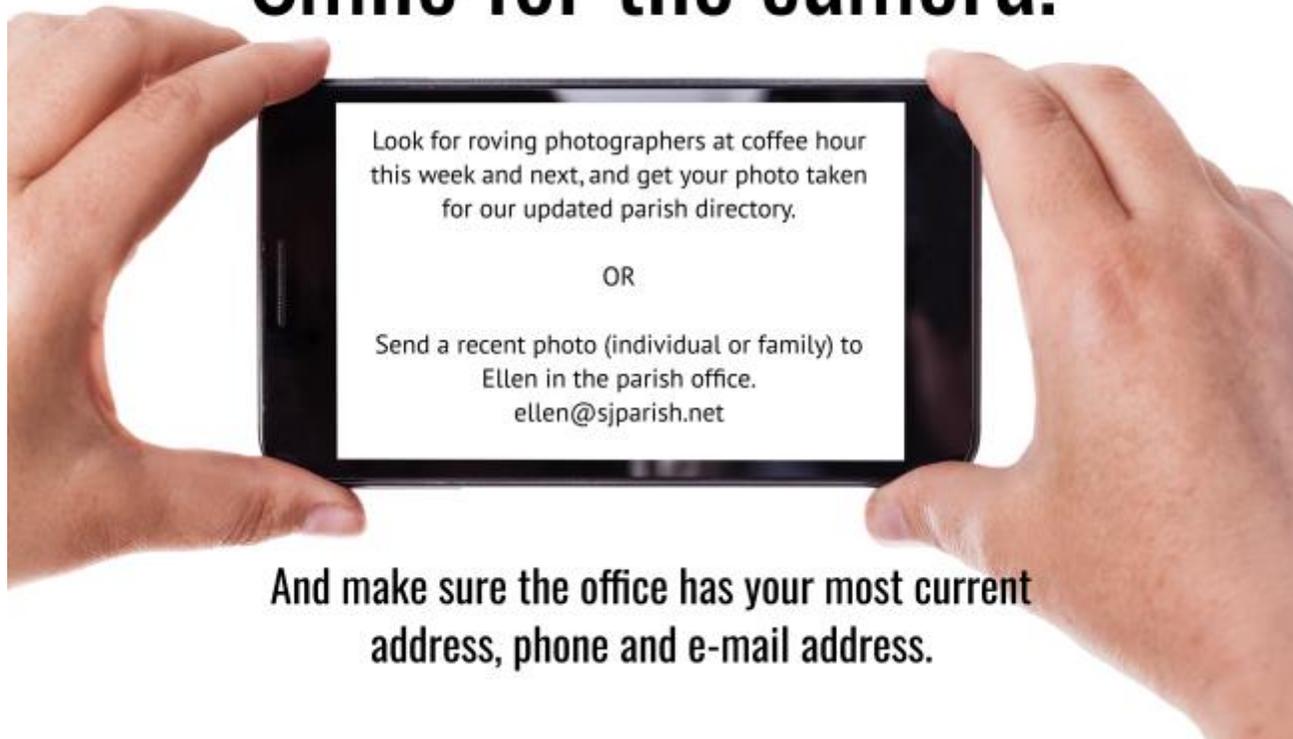
Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour on the Faith Forum bulletin board in Hubbard Hall. We still have lots of empty spaces for the spring! Partner with another family to make it easy for everyone.

Walk Against Hunger with students from Grace Academy and other St. John's folks. The walk is Sunday, May 7, with "step off" at 2 p.m. from Liam McGee Park in Hartford (across from The Hartford headquarters at 690 Asylum Avenue). Meet up with our group by 1:30 p.m. at the team picture area. Contact Julia O'Brien at 860-573-8044 for more information or to track her down at the event.

Gather a team of women for Habitat's Women Build project on May 10 - 13. You will learn to frame, install siding and windows. The Habitat staff will be on site! Recruit your friends, sorority, church or civic group to come together for a worthy cause. Each team member must raise or donate \$100 to participate. Call 860-541-2208 ext. 2204 for details.

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Now more than ever, Connecticut children need your help to find happy, healthy homes. If you are willing to commit to the challenge, have a light heart, patience, and the willingness to grow with a child, then consider becoming a Therapeutic Foster or Adoptive Parent today! Single and two-parent families are both welcome. For more information, contact Klingberg Family Centers at (860) 832-5536 or at www.klingberg.org.

Smile for the camera!



And make sure the office has your most current address, phone and e-mail address.

*Free!
All are welcome!*

St. John's Annual
Chili Cook-Off

Friday, May 12
6:30 p.m.

Come sample our cooks'
best chili recipes
& decide on your favorite!


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*Please bring a side or
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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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Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

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