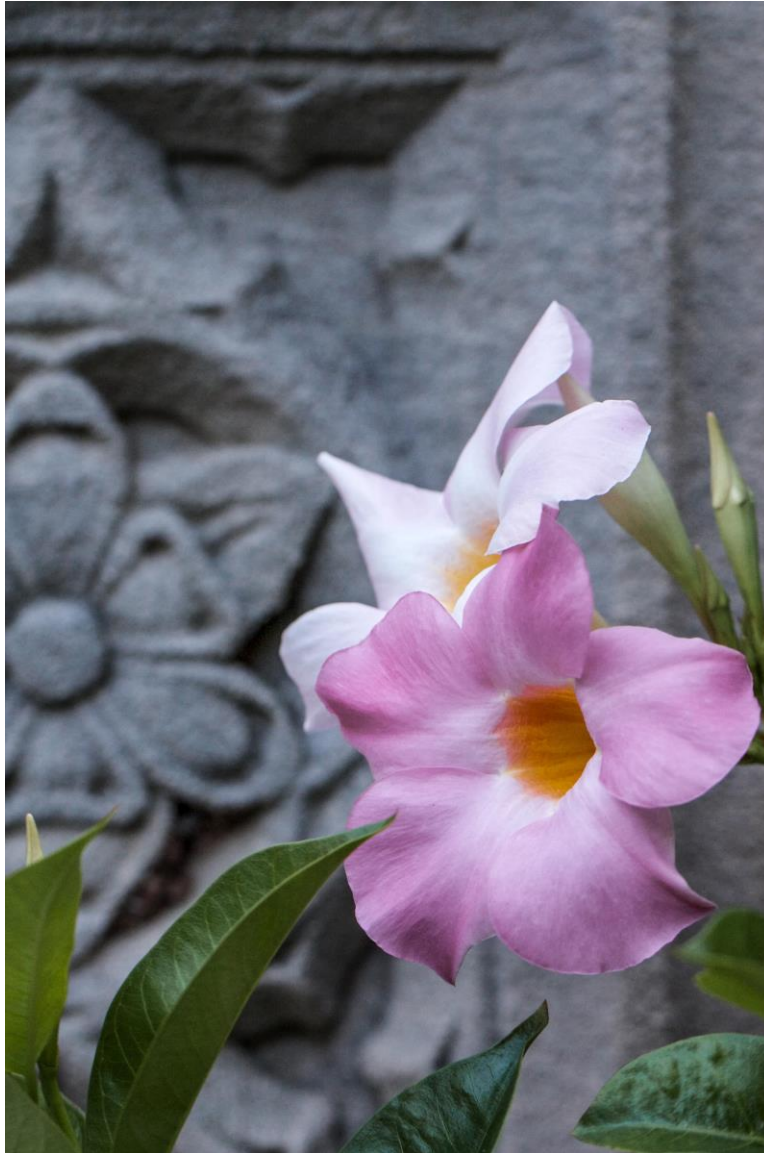


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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 23, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint John's

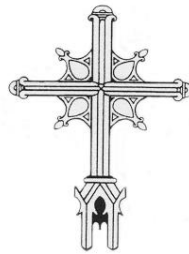
We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please sign our guest book or fill out a card, and we will be 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. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.

The Season after Pentecost – Ordinary Time

The photograph of the flowers, both stone-carved and real, that graces our front cover was taken by parishioner Ginny Kemp. This lovely image from our Cloister Garden reflects both our rock solid faith and our blossoming hope in Jesus Christ's promise of new and eternal life.

The Episcopal Church follows a liturgical calendar that helps us keep holy time and brings order to our lives through Scripture readings and prayers. The calendar includes various feasts and seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. In the fall we observe the liturgical season of "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" does not mean mundane or common. Quite the contrary. The word is from the Latin word for "order." We count in ordinal numbers the number of Sundays and weeks in this season, until late November when we begin all over again with the season of Advent, the beginning of a new church year.

No matter the season we know that God is with us, always and without end. For that we continue to give thanks. We do that best as we gather together each Sunday to offer God our praises, prayers and thanksgivings in this beautiful sacred space of St. John's. Again, welcome. We are glad you are here.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *The Peace may be exchanged* (from *Rubrics*) Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

The inspiration for Dan Locklair's five-movement suite, Rubrics, was the italicized rubrics (instructions) found within the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Finding power within these simple notes, Dan brings them to life in music. The peace may be exchanged is a beautiful, lyrical peace-prayer, using the warm string and diapason sounds of the organ.

INTROIT *Beatus vir* Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

*Beatus vir qui in sapientia morabitur,
et qui in justitia meditabitur, et in sensu cogitabit circumspectionem Dei.
Blest is the man who is wisdom continues through all his days,
and who in his righteousness loves to meditate, and forgets not to consider how in mercy watchful God is.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 665 All my hope on God is founded

Michael

All stand and sing.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-

might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,

on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Joel 2:23-32

All sit.

O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
 for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
 I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.
 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you.
 And my people shall never again be put to shame.
 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
 And my people shall never again
 be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 65

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

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is: You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord. The second line of music is: You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, ***
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose**
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 **You make fast the mountains by your power; ***
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

Antiphon

- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. *Antiphon***
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 **You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 **You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing. *Antiphon***

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 641 Lord Jesus, think on me

SOUTHWELL

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

Luke 18:9-14

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his

home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

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

Come, Holy Spirit, that those worshipping here in your holy temple, and through our online ministry, might know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Heed our humble prayers to strengthen the weary, empower the weak, and restore all who stumble and fall. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the Lord, all who are in trouble, distress, or illness. May they not be dismayed but know that the God of all healing light, wondrous deeds, and unfailing love will uphold them in his blessed right hand. Heal us Lord, and we shall be healed. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, guide this fractured world into wholeness and peace. Shed abroad your Holy Spirit so that arrogance and hatred might dissipate. Break down the walls that separate us; and so transform us by divine love that your kingdom of justice and truth is more nearly realized. We pray for the safety of the people of Aleppo and Mosul.— Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for our powers and privileges, direct the people of the United States in this election. May those elected ensure equality, especially for the poor, the easily forgotten and overlooked. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have drawn us together in a common bond. Open our hearts with generosity and mercy so that we become instruments of healing mercies for the people of Haiti, especially in Les Cayes and St. Sauveur School. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered sin, put death to flight, and provided hope for everlasting life. We pray for those who have died in this faith: rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine upon them. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Great is your faithfulness, O God of power and might. Fill us with all joy in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit that what we have prayed, you have heard. And what you have heard, you will answer in your holy way and good time. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Christoph Stretz

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Come, pure hearts

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Text: 12th c. Latin, translated R. Campbell

Come, pure hearts, in sweetest measure; sing of those who spread the treasure
In the holy gospels shrined; blessed tidings of salvation,
Peace on earth their proclamation, love from God to lost mankind.
See the rivers four that gladden, with their streams, the better Eden
Planted by our Lord most dear; Christ the fountain, these the waters;
Drink, O Sion's sons and daughters, drink, and find salvation here.
O that we, thy truth confessing, and thy holy word possessing,
Jesus may thy love adore; unto thee our voices raising,
Thee with all thy ransomed praising, ever and forevermore. Amen.

Time Magazine called Ned Rorem “the world’s best composer of art songs.” When speaking of his passion for writing art songs, Rorem states, “it has to do with being obsessed with poetry as well as music.” Although best known for his art songs, Rorem has also composed ten operas, four symphonies, chamber works, choral works, ballets, and has also written 16 books, many of them diaries. Rorem has received many awards for his works, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1976 for his suite Air Music, and was chosen as Composer of the Year by Musical America. He currently resides in New York.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus
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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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*
 Music: *Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.*

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.

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 Notre Père

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

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 Eleanor Barnes.

The Participants in the Liturgy:

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Eddie Genece, Abby Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Ushers: John & Laura Roche (*Team Leaders*), Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Lynn Walker, Claude Brouillard

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Karen Stook and Bess Amamoo

At Hughes Convalescent Home:

Layreader: Kim Byrd

Musician: Hal Rives

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Frederick Church Pond.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Bepler, a friend of Joe and Nancy Sichler who died last week. *I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.* (John 11:25)

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, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épisopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home.

Our postulant, Stacey Kohl, our aspirant, 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:

Dorothy Kagan	Kim Green	Kathy
Jim Evans	Janet Ray	Jay
Jim Tracy	Susan	Chas

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Hannah Davis	Jean Mitchell
David Beers IV	Samuel Sloan

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sheldon & Brenda Baker	Ross & Susie Hatch
Chris & Kim Byrd	Richard & Ann Krissing
Paul & Lisa Farrell	

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, The Rt Rev'd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio, and The Rt Rev'd Ulises Prendes

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston, the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women; Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's will hold two **Newcomers Receptions** for those who have begun attending St. John's in the past year or so. One reception will be on **TODAY after the 10:30 service** and the other will be on **Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rev. Susan Pinkerton's home**. The receptions will provide information about the St. John's community and ministries, and refreshments will be provided. Not sure if you qualify as a "newcomer"? If in doubt, please come! All are invited! Please come to today's reception after the 10:30 service or RSVP for Thursday's reception to the church office.

St. John's provides regular financial support to **St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti**—a coastal city that was heavily damaged in Hurricane Matthew. While the school survived, repairs will be needed, and area residents who lost their homes are turning to the school for shelter and food, thus taxing the school's meager resources even further. For the next four weeks, St. John's will collect monetary donations from parishioners, earmarked for hurricane relief for St. Sauveur. To donate, write a check to St. John's with "Haiti hurricane relief" in the memo (that part is important!), and put it in the offering plate or send it to the office. In mid-November, St. John's will forward the amount collected to the school. This donation will be in addition to the annual funds we have committed for school operations and scholarships.

Would you like to know more about how Episcopal Relief and Development responds to disaster like the hurricane in Haiti? All are invited to attend a **free workshop on ERD's U.S. disaster response program, at St. John's on November 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Lura Steele, ERD's Training Coordinator, and St. John's own Mike Corey will cover the basics of the disaster program and how individuals and parishes can be involved. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-episcopal-relief-development-us-disaster-program-tickets-28453780022>.

Food pantry in urgent need of donations! Our food pantry collection takes place the first Sunday of each month. Donations are delivered to the United Methodist Church on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Ongoing needs are cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, beans, pasta, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, etc. **Heavyweight paper grocery bags** are also desperately needed for people to carry food out. Thank you for your generosity!

The St. John's Choir will sing a service of **Choral Evensong** on Sunday, October 30, at 5 p.m.

This year's Diocesan Convention includes a Sunday service, on November 20 at 10:30 a.m., with sermon from the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Our St. John's choir will be one of three "core choirs" providing service music. Registration for Sunday is free to all attendees, but requires advance registration (including for choir members). To register, go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/news-and-events/annual-convention/2016/> and click on "Register for Sunday only" (all family members must be registered as individuals, but the system allows one person to register everyone in their party). St. John's will still hold regular services that morning for those who cannot attend the Convention worship service.

A women's retreat, "Restoring and Rediscovering Your True Self," will be held at the Simsbury Inn on Friday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, November 5 at 12 p.m. Our agenda will include collective and individual prayer and reflection as well as use of the beautiful facility and grounds. Special room rates are reserved for our group starting at \$149/night. Please call the hotel directly to reserve your room (860) 651-5700.

The Women's Fellowship Group will discuss an excerpt from Sarah and Sally Clarkson's book *The Lifegiving Home* on Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. You can access the excerpt on the church website.

Not your dad's Bible study (but he's welcome too). Men's Bible study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Join us!

The 2016 St. John's Christmas Festival will be Saturday, December 3 in Hubbard Hall. (Note corrected date from last week's announcement.) This year's committee members are looking for table volunteers or anyone interested in helping make this year's event another successful one. We especially need experienced wreath decorators this year. Please contact Joellen Weidenmiller and Karen Licht via e-mail if you are interested, at j.weidenmiller@gmail.com or karen_licht@yahoo.com.

Life almost always involves some form of loss, whether it involves work, relationships, aging, health, or death of a loved one, to name a few. Author Jerry Sittser says loss does not have to be "the defining moment" of our lives, but our response to loss can be. It's not about what has happened TO us so much as what God can enable IN us. Please join the Rev. Helen M. Moore for a three-week session on "A Grace Disguised." If interested, please contact her at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net, naming day and time most suitable for your schedule. (Note: The informational meeting for this group, previously scheduled for today, is cancelled.)

In her role as Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries, the Rev. Helen M. Moore offers **private pastoral counseling or spiritual direction** sessions. Get in touch with her to discuss how these practices might support you in your relationships, work, and faith journey. An Episcopal priest for almost 25 years, Helen earned two master's degrees from Harvard University and did Ph.D. studies in clinical pastoral psychology at Boston University. She has served as interim rector or dean in eight different parishes around the country, including St. Paul's, Ground Zero. You can reach Helen by cell phone (860-331-1127) or e-mail at helen@sjparish.net.

Watch your mail for a letter from the wardens including goals for the 2017 **stewardship campaign** and a card to fill out to confirm your pledge to support St. John's mission and ministries next year. Contribution statements for 2016 were e-mailed several weeks ago. Please make plans to fulfill your 2016 pledge by December 31. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to fulfill your pledge, please let one of the clergy or treasurers know; these conversations will remain confidential.

Keep up with St. John's online! Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast, which will alert you to events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website at www.SJParish.net, connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford, and follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/

Please sign up to provide food for Coffee Hour on the sign-up sheet in Hubbard Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/23 & 10/27	Newcomers' Receptions
10/23	Discussion group on loss and spirituality
10/26	Women's Fellowship Book Discussion
10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir
11/4 – 11/5	Women's Fellowship Retreat
11/6	All Saints' Day
11/20	Diocesan Celebration Eucharist

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 23, 2016 – OCTOBER 30, 2016**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Medicine, Mortality & Mercy, Part 1
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Newcomers Reception, Reception Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Club Networking Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 9:30 A.M. Madsingers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Dinner
- 6:00 P.M. Hartford Family Institute, Library
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 P.M. Women's Fellowship Group Book Discussion, Reception Room
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Newcomers Reception, the Rev. Susan Pinkerton's home

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
- 6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Vestry Retreat, Trinity College Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Vestry Retreat, Trinity College Chapel

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 30

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Medicine, Mortality and Mercy, Part 2
- 3:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal for Evensong
- 5:00 P.M. Choral Evensong

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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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SAINT PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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