

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *Feast of the Holy Name*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 1, 2017*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *A Christmas Message from the Rector*

As followers of Christ Jesus, it has been our custom for generations upon generations to come together to say our ancient prayers and sing our favorite carols as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. And when we do, something happens. Our waiting comes to an end, as new hope is born within our hearts in the form of Jesus, the Savior of the World. No matter how joyful or sad, excited or exhausted you may be this holiday season, take heart in the knowledge that all things are made new by the tiny babe we find lying in a manger on Christmas morning. This is where we place our hope for new beginnings and a new world.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is a nursery area; the nursery is not staffed today, but parents are welcome to take young children there should they need a break from the service. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome, and Merry Christmas.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    What star is this?

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

THE OPENING HYMN 109    The first Nowell the angels did say

THE FIRST NOWELL

*All stand and sing.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*All sit.*

**T**he Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 8*

*The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children \***  
**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \***  
**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; \***  
**you adorn him with glory and honor;**
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 **All sheep and oxen, \***  
**even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## THE EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:5-11*

**L**et the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN To the Name of our salvation

REGENT SQUARE

*All stand and sing.*

1 To the Name of our sal - va - tion laud and hon - or let us pay,  
 2 Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what words can tell;  
 3 'Tis the Name that who - so preach - eth speaks like mu - sic to the ear;  
 4 There fore we, in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed Name re - vere,

which for man - y a gen - er - a - tion hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay;  
 Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure, ear and heart de - light - ing well;  
 who in prayer this Name be - seech - eth sweet - est com - fort find - eth near;  
 ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing so to write it in us here

but with ho - ly ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
 Name of sweet - ness, pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.  
 who its per - fect wis - dom reach - eth, heav - en - ly joy pos - sess - eth here.  
 that here - af - ter, heav - en - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Nowacki, cantor

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lauden Domini loqueteros meum, et benedicat omnis caro nomen sactum ejus. Alleluia.  
*Alleluia. Alleluia. My lips shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all men bless his name. Alleluia.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 2:15-21*

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

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

**W**hen the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Michael Corey

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**W**e 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 responses in **bold**.*

God of glory, by your grace a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders, and in his name we pray.

Wonderful Counselor, **we pray for wisdom for the world's leaders, that they may use their power to lift burdens and break the bonds of oppression.**

Mighty God, **we pray for the church of Jesus Christ our Lord, that you will multiply and increase our joy as we share in the harvest you have gathered.**

Everlasting Father, **we pray for families, friends, and loved ones, that those who now walk in deep darkness may see the great light of your saving love.**

Prince of Peace, **we pray for an end to violence and warfare, that your authority may continue to grow until there is endless peace in every land.**

*Celebrant* Lord of hosts, establish your holy realm with justice and righteousness, from this time on and forevermore. **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

John Nowacki, cantor

Confitebor tibi, Domine Deus meus, in toto corde meo, et glorificabo nomen tuum in aeternum, quoniam tu, Domine, suavis et mitis es, et multi misericordiae omnibus invocantibus te. Alleluia.

*I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your Name forever. For you, O Lord, are sweet and mild, abounding in kindness to all who call upon You. Alleluia.*

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All     **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

*Celebrant*   Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*       **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### 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.*

*To request healing prayers, proceed to the baptismal font in the back of the nave immediately after receiving communion.*

### THE COMMUNION MUSIC

John Nowacki, cantor

Omnes gentes uasumque fecisti, venient, et adorabunt coram te Domine, et glorificabunt nomen tuum, quoniam magnus es tu, et faciens mirabilia, tu es Deus solus. Alleluia.

*All the nations You have made shall come and worship You, O Lord, and glory Your Name. For great You are and do wondrous deeds. You alone are God. Alleluia!*

*The antiphon is followed by Psalm 8, the English translation of which can be found on page 3 of this bulletin.*



## 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 CLOSING HYMN 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name

CORONATION

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude in F

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

*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.*

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## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** Michael Corey

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**Cantor:** John Nowacki

**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Maisie Smith, Olivia Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

**Ushers:** Brad Babbitt, Annabel Clapp

**Healing Prayers:** Marie Montas

**Altar Guild:** Paul Shaker and Audrey Walker

**At Hughes Convalescent Home:**

**Layreader:** John Hardy

**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

### 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 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   | Jeanette Stanley | Kathy   | Chas  |
| Kim Green    | Andrew Lee  | Mary Karolewsky  | Jay     | Nancy |
| Carol Grieco | Paul Dewey  | Tony Dipiano     | Charlie | Susan |
| Janet Ray    | Will Eakins | Marie Aguiar     |         |       |

### Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

|               |               |                 |                  |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Susan Clemow  | Julian Hartt  | Charles Sonne   | Caroline Thaxton |
| Genella Evans | Albert Lennox | Abigail Thaxton | Olivia Thaxton   |

### Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Tim Goetz and Neha Pande

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Kolhapur (North India) and the Right Reverend Bathuel Tiwade.

### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Grace Church, Broad Brook; St.Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; and for all immigrants, refugees, and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven.

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

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**On Friday, January 6 (Epiphany), St. John's will hold our second annual Twelfth Night event** at the church. At 5:30 p.m., our usual Friday Evening Prayer service will celebrate Epiphany. Following the service, starting at 6 p.m., we will have a potluck dinner, and finish up with a Christmas tree bonfire (with proper town permits and fire-safety measures in place). We will provide main dish options and non-alcoholic beverages, and ask everyone to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. All ages are invited!

**Men's Bible Study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.** Join us!

**Women Together!** Women from St. John's, St. James's, and Trinity Episcopal Churches are invited to gather for an Epiphany-themed Bible study led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore. Over the course of four meetings, we will explore Scripture, cultivate friendships and reflect on our spiritual journeys. **The group will meet every other Tuesday in Epiphany (January 10, January 24, February 7, and February 21) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's.** If you plan to attend or have questions, contact the Rev. Helen M. Moore at 860-331-1127 or helen@sjparish.net, Linda MacGougan at 860-561-1588, or Emily Estes at 860-966-5466.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

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**The Nominating Committee has selected a slate of names for a new class of Vestry members** to serve from February 2017 through January 2020. Their nominees are Geoff Emerick, Doug Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk and Andrew Worrell. The nominees' bios will be posted on the Vestry bulletin board and included in Sunday bulletins as soon as they are available. Vestry and officer elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29. Additional nominations are welcome. If you would like to learn more about what it means to serve on the Vestry, be considered for an open position, or recommend another parishioner for the Vestry, please talk to a member of the Nominating Committee (David Beers, Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, and Marki Ware) or the rector.

**Donate items for Blessing Bags!** St. John's puts together "blessing bags" for people staying in shelters or otherwise in need during cold weather. We need warm socks, gloves, and hats for both men and women; multi-packs of disposable hand warmers; non-perishable snacks (such as granola bars or cracker packs); and gift cards to Subway, Dunkin Donuts or McDonald's in small denominations only (\$5 to \$10). Please put your items in the large gray bin in Hubbard Hall, or give gift cards to any St. John's staff member.

**Help us stock the bird feeders in the Cloister Garden this winter.** We're looking for quality bird seed, such as black oil sunflower seeds or Nyger seed (commonly called "thistle"), which help attract the greatest variety of songbirds. Seed can be dropped off inside the parish office entrance any time.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Parish Office CLOSED — January 2
- ❖ Twelfth Night Evening Prayer, Potluck Dinner and Bonfire — January 6, with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and potluck dinner at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Jazz Eucharist — January 15 at 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ St. John's Annual Meeting — January 29
- ❖ Choral Evensong featuring the choir of Center Church — January 29 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Annual Food Auction Fundraiser — February 3
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert featuring Scott Lamlein — February 5 at 12:30 p.m.

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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

## STAFF

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|---|---|
| The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net).....    | Rector  |
| Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net) .....              | Director of Music                             |
| The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net) ..... | Deacon  |
| The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net) .....       | Priest Associate                              |
| The Rev. William Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net).....     | Priest Associate                              |
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| Janet Babbitt (janet@sjparish.net).....               | Director of Religious Education               |
| Mirella Russo (mirella@sjparish.net).....             | Financial Administrator                       |
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| Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net) .....                | Religious Education Assistant                 |
| Ralph Valentine .....                                 | Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus             |

*\*These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

## VESTRY

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Jeff Verney.....                | Warden        |
| Buffy Ineson.....               | Warden        |
| Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd..... | Co-Treasurers |
| Ellen Painter Dollar .....      | Clerk         |

2014-16: Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, David Beers, Marki Ware

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

2016-18: Mike Corey, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

## 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