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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 5, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Epiphany Message from the Rector

On the twelfth night of Christmastide we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This marks the time when the three magi, the wise men, visited the newly born baby Jesus. For the eight Sundays of the Epiphany season, we focus on how Christ was made known to the world. The word “Epiphany” is Greek for “manifestation,” the revelation of God made incarnate to the entire world in the most unlikely of ways—with the humble birth of his Son, Jesus the Christ. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of how the three Kings—Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar—followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to find this newborn with his mother Mary. To honor the Christ child, the magi offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is symbolic of Jesus’s royal position, frankincense symbolizes his divine birth, and myrrh depicts his mortality. The season of Epiphany is a perfect time to be aware of how the light of Christ is present in our lives and in the world. What gifts, given to us by God, can we share to honor the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Emmanuel, God with us? How can we reflect the love of God coming into the 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 nursery care for young children. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other requests. Again, welcome.

The Adoration of the Magi (cover photo) is a detail from our west transept stained glass window. It is one of the original set of 1909 windows, and was given in memory of Nathan Morgan Waterman and Lucy Sooter Waterman by their daughter Catherine Waterman Root. The window was designed and constructed by the Harry Eldredge Goodhue Company of Boston and Cambridge.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Leoni*
Meditation on *Slane*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
June Nixon (b. 1942)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372 Praise to the living God

LEONI

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

*Isaiah 58:1-12**All sit.*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 112:1-9

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

The image shows a musical score for a psalm verse. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'poor.' is underlined. The final note of the melody is a half note G4, which is held over by a fermata.

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 543 O Zion, tune thy voice

EASTVIEW

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not

think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S ANTHEM This little light of mine Traditional

After the anthem, the children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.

THE SERMON Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, and for Ian and Laura, our bishops. We pray for people of all faiths and none, that we will be strengthened by mutual respect and united by common concerns. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, Donald; our governor, Dannel; and all lawmakers and leaders, that you will foster in them and in us wisdom, compassion, and a hunger for justice. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for relief for those suffering through drought, flood, extreme heat, bitter cold, or natural disaster. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us. We pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, that you will bless and sustain them in the year to come. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially refugees and those living amid violence and chaos, those on our parish prayer list, and those whose names are known to you alone. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; 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.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY O for a closer walk with God Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), found at Hymn 683

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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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.

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.

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, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Word from the Maundy Thursday communion rite

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, 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.

This is perhaps the best-known work of French composer Maurice Duruflé, and the most moving and finely wrought harmonization of this ancient Gregorian chant. The beautiful harmonies and repeated moment on the word "sincerity" make it a perfect reminder that God's central message is one of love.

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.***

HYMN IN PROCESSION 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

SLANE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on *St. Anne*

Christa Rakich, 2011

Christa Rakich is an internationally recognized concert organist and recording artist, and director of music/organist at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, here in West Hartford. She has won particular acclaim for her interpretation of early music and the works of J.S. Bach. This delightful fantasy is from a set of variations written in the style of Johann Pachelbel (yep, the *Canon* guy). Stick around for the 12:30 Pipes Alive! concert and you'll get to hear the whole work!

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

St. John's Vestry members are on hand to welcome you to worship today. Today's Vestry greeter is Will Smith.

**Please stay after the service for the "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup lunch,
and the 12:30 p.m. Pipes Alive! organ concert by Scott Lamlein.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Francis Lamlein, Emma Evica, Teddy Babbitt

Ushers: Jean Mitchell (*team leader*), Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece, Giselle Genece, Annabel Clapp

Healing Prayers: Karen Licht

Altar Guild: Janet Willard and Buffy Ineson

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: John Hardy

Musician: Helen Hughlett

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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 in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Robert Connolly	Cheryl Trahan	Jay
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Anita Winters &	Audrey Anderson	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan	Nancy	Kathy
Janet Ray	Marie Aguiar	Mary Stoughton	Susan	Chas

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Frank Berall	Cindy Lawler
Cate Emerick	Alice Murchie
Anne Fraipont	Spencer Sloan
Paul Thaxton	Maggie Willard

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Lomega (Loryko, Sudan) the Right Reverend Paul Yugusuk.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saint's, East Hartford; St. John's, East Hartford; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; the Haitian Ministry Network; and Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ "Souper Bowl" Sunday canned soup collection and soup lunch — TODAY after 10:30 a.m. service
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert featuring Scott Lamlein — TODAY at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — February 7 and 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Bowling Youth Night — February 12, 4 to 6 p.m.
- ❖ St. John's Book Fair and Literary Weekend — Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19
- ❖ Choral Evensong with St. John's Youth Choir — February 26, 5 p.m.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please stay after the service today for “Souper Bowl Sunday.” We’re collecting **cans of soup** to donate to our monthly food pantry collection, and the High School youth spent the morning making delicious soups, which they will be serving after the 10:30 service, along with bread and dessert provided by the Women’s Fellowship Group. Suggested donation for soup lunch is \$5. After you’ve eaten, stick around for the **12:30 p.m. Pipes Alive! organ concert featuring our own Scott Lamlein.**

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 (remaining dates are 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.

The next **St. John’s Youth Night** will be Sunday, February 12, with bowling from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ducks on the Ave. (572 Farmington Avenue). \$15 covers bowling, pizza and soda. Please RSVP to Janet Babbitt (janet@sjparish.net) or Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net) by this Wednesday, February 8, so they know how many to expect.

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

St. James Parish, 3 Mountain Road, Farmington, CT, is inviting the submission of works of art inspired by a psalm or set of psalms to be shared at their Evening with the Psalms event in March. You may create a three-dimensional piece, a piece of music, a painting, a series of photographs, poetry, or you may write your own psalm(s). Nontraditional art is welcome, too, such as knitting, quilting, woodcarving, etc., again, using the psalms as the touchstone for your work. You may, if you choose, simply recite one or two of your favorite psalms (no more than 5 minutes in length) on the night of our event or to play (or sing) an already established piece on the psalms. **The deadline for submitting your intention to display or perform a work of art, based on the psalms, is February 24. An Evening with the Psalms will be Saturday, March 18, beginning at 5:30 pm.** There will be food and beverages, and presentations will begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome to submit pieces for the evening, as this is not a professional or juried event. We are hoping many folks outside St. James will participate as well; all are welcome! For more information contact the Rev. George Roberts at 860-677-1564.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

Are you looking for something rewarding to do this spring? Then look no further than St. John’s Global Missions. **We are looking for one or more members of our vibrant parish to accompany the committee chair on a mission trip to Haiti during the week of April 16th, 2017.** St. John’s will partially cover travel costs (airfare and a per diem amount for meals, etc.), and volunteers will self-fund any additional costs. Come along and witness some of the great work we do in our mission to continue to build bridges. If you are interested in going, please email Giselle Genece at geneceegj@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible.

We have an ongoing need for \$5 or \$10 gift cards for CVS, Walgreens, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, gas stations (Sunoco, Exxon/Mobil, Shell), Subway, McDonald’s, or Dunkin’ Donuts. Every week, people in need come to the church looking for a listening ear and some help. While we can’t always help with their more significant needs, people are grateful to get a gift card for a meal, some toiletries or grocery essentials, a few gallons of gas, or a hot cup of coffee. You may drop off gift cards in the office during the week or hand them to any staff member on Sundays. Thank you!

We need **volunteers to lead Evening Prayer services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.** The services are short and require no special expertise beyond an interest in leading a small gathering of worshippers in reading scripture and saying prayers—a lovely way to end a busy weekday. You will receive instruction and may commit to once a week, once a month, or however often is feasible for you. Contact Mike Corey at mcorey@gmail.com for more information.

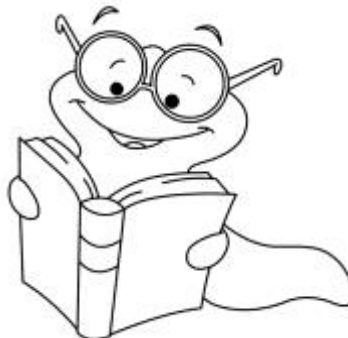
St. John's First Annual Book Fair & Literary Festival

St. John's First Annual Book Fair will be held Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (before and after the 10:30 a.m. service). Here's how you can participate:

- ✓ **Come browse and purchase books** of all kinds at bargain prices!
- ✓ **Sign up to read a favorite children's book or two** to kids on Saturday.
- ✓ **Donate your good-condition used books:** Fiction, nonfiction, history, how-to, health and wellness, art and photography, cookbooks, children's and young adult, etc. Bring your book donations to the cloak room just inside the back entrance.
- ✓ **Invite friends and neighbors** to the event. Our community partners will also be spreading the word to their participating families.
- ✓ **Share your thoughts and memories related to books and reading.** Placed around the church, starting this morning, are postcards with conversation-starter questions about your experiences with books and reading. Answer a question or two and turn them in at the designated spot in Hubbard Hall. We'll compile the answers for a snapshot of how, why and what the St. John's community reads.

We hope this will become an annual event, and will add features and programs to future weekends as interest and support allow. Help this first annual event get off to a strong start by donating books and planning to come shop, read and share your love of books.

Contact Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com if you can sign up for a 20-minute kids' story time slot on Saturday, can help in other ways, or have questions.



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

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ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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