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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 22, 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 *Land of Rest*

George Shearing (1919-2011)

Blind from birth, George Shearing was among the most-loved 20th-century jazz pianists. Wanting to express his faith through his music, he composed a set of jazz preludes for organ, including this prayerful setting of *Land of Rest*, the hymn tune for *I come with joy to meet my Lord*. This hymn text, written in 1968 by living hymn writer Brian Wren, gradually changes perspective from the inward “I come with joy to meet my Lord” to the outward togetherness in Christ that is embodied in communion. Through the singing of this hymn, we are molded into the body of Christ in worship, and return to the world to witness, not as individual Christians, but as Christ’s “people in the world.”

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

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*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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

Isaiah 9:1-4

All sit.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27:1,5-13

The people say the text in bold print, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Antiphon*

- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Lord, you have come to the seashore

PESCADOR

All stand and sing in English.

Estrofas/Verses



1. Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,
 2. Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go;
 3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
 4. Tú, pes - ca - dor de o - tros la - gos,
 1. Lord, you have come to the sea - shore,
 2. Lord, see my goods, my pos - ses - sions;
 3. Lord, take my hands and di - rect them.
 4. Lord, as I drift on the wa - ters,



1. no has bus - ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; _____
 2. en mi bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das, _____
 3. mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se, _____
 4. an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran, _____
 1. nei - ther search - ing for the rich nor the wise, _____
 2. in my boat you find no pow - er, no wealth. _____
 3. Help me spend my - self in seek - ing the lost, _____
 4. be the rest - ing place of my rest - less heart, _____



1. tan só - lo quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 2. tan só - lo re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 3. a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.
 4. a - mi - go bue - no, que a - si me lla - mas.
 1. de - sir - ing on - ly that I should fol - low.
 2. Will you ac - cept, then, my nets and la - bor?
 3. re - turn - ing love for the love you gave me.
 4. my life's com - pan - ion, my friend and ref - uge.

Estrillo/Refrain



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos,
 O, Lord, with your eyes set up - on me,



son - ri - en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre,
 gent - ly smil - ing, you have spo - ken my name;



en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca,
 all I longed for I have found by the wa - ter,



jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 at your side, I will seek oth - er shores.

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Written in 1979, *Tú has venido a la orilla* is based on the parallel passages found in the synoptic gospels on Jesus' calling of his first disciples (Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11). As found in the Scripture, the hymn-writer captures the total obedience of disciples and their willingness to give up everything. The hymn entreats us to follow Christ with the same obedience and commitment. The refrain is a call to surrender to Jesus in response to his command to follow him. The gentle melody, *Pescador de Hombres (Fisher of Men)*, is reminiscent of a rocking boat by the lakeshore. This hymn was used in the 1993 movie *Alive*, based on a book about the survivors of the Andes plane crash in 1972, and the Spanish film *Camino* (2008), about a girl who died of spinal cancer in 1985 who is in the process of canonization by the Catholic Church. (Notes courtesy C. Michael Hawn)

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:12-23**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Helen M. Moore

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.

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of the kingdom, that all divisions cease, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For sky and sea, fish and bird, and the beauty of the whole creation, that God's goodness be seen through our everyday surroundings, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For our political and social leaders, that they use their power justly, and for all the nations of the world, that peace and understanding prevail, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who call upon the Lord for help: those dealing with gloom or anguish, those who are afraid, those suffering from illnesses, and for those who seek shelter, that God provide them with compassionate caregivers and advocates, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

For the followers of Jesus Christ gathered here, that we be guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the cross as the power of God, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their witness to the spread of God's word inspire us in our doings, let us pray. — **Have mercy, O God.**

Celebrant Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Before the morning star begotten

Ned Rorem, 1988
Words from the *Liber Usualis*

Before the morning star begotten,
and Lord from everlasting,
Our Saviour is made manifest unto the world today.

This composition is one of seven works in a set of a cappella motets titled *Seven Motets for the Church Year*, by New York composer Ned Rorem. Each of the works is brief, yet lyrical and powerfully individual. The choir will present the entire collection during 2017.

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 Hide not thou thy face from me, O Lord Richard Farrant (1525-1580)
Words from Psalm 27

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

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 550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

RESTORATION

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare

John Cook, 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.

**St. John's Vestry members are on hand to welcome you to worship today.
Today's greeter is Jan Hickcox.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Wes Winterbottom

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Britt Emerick, Elsa Ciscel, Claire O'Brien

Ushers: Geoff and Karan Emerick (*team leaders*), Ben and Ellen Flynn, Wes Winterbottom, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

Healing Prayers: Marie Montas

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp and Conny Deluca

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya

The rector, the Rev. Susan Pinkerton, is away, on her way home from a trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Women's March on Washington.

The altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen H. Faude and Lilly Zamor.

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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	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Walter McKenney	Nancy
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	Kathy	Susan
Janet Ray	Marie Aguiar	Jay	Charlie

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Betty Anderson	Chas Christiansen	Isabel Grant	Caleb Worrell
Joseph Bleicher	Andrew Davis	Kevin Morris	

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Lake Rukwa (Tanzania) and the Right Reverend Mathayo Kasagara.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Alban's, Danielson; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; and for ministry to, with and for the deaf.

Vestry Nominees 2017

Nominated for Warden



Wes Winterbottom — A lifelong Episcopalian, Wes grew up attending Grace Episcopal Church in Whitestone, N.Y., where he was active in the church choir, acolytes, Young People's Fellowship, and the Boy Scout troop, where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed many summers at Incarnation Camp in Ivoryton, CT, first as a camper and then as a counselor leading canoe and hiking trips. A resident of West Hartford since 1978, Wes was a member of St. James's Episcopal Church for many years while his three children were young; he taught Sunday School and helped found and grow the Healing Prayers Ministry. A member of St. John's for almost 10 years, Wes has served on the Vestry for last two years and as chaplain of the Recruitment Committee that recommended hiring the Reverend Susan Pinkerton. Additionally, he currently serves as a layreader, usher, member of the Global Missions Committee, and chair of the Healing Prayers Ministry. Wes holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Lehigh University, a master's degree in environmental engineering from Cornell University, and an MBA in finance and management from the University of Connecticut. After a successful career at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Wes has worked as a professor at Gateway Community College in New Haven for more than 20 years. He has three grown, married children and three grandchildren and lives in the Buena Vista neighborhood of West Hartford with his partner, Dr. Beth Rocco. Hiking, swimming, cycling, theater, whitewater canoeing and the New York Yankees are among his recreational interests.

Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry

Geoff Emerick — St. John's has been Geoff's spiritual home since moving to Connecticut with his wife and two daughters 10 years ago. A former Vestry member, Stewardship Committee chair, and member of the Discernment Committee, he now identifies mostly as "choir parent." In his spare time, he likes to usher, attend Sacred Music at the Red Door events and talk about stewardship. When not at church, he works as an ophthalmologist. He is thankful for being part of this vibrant parish.



Douglas Hyland — Douglas and his wife Alice R. M. Hyland, who recently retired from the art history faculty at Trinity College, have three grown children, Samuel I. duP. Hyland, Octavia H. Jones, and Cassandra A. Hyland, and four grandchildren—two living in Delaware, two in Louisiana. Douglas earned a bachelor's degree from the



University of Pennsylvania and a Ph. D. in art history from the University of Delaware. He was an art museum director for 35 years in Memphis, Birmingham, San Antonio and New Britain, retiring from the New Britain Museum of American Art in 2015 after 16 years. He serves on the boards of the Elizabeth Park Conservancy, the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum and the Hartford Art School Endowment, among other organizations. His hobbies include travel, visiting art museums and artists, swimming, skiing and gardening. He and his wife joined St. John's in 2004, where he has periodically served as an usher. With his recent retirement, he looks forward to spending more time supporting the mission of St. John's Church.

Virginia Van Dyk — Virginia moved to West Hartford from New York City in 2010 with her husband, John Wilcox, and their two daughters, Eleanor and Caroline. They joined St. John's about 10 minutes later, as John had attended this parish as a child. During her tenure at St. John's, Virginia has served on the Recruitment Committee for our rector, as a teacher in the Sunday School, as a co-chair of the Newcomers Committee, as a member of the Gourmet Food Auction Committee, and as a participant in the Women's Fellowship Group. Her husband John is currently Stewardship Chair and is a former Vestry member. While in New York, Virginia had a 10-year career in book publishing, followed by a 10-year career in nursing at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In West Hartford, she



has continued her association with Sloan-Kettering as a freelance writer. She has also become very involved with the Hartford Hospital Auxiliary, serving on the Executive Board for the past five years, including two years as co-president. She serves as a corporator at Hartford Hospital and at Renbrook School, where her daughters attended.

Andrew Worrell — Eight years ago, Andrew started attending St. John's with his family. As the father of two young boys, he felt it was his responsibility to ensure that their moral and spiritual needs were being nurtured, just as Andrew's parents did for him, and he knew that he needed to lead by example. Andrew was born in Barbados in the Caribbean, and baptized at the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church. At the time, the relationship between the church and the state was extremely close, so he also attended the church's schools, where the priest visited regularly. Since emigrating to the U.S. in 1992, he has always lived in the Hartford area. He works in the construction industry as a license P6 plumber. At St. John's, he feels his spiritual and moral objectives for his children and himself are being realized; they have found a church and a church family here, and his boys are acolytes. He is married to Asia, who is originally from Poland, and they also have a young daughter. Andrew believes that he would bring a unique background and perspective to the Vestry and would be honored to serve.



Nominated to fulfill Mike Corey's unexpired Vestry term (two years)

Bess Amamoo — Bess is a Midwesterner who moved to Connecticut 40 years ago, spending the first 17 years in Simsbury and the last 23 in West Hartford. She was introduced to the Episcopal Church by her husband, John, a cradle Anglican. They spent several years at Trinity Church in Hartford, where Bess served as a Vestry member, layreader, choir member and co-chair of the Hospitality Committee. They have worshipped 11 years at St. John's. Bess is currently serving as a layreader and Altar Guild member, and has participated in the Sacred Circle and served on a discernment committee. Bess is a retired educator who, having worked in Kansas and Minnesota, joined Hartford College for Women as registrar and director of student affairs when she moved to Connecticut. Presently, as a part timer, she coordinates the Adults in Transition Program at Manchester Community College. Bess is the proud parent of two daughters who grew up in Simsbury, moved away, and have now relocated to this area. She has one grandson. In addition to nurturing her family, she enjoys gardening, inside and outside. Volunteerism and community work have been an integral part of Bess's life in the Greater Hartford community. She belongs to several service organizations and has served on numerous boards and committees over the years. The concept of "Building Bridges" is one that she embraces and feels that our faith community, under careful and wise leadership, will hear what God is calling us to do. She is quite excited to commit to this endeavor of spiritual growth, community outreach and deepening her relationship with the parish.



ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, January 29, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The St. John's Annual Meeting, including Vestry elections, presentation of the 2017 budget, and reports on various ministries, will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017. There will be NO 8:00 a.m. service that day. The Annual Meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and reconvene after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with a potluck brunch. All are encouraged to attend.

Please bring a brunch item as follows:

Last name A to G	Fruit or salad
Last name H to S	Main dish such as small sandwiches, quiche, or breakfast casserole
Last name T to Z	Baked goods

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parish ice skating TODAY from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink. Stop by for some fellowship and exercise. Attendees are responsible for your own entrance fees and skate rentals. Invite a friend!

A service of **Choral Evensong**, featuring the choir of Center Church, Hartford, will take place **Sunday, January 29 at 5 p.m.**

St. John's Midwinter Food Blitz & Auction will be held on February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of delicious food, drinks and live music. This annual adult social event will take place in Hubbard Hall and include a silent and live food auction to raise funds to support St. John's many ministries. No pressure to bid — just come and have fun with fellow St. John's parishioners!! This event is free, and donations of food are encouraged (but not required!) from anyone with something yummy to share. Food donations can range from goodies that partygoers can bid on and take home that evening, to a themed dinner party, summer picnic spread, or special dish to be made at a later date. To donate please call Marki Ware (860-521-7796) or Susan Clemow (860-233-2886).

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 5), we'll have our own "Souper Bowl" of fellowship and outreach.

Please **bring cans of soup** to donate to our monthly food pantry collection. The youth will also be making and serving a simple soup with bread and dessert at coffee hour after the 10:30 service. (Suggested donation: \$5) After you've eaten, stick around for the **12:30 p.m. Pipes Alive! organ concert featuring our own Scott Lamlein.**

Book lovers of all ages — mark your calendar for **St. John's first annual Book Fair and Literary Weekend on Saturday, February 18 (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Sunday, February 19 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., before and after worship).** The weekend will feature a used book sale, story times for children, and more. Please donate books (all types of books, for children and adults, are welcome), sign up for a 20-minute time slot to read a favorite children's book or two to young visitors on Saturday, and spread the word to friends and neighbors. And in the coming weeks, keep your eyes open here at St. John's for postcards with conversation-starter questions about your experiences with books and reading. Answer a question or two and turn them in at a designated spot. We'll compile the answers for a snapshot of how, why and what the St. John's community reads. Contact Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com if you'd like to know more or help out.

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 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.

St. James's Episcopal Church is hosting a conversation titled Racism 101 on Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Representatives of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Hartford, will facilitate the discussion, and all are welcome. Please register at <http://ow.ly/AT7D307YSDF> 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!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

We are in great need of **coffee hour hosts!** Please sign up for your preferred date on the sign-up sheet posted in Hubbard Hall. Thanks!

Our “blessing bag” collection in December yielded lots of hats, gloves, socks, and other items for people in need. **We have an ongoing need for small-denomination gift cards (\$5 is ideal) for places like 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 toiletry or grocery essentials, a few gallons of gas, or a hot cup of coffee. The next time you're shopping at one of these spots, consider picking up a few \$5 gift cards so that St. John's can be a source of aid, no matter how small, to people in need. You may drop off gift cards in the office during the week or hand them to any staff member on Sundays. Thank you!

Make sure you're getting all of the St. John's news! The three main ways that St. John's shares information with parishioners and the larger community are:

- The **Sunday bulletin**, which serves as a weekly newsletter featuring key announcements and calendar dates. Please take your bulletin home so you can read through the announcements and make notes on your own calendar. (If you don't take it home, please put it in one of the blue recycling bins at the entrances to the nave.)
- **A new and improved web site**, which is in the works and will be unveiled in the spring. (Note that the old web site is being phased out and is not being regularly updated beyond basic scheduling information on the home page.)
- A **weekly e-mail newsletter**, sent out every Thursday with information on upcoming events and key news items.

With so many people accessing information digitally and the Sunday bulletin serving as a weekly newsletter, we're phasing out a printed and mailed monthly newsletter. However, knowing that some still prefer paper to digital information and/or can't make it to church every Sunday, we will do a simple printed monthly flyer with key announcements. This monthly flyer will duplicate announcements shared via the Sunday bulletin, the e-mail newsletter and the web site, so is intended for parishioners who are unable to readily access these core resources. People need to “opt in” to this monthly mailing; it will not be automatically sent to the entire mailing list.

Please contact Ellen in the parish office at 860-523-5201 or ellen@sjparish.net to:

- Update your mailing address, phone, and/or e-mail address in the parish database.
- Sign up for the weekly e-mail newsletter.
- Sign up to receive monthly news and announcements by mail.
- Let us know if you are in touch with a homebound parishioner who would like to receive monthly news and announcements by mail (or, if they have reliable computer and e-mail access, encourage them to sign up for the weekly e-mail newsletter).
- Transfer your membership to St. John's or inquire about your membership status.

Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?***Focus on Grace Academy***

One of St. John's community partners is Grace Academy, a school for girls in Hartford where we sponsor a student, and parishioners regularly spend time with the students in such activities as an after-school basket making workshop and a Girl Scout troop. Grace Academy students also sing in the St. John's youth choir. Parishioner Lisa Mahoney received the following letter from the student we sponsor, who wants the St. John's community to know how much our support of her and her school means:

Greetings! How are you? I am doing very well. I wish you and everyone you love a glorious holiday season filled with joy! Thank you for allowing me to have another great year at Grace Academy. Right now, I am in the 7th grade. I have made a lot of friends here and the teachers are preparing me for a great high school education.

My favorite class is Religion because we do a lot of things in class that apply to what we are currently learning. For example, last week we ate potato latkes, applesauce and sour cream, which are all Jewish dishes. We also played Spin the Dreidel, a Jewish game. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Cote, my Religion class teacher. She is my favorite teacher because she used to teach high school students and apply her knowledge to prepare us for high school. My favorite sport at Grace Academy is Volleyball, and my favorite activity is Art. My favorite club so far has been Knitting Club. Currently this is my third year being involved in Capitol Squash, which is an after-school program at Trinity College. I am getting a lot of help on my journey to high school. On January 7, 2017, I am going to visit Westminster, one of my options I'd like to go to for high school. My goal for the rest of the year is to continue learning more and more and get more Star of the Week awards. Oh! I forgot, I also got Star of the Week last week! I have made a lot of friends at Grace Academy and I enjoy being in an all-girls school.

I love Grace Academy! Thank you and the St. John's Church community for supporting me so I can go to school here. I wish you and your church a very happy holiday. I, along with my classmates, will offer up prayers in your name at our daily Circle of Peace and Respect.

*Sincerely,
Julissa M.*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — January 24, February 7 and 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Communion classes for kids — January 25, February 1 and 8 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ St. John's Annual Meeting — January 29, 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Choral Evensong featuring the Choir of Center Church — January 29 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Annual Food Auction Fundraiser — February 3, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ "Souper Bowl" Sunday canned soup collection and soup lunch — February 5 after 10:30 a.m. service
- ❖ 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

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**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

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ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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