

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*February 12, 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 *Aria*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Flor Peeters was organist of the St. Rombaut Cathedral, Mechelen, Belgium, and a renowned teacher and performer. *Aria* is his best-known organ piece with its plaintive melody set against pulsing chords.

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

*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. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*All sit.*

**M**oses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 119:1-8*

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

Hap - py are they who walk in the law of the LORD.

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
**who walk in the law of the Lord!**
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
**and seek him with all their hearts!**
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
**but always walk in his ways.**

- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
**that we should fully keep them.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
**that I might keep your statutes!**
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
**when I regard all your commandments.**
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
**when I have learned your righteous judgments.**
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
**do not utterly forsake me.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

**B**rothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 674 Forgive our sins as we forgive

DETROIT

*All stand and sing.*

*The children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.*

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:21-37*

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

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

**J**esus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and

throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope Eakins

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Come, Divine Spirit, and fill our minds and hearts with whatever is true, noble, just, pure, loving and gracious. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, by your power we are created, by your love we are redeemed. Strengthen us in your service, especially to the poor, the oppressed, the widow, the orphan and the stranger. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fount of wisdom, guide and unite in truth the leaders we have elected. Especially grant to our president, Donald, and his advisors the wisdom to solve our challenges effectively, the grace to enhance the well-being of our nation, and the will to achieve together a more fair and united society. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all consolation, grant healing mercy to those who are ill, who sorrow, or who struggle in any way. Bless them with faith and courage to meet the days to come, trusting in your steadfast compassion. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to God all who have died; as they journey beyond our sight, in your unending mercy and salvation, we trust that the darkness of death has disappeared into the dawn of new life. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Everlasting God, please take our prayers and petitions, and grant them as may be best for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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 Antiphon: Let all the world in every corner sing Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)  
from *Five Mystical Songs*

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633), found at Hymn 402

### 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 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 If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Words: John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis wrote choral music under four different monarchs with widely differing religious practices. Under Edward VI (1547-1553), it was decided that all sacred choral music should be in English and be succinctly composed. Thus, *If ye love me* is one of the earliest examples of an anthem written in the vernacular.

### 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 I will trust in the Lord

TRUST IN THE LORD

*All stand and sing.*

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
2. Sis-ter will you trust in the Lord, Sis-ter will you trust in the

1. Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die;  
2. Lord, Sis-ter will you trust in the Lord 'til you die;

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
2. Sis-ter will you trust in the Lord, Sis-ter will you trust in the

1. Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die.  
2. Lord, Sis-ter will you trust in the Lord 'til you die.

3. Brother will you trust in the Lord ('til you die).
4. I'm gonna treat my neighbor right ('til I die).
5. I'm gonna hold my savior's hand ('til I die).

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*  
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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

*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 Courtney Bass. Please stay after the service for cake to celebrate the children who completed the first communion class: Emma and Stokes Bass, Bobby Biondi, Dorian Ciscel, Bradley and Dana Crocker, and Michael and Suzanne Santamaria.**

### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Hope Eakins

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Paul Shaker

**Assisting Organist:** Kari Miller

**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Maisie Smith, Abby Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla (*team leader*), Troy Gostyla, Ross Hatch, Will Smith, Courtney Bass, Julia O'Brien

**Healing Prayers:** Buffy Cech

**Altar Guild:** Carol Sonne, Paul Shaker

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:**

**Layreader:** David Beers

**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

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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	Jay
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Anita Winters &	Susan	Charlie
Carol Grieco	Paul Dewey	son Aidan		
Janet Ray	Helen Moore	Kathy		

### Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Nancy Pedersen	Caroline Smith
Katherine Foust	Maisie Smith

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the church of Lusaka (Central Africa) and the Right Reverend David Njovu.

### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; the Union of Black Episcopalians CT; and all ministries of racial reconciliation and racial justice.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**“A Day in the Life of St. John’s” will be held TODAY after the 10:30 service.** Whether you're new to St. John's or just want to learn more about our Episcopal worship and ministry opportunities, join the rector, parish volunteers and staff members for this brief, informal presentation. It is especially designed for newcomers, but ALL are welcome. Get some coffee and cake in Hubbard Hall, and join us in the Reception Room.

**Faith@Work** — In March, join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for a very special Faith Forum series. Four guests will discuss how their faith affects their work, and vice versa. This is a great opportunity to think about the role that our Christian faith plays beyond the church walls and in our everyday lives. **March 5:** Jeff Verney — president of UnitedHealthcare Retiree Products & Services, chairman of the boards of the Hartford Symphony and Renbrook School, and former St. John’s warden. **March 12:** Dr. Joanne Berger-Sweeney — president of Trinity College. **March 19:** Dr. Karan Emerick — pediatric gastroenterologist at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Hospital, and St. John’s former Vestry member. **March 26:** The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr. — former secretary of the Army and secretary of veterans affairs.

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

OH YES, WE DID!!! From the creators of the 2017 Midwinter Food Blitz & Auction comes...the **Second Annual SJP GIRLS NIGHT OUT!!** For only \$25, you can join the all-female crowd (sorry boys) at this exciting evening of drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and girl talk at the 28 Walbridge Road home of Ginny Kemp (and Mike Biondi). Mark your calendars!! **Thursday, February 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

The first annual **St. John’s Book Fair** is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19. Bring book donations to the coat closet near the back (ramped) entrance. Contact Annabel Clapp at [annabeltrickett@yahoo.com](mailto:annabeltrickett@yahoo.com) to sign up for a 20-minute kids’ story time slot on Saturday or help set up on Friday the 17th. And look for postcards in Hubbard Hall featuring questions about books that have made a difference in your life.

**St. John's  
Book Fair  
& Literary Festival**

Saturday February 18  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19  
Before & after the 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist

Used books at bargain prices

Story times for children

Kids - Pick a book for free!

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### We need YOU for our Lent devotional project!

**For Lent this year, we'll create and distribute a new devotional unlike any other, because it will be created by you — St. John's parishioners.**

- In Hubbard Hall TODAY, you will find a booklet with a page for each lectionary Bible reading for each day of Lent.
- Pick a lectionary reading, tear out the page, and take it home. Write down your name where indicated so that we know who is responsible for each verse.
- Create an original response to the reading. You may write a reflection, poem or story; draw a picture or cartoon; or do something else creative with the reading.
- Bring your contribution back next Sunday, Feb. 19 (or e-mail or drop it off by Wednesday, Feb. 22).
- On Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent, pick up a copy of the St. John's devotional, which will include everyone's contributions, and use it in your Lenten practice.
- **You do not have to be a professional writer, have gone to seminary, or have stellar artistic skills to contribute!** We're simply looking for honest reflections on the Lent scriptures. Reflections can two sentences or two paragraphs, serious or funny, straightforward or poetic. Contributors of all ages are welcome, as are group or family efforts. Your reflection must fit on a single page and be accessible in digital format (i.e., sent as a computer file or able to be scanned).

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ St. John's Book Fair and Literary Weekend — Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19
- ❖ Women Together Epiphany Spirituality Group — February 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Lent devotional submissions due — February 22
- ❖ Girls' Night Out — February 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Evensong with St. John's Youth Choir — February 26 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Faith@Work Faith Forum series — March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! Organ Concert by Floyd Higgins — March 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Gospel at the Red Door: Legacy of Spirituals Singers — March 11 at 7:30 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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