# St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 2, 2017
10:30 a.m.

## A Lenten Message from the Rector

Lent is a season that invites us to be actively engaged in the process of *becoming* the unique person God has called each one of us to be. To help guide us in this process of *becoming*, we turn to our rich Anglican tradition for support. For the next 40 days, we inhabit a liminal space, an in-between time of quiet reflection, prayer and meditation. Lent is a penitential season, meaning that we are intentional about reviewing our lives and the choices we make. We take time out from our daily schedule to devote sincere thought and prayer to naming and confessing our sins (the word "sin" is from the Greek for "miss the mark"). We reflect on the brokenness in our lives, not to be maudlin, but as a necessary step toward enriching and deepening our spiritual lives. In acknowledging how we miss the mark, we also acknowledge our need for God, not just on Sunday but every day. Let this Lent be a holy invitation to experience God's grace with the promise of hope and renewal.

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.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Brahms is hardly known for his organ music, and indeed he wrote very little of it – an hour's worth in total, a mere five works. Yet the Lutheran music he grew up with exerted a major influence on him and his compositions. The 11 Chorale Preludes, Op. 122 constituted Brahms's very last work, although they were not published until 1902. Among these is found this elegiac setting of the familiar hymn-tune Herzliebster Jesu, with musical suspensions reminiscent of Christ's pain on the cross.

#### SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

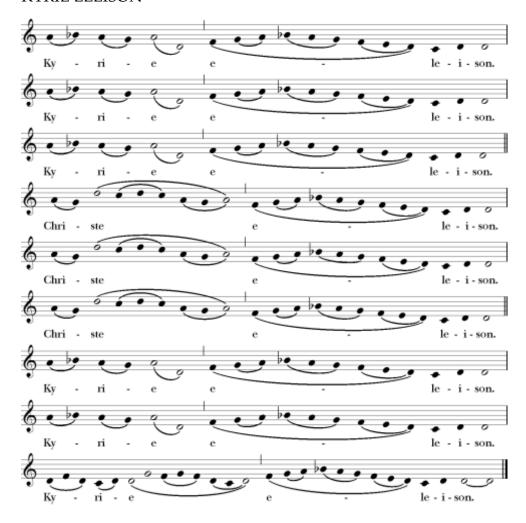
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**



Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lent brings us an opportunity for deeper reflection, as we take a break from musical fanfares and descants, and replace them with a silent procession and meditative chant. The service music that we sing during Lent is all from the Gregorian Missal; both the Sanctus and Agnus Dei were famously set in Maurice Duruflé's Requiem.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of

sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

All sit.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 130

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



- Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \* let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is my hope.
- My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \* more than watchmen for the morning.

- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \* for with the Lord there is mercy;
- With him there is plenteous redemption, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:6-11

o set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 151 From deepest woe I cry to thee *All stand and sing.* 

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THE GOSPEL John 11:1-45

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ow a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

THE SERMON

Wesley Winterbottom, warden

# 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**.

Out of the depths of our need and our hope, we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears consider well the voice of our supplication.

We pray for the world around us: For people everywhere who struggle for justice, for the victims of human trafficking, for those in refugee camps, for those whose homelands are scarred by war. Our souls wait for you, O Lord,

#### more than watchmen for the morning,

We pray for our own country, that our elected representatives may come to trust each other and work together for the good of our earth and all your people. We wait for you, O Lord,

for with you there is mercy.

Breathe new life into your Church, we pray. Give us courage to look boldly at our past and daringly into our future, trusting in your presence with us always. We wait for you, O Lord,

for in your word is our hope.

Open our eyes to the signs of new life that we too often miss in our preoccupations and distractions. We look to you, O Lord,

for with you there is plenteous redemption.

Hear our prayers for those afflicted by sorrow and illness, prejudice and oppression. Pour your grace upon those in need of healing. [Pause for silence. All are welcome to pray silently or aloud for those in need of healing.] Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord,

let your ears hear our cry.

Loving God, whose Spirit gave breath to the valley of dry bones, we pray for those who have died. [Pause for silence. All are welcome to pray silently or aloud for those who have died.] Receive them into the arms of your mercy

#### and comfort those who mourn.

Celebrant

Gracious Lord, whose Word raises the dead to life, we entrust our cares to you, knowing that you are with us and for us and are making all things new through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon 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 Out of the depths

Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000) Words: Psalm 130, found at Hymn 151

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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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.

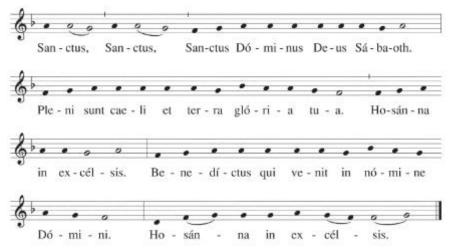
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### 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 Lay up for yourselves

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Words: Matthew 6: 20-21

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, And where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

THE POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM Rejoice in the Lord always Sung by the St. John's Children's Choir.

Traditional

#### 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.

#### PRAYER FOR MISSION

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, and we have arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life; when having fallen in love with time we have ceased to dream of eternity; and, in our efforts to build the new earth have allowed our vision of the new heaven to grow dim. Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. In the name of Him, who has pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow Him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

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

## HYMN IN PROCESSION 665 All my hope on God is founded

**MICHAEL** 

All stand and sing.

The timeless words of this great hymn were written in 1680 by Joachim Neander (who also brought us Praise to the Lord, the almighty). The hymn's popularity increased in the 20th centur, when its pairing with the tune Michael by the English composer Herbert Howells became more widely known. Howells' son, Michael, born in 1925, had died in childhood in 1935 from spinal meningitis. It is believed that shortly after this, in 1936, Howells received a request for a new hymn tune in the morning's post, and he is said to have written the tune, which he named after his late son, over breakfast.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE VOLUNTARY Agincourt hymn

John Dunstable (c. 1390-1453)

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 Geoff Emerick

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Disturb us, O Lord" prayer by Addison H. Groff

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Preacher: Wesley Winterbottom
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreaders: Cindy Lawler and Bess Amamoo

Children's Choir Directors: Daaé Ransom, Katherine Foust

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Francis Lamlein, Teddy Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt Ushers: Geoffrey and Karan Emerick, Ben and Ellen Flynn, Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie
Altar Guild: Nancy Pedersen and Buffy Ineson
At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:
Layreader & Musician: Doug Engwall

#### 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 missioner 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	Cheryl Trahan	Mary Stoughton	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Grayson Moore	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Frank & Susan	Kate Forbes	Jim	Alec
Alison & Sam	Murray	Carol		
Johnson				

#### Those who have died:

Betsy Johnson Patton and Lewis West Oehrmig

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Kathryn Cox	Caroline Wilcox	John Amamoo	Billy Ulrich
Susie Hatch	Buffy Ineson	Janet Faude	Pat Vance
Carrie Fraipont	Elizabeth Simson	Kristie Harrington	Delaney Pattersor

#### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Mityana (Uganda).

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; and ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Donations & Bequests.

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The Christian Education committee will meet TODAY after the 10:30 service to provide ideas and support for our religious education programs for children and youth. Contact Janet Babbitt, director of Christian education, if you have questions or want to participate but can't attend the meeting.

Our Popular **Pipes Alive!** series resumes with Christa Rakich playing the mighty Austin organ **TODAY at 12:30 p.m.** Christa is an internationally known concert organist, music director at St. Mark's Church in West Hartford, and Artist-in-Residence at the Somers Congregational Church. Join us for half-hour organ concerts featuring St. John's magnificent Austin pipe organ, on the first Sunday of the month, January through June, 12:30 p.m. with local organists. Free!

The **Worship Committee** will meet this evening at 5 p.m.

**TONIGHT is the final Youth Night of the program year from 5 to 7**. The evening will include a simple supper, yoga with Susan Murphy, and repairing of the acolyte kites.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.** in the Reception Room to discuss "Lessons from the Garden" with Jan Hickcox.

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton is leading an informal **Bible study at noon every Wednesday** in Lent. All are welcome to drop by—one time, every week, or somewhere in between.

# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS DUE BY APRIL 7

St. John's is now accepting donations toward Easter flowers in memory/honor of your loved ones, whose names will be listed in the Easter service bulletin. To make a flower memorial donation, you may either:

- Use a flower offering envelope. Envelopes are in each pew. Put your donation check (marked "Easter flowers" in the memo line) in the envelope, write the name(s) you'd like listed in the bulletin, and put it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office.
   OR
- o Mail or drop off your check and list of names directly to the office in a regular envelope.

Send in names by Friday, April 7 to guarantee that they will be in the Easter bulletins.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- ❖ "Women Together" Lent book study Tuesdays in Lent from 3 to 4:15 p.m.
- ❖ Lent midweek Bible study Wednesdays in Lent at noon
- ❖ Men's Bible study Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! with Christa Rakich TODAY at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Women's Fellowship April 4 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Newcomers Gathering April 6 at 7 p.m. at the rector's home
- ❖ Palm Sunday April 9 at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday April 13, supper at 6 p.m. followed by service
- ❖ Good Friday April 14, services at 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., children's service at 10 a.m., joint service at St. James's Church at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Easter Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral April 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Easter Sunday April 16 at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

# Holy Week at St. John's

# Palm Sunday - April 9

#### 8 & 10:30 a.m. services

The 10:30 service will include a procession around the neighborhood. Meet at 10:30 in the Cloister Garden, weather permitting.

## Maundy Thursday - April 13

## 6 p.m. potluck supper & 7 p.m. service

All are invited to a simple "agape meal" (love feast) before the Maundy Thursday service, in remembrance of the Last Supper. Bring a simple dish (soup, bread, salad) if you are able. Foot washing will be offered at the service after supper.

# Good Friday - April 14

7 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. services

10 a.m. "Walking with Jesus" children's service

## 7 p.m. service at St. James's Episcopal Church

St. James's is located at 1018 Farmington Avenue, on the corner of Farmington Ave. and Walden Street in West Hartford Center. The St. James's and St. John's choirs will sing together, and clergy from both parishes will offer short reflections on Good Friday scriptures.

# Easter Sunday - April 16

### 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choirs

8 a.m. - Adult choir

10:30 a.m. – Youth and adult choirs with brass and timpani

# Walking with Jesus Good Friday service for children with storytelling & music Friday, April 14 10 a.m. All are welcome!





Donate toiletries and school supplies for St. Sauveur School in

Haiti. Parishioners Giselle Genece and David Murphy are traveling to Haiti on Easter Sunday for a six-day visit to St. Sauveur, an Episcopal school in Les Cayes where St. John's provides annual financial support. Giselle and David are collecting basic toiletries and school supplies to carry down to Haiti with them. Items should be small and light enough to manageably carry in a suitcase. Place items in the large gray bin in Hubbard Hall.

**Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour** on the Faith Forum bulletin board in Hubbard Hall. After this Sunday, we have no one signed up for the coming weeks. If you don't want to do it all yourself, join forces with another family!

**Help arrange Easter flowers** on Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. Instructions, along with coffee and juice, will be provided.

We have an ongoing need for \$5 or \$10 gift cards for Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Subway or Dunkin Donuts to give to neighborhood residents who stop by with basic needs for food and toiletries. Please pick some up when you're able and either drop them off at the office or hand them to any staff member.

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

#### VESTRY

Buffy Ineson	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd	
Ellen Painter Dollar	

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

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

#### ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606