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The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

FESTAL EUCHARIST

April 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

During Holy Week we walked with Jesus as he made his way to Jerusalem for the last time. We shared a last supper and washed one another's feet as Jesus showed us what it means to love and serve others. Along with Mary his mother, and Mary Magdalene, one of his inner circle, we stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed Jesus's agonizing death. We know too well the sting of death as we kept watch at Jesus' tomb. But, as Christians, we know there is more. This Easter we sing our "Alleluias" as testimony to the world that love, not death, has the last say. For the 50 days of Eastertide we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as we live into our calling to be the living body of Christ in the world. Life and love, not death and despair, have the last word. Together we celebrate the good news that death has been defeated once and for all as we join our voices, singing, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!"

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. While we do not have child care staff on duty today, the nursery is available for your use should you need to care for little ones. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

Cover image: Fresco at the entrance of St. Mark's Basilica, Venice.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sonata III in A Major
Con moto maestoso – Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Worship begins this Easter with a "resurrection" Sonata by Felix Mendelssohn. It's opening fugal theme builds in turmoil and intensity, set on top of the hymntune Aus tiefer not (Out of the depths). In the end, however, the clouds are parted in a triumphal hymn, and our antiphonal Trompette en Chamade (which has been silent in worship during the Lenten season) heralds a bright new day.

INTROIT Break forth into joy!

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Text fragments from Isaiah and Christopher Smart (1722-1771)

Blow ye the trumpet,
Break forth into joy!
For the Lord hath turned the shadow of death into the morning.
God revive the blowing of the trumpets.
For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence
and so are all the instruments in heav'n.
For this is spiritual music altogether,
as the wind is a spirit.
For the praise of God can give to the mute fish
the notes of a nightingale.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The children are invited to join the rector in leading the acclamation, unfurling the "Alleluia" banner, and then joining the procession, carrying the banner.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 207 Jesus Christ is risen today

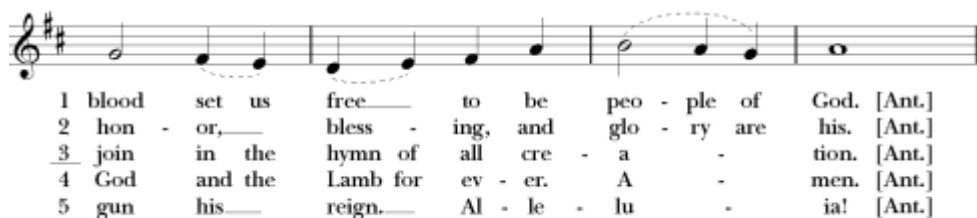
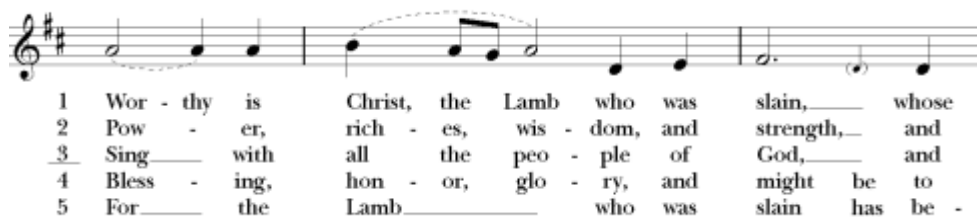
EASTER HYMN

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Text: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

All sit.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

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

The image shows musical notation for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the syllables. The music is a simple, rhythmic setting of the antiphon.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord. *Antiphon*
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord’s doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 **On this day the Lord has acted; ***
we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

ST. KEVIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*John 20:1-18**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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**.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy and power he grants healing hope to the sick and suffering, for whom we pray, either silently or aloud. [*Pause for spoken or silent prayers.*] In the name of the risen Christ we pray. **Alleluia!**

Rejoice, for the Prince of Peace has risen as our stronghold and defense in the world's war-torn places. We pray for the victims of violence in Egypt, Syria, South Sudan, and around the world, and for refugees who have left such places behind to rebuild their lives in new homes, especially for the Kattoub family. **Alleluia!**

Sing aloud, O Daughter of Zion! Shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, for God in Christ has taken away judgments against us and given victory to the neglected and rejected, the poor and oppressed. **Alleluia!**

The Lord our God is in our midst as we pray for Donald, our president and Dannel, our governor; for all who lead our government; for our bishops, Ian and Laura; and all our ministers, that what is sown in weakness shall be raised in strength and power. **Alleluia!**

Lord of Life, you defeated death to show us that we too can rise from all that binds us—pride, fear, anxiety, anger, falsehood, and disobedience. **Alleluia!**

Sing out, you heavens, and on earth may we reply: Roll away the stone from our anxious and frightened tombs, cast aside barriers in our relationship with the living God. May we confess with our voices, our hearts and our lives that the tomb is empty. **Alleluia!**

May your holy love, O Lord, be poured out, infusing this world with rivers of grace and the promise of rebirth. **Alleluia!**

Celebrant Christ is risen! May this declaration resound not only in these walls, but also in the lives of those we meet, and may it be forever be the truth of which we speak. Bring to mind the cry of Mary—"I have seen the Lord!"—and grant us faith to also believe. In the Name that is above all other names, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

People **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 ANTHEM Hallelujah (from *Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Remain seated.

Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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. **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: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

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

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Agnus Dei (2010)

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Agnus dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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.

Composed for the Phoenix Chorale, Gjeilo's Agnus Dei is symphonic in nature, and is one of those pieces where the text is a servant of the music, not the opposite. Images of the Arizona desert bring the text to life, similar to works by Samuel Barber (Adagio) and Elgar (Nimrod from Engima Variations).

THE COMMUNION HYMN 305 Come, risen Lord

ROSEDALE

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 210 The day of resurrection

ELLACOMBE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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.

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Assisting: The Reverend Hope Eakins, the Reverend William Eakins,
the Reverend Helen M. Moore
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: Jyosthna Vijaya (8:00), John Hardy (10:30)
The St. John's Adult Choir (8:00 and 10:30)
The St. John's Youth Choir (10:30)
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Assisting Choirmaster: Nicholas Filippides
Trumpet: Tom Hintz, Jeff Higgins
Timpani: Bill Solomon
Acolytes: John O'Brien, Eddie Genece, Claire O'Brien, Kiley Murphy
Ushers: Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Courtney Bass, Julia O'Brien
Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler
Altar Guild: Alycia Evica and Shirley Blean
At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Paul Shaker
Musician: Joyce Burke

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	Cheryl Trahan	Carol	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Luis and Lillian	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Louis Neuchterlein	Missy Cipriano	Jim	Alec
Kent Lawrence	Julia	Alison & Sam	Barbara	

Those who have died:

Budd Bishop

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

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Dana Crocker	Alexander Giuliano	Viki Garcia	Jane Bartlett
Ann Hanlon	Atticus Vasconcelos	Melinda Castrillo	

Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sarah Burke and Gary Cesca

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; and for collaborative ministries, Ministry Networks, ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

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**The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor and memory of the following people:**

Dan Adams	Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lincoln
Nadir Ali	The Rev. Archibald McNulty
Nassa Ali	Elizabeth McNulty
Nassif Ali	Kneeland McNulty
Ira and Mary Bachand	Lillian J. and Robert W. Miller
Thomas W. Bailey	Jacques L. Montas
William O. Bailey	Sarah Temple Moore
Harry O. Bartlett	Edward and Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer
Marguerite O. and Harry R. Bartlett	George and Edith Phillips
Robin Bataillon	John and Grace Potter
James and Margaret Berry	E. Clair Rankin
Aunt Z. Broderick	Robert Reierson
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brown	Mary and Frank Reilly
Shirley Bunis	Francis P. Reilly
Nolda and Gerard Cissen	Fred and Jennie Selley
Cyril and Mildred Connolly	Kate Chapman Simpkin
Dr. John F.S. Crocker	Oliver Henry Simpkin
Adrian Edward Crocker	Robert S. and Doris W. Snyder
Mary and Joe DeLuca	Aileen D. Stoughton
Robert K. Dimmitt	Amanda Stoughton
Bill and Ruth Eakins	Dwight H. Stoughton, M.D.
John Paul and Helen H. Faude	George Stoughton
John Paul Faude, Jr.	Peter Stoughton, M.D.
Maggie Garren	Barbara Szotakowski
Ginny and Dick Gregory	The Rev. S. Burtner Ulrich
John Grieco	William and Helen Ulrich
Carsten Peter Hardersen	Joseph John Uricchio
Amanda Tietgen Hardersen	Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Charles Paul Hardersen	Jean Walters
Orson H. Hart, Jr.	N. William Wawro, M.D.
Donald J. Hayes	Marion W. Whittemore
Elizabeth Hetherington	Kenneth Wilkinson
Noble and Sara Hetherington	Jane Saunders Miller Wythe
Helen and Harold Howlett	
Johann and Matilde Keibl	In Honor of:
Beverly Ann Kingsley	Jadzia and Eddie Genece
Arline Simpkin Kingsley	The Rev. Molly Field James
Arthur Charles Kingsley	
Lillian LeBlanc	



Can you bring Easter greetings to a homebound parishioner? St. John's has a much-loved tradition of delivering lilies to those who cannot worship with us on Easter. If you can deliver a lily on your way home after church today, please stop by the baptismal font in the back of the nave. There you can pick up a card with someone's name and address on it and a lily to deliver. Your help is needed and appreciated.

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

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Parish office CLOSED — Monday, April 17
- ❖ Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector (no study on 4/28)
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Faith Forum with Scott Lamlein on "The Song of St. John's" — April 23, 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt — April 23 at the 10:30 service
- ❖ Evensong with the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs — April 30 at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Pipes Alive! organ concert with Peter Niedmann — May 7 at 12:30 p.m.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 23
after the 10:30 service
All are welcome!

THE SONG OF ST. JOHN'S

What is your favorite hymn and why?

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 A.M.

Join Music Director Scott Lamlein for a Faith Forum on the hymns that connect us, personally and corporately, to God.

2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage

As we pray for our parishioners who set forth on pilgrimage to Iona this week, we are happy to announce another pilgrimage being planned for next year. Rector Susan Pinkerton, along with Priest Associates Hope and Bill Eakins, will lead a group to the Holy Land from September 14 to 26, 2018. With a local guide, Canon Iyad Qumri, the group will visit holy sites including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, along with some lesser-known places. The cost will be around \$2,400 per person, not including airfare. More details to come. If you're interested in going, please let the rector know.

Visiting? Looking for a church home?

St. John's rector, staff and parish volunteers look forward to meeting you and helping you discover which St. John's activities and ministries might be a good match for you. Call or e-mail the parish office to find out more and, if you'd like, set up a time to meet. To sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter or request information, contact Ellen in the parish office — 860-523-5201 or ellen@sjparish.net. And look for our newly redesigned web site to debut soon!

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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

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net).....	Rector
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The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net)	Deacon
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The Rev. William Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net).....	Priest Associate
The Rev. Helen M. Moore* (helen@sjparish.net).....	Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries
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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

Buffy Ineson.....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom.....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd.....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Clerk

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