

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Trinity Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 27, 2018

10:30 a.m.

A Trinity Sunday Message from the Rector

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity—the threefold personhood of God, our creator; Jesus, the Son of God; and the Holy Spirit, the life force of God. How these three distinct but interconnected aspects of the most Holy One are understood is itself a Holy Mystery. Since the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles on the day of the first Pentecost, Christians have struggled to grasp the meaning of the Trinity. For more than 2,000 years, tomes of theology have been written on this subject, and great church councils have been held to discern the nature of the Trinity. Yet, we still struggle to understand this complex theological concept. However, what matters most is how we experience God in our everyday lives. It is through our deepening relationship with the Holy One that we begin to live into the love of God that passes all understanding. We come to know that where love is, there God is also.

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. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests.

We welcome children of all ages at St. John's. Your children are always welcome to stay with you in church. We encourage you to sit up front, as children are more engaged if they can see what's happening. We also have supplies for quiet play available at both entrances to the church, which children are welcome to use as they sit in the pews. During the program year (September – June), we offer child care (infant – 5 years old) from 10:15 a.m. to the end of the service, in the Good Shepherd Room. For older children, we offer a Children's Sermon on most first Sundays of the month, and on most other Sundays, children are invited to attend *Word Alive* during the 10:30 service. At the sequence hymn (marked in the bulletin), the children follow an acolyte out to *Word Alive*, where they do age-appropriate activities to engage with the Sunday scripture readings. The children return at the Peace to take part in Holy Eucharist with their families. On Sundays when child care and/or *Word Alive* are not provided, the Good Shepherd Room is available for parents and children to use as needed. *Note: Child care and Word Alive are not offered today due to staff scheduling.*



ORDER OF SERVICE

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| THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | We all believe in one true God Promenade on <i>Nicaea</i> (2015) | Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) June Nixon (b. 1942) |
| PROCESSIONAL HYMN 362 | Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! <i>All stand and sing.</i> | NICAEA |
| 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. | |

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1–8

All sit.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

*Canticle 13**The People remain seated and sing.*

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
 for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

holding the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
heav - en, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:12–17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 367 Round the Lord in glory seated

RUSTINGTON

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*John 3:1–17**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us lift our hearts in hope this day to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we may hear God's voice asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and dare to reply, **Here am I; send me.**

Quiet our hearts to feel your presence in this holy place, and give us grace to welcome those who are strangers, those who feel excluded, those whom we do not know. **Here am I; send me.**

Draw us alongside those who are sick and fearful, despairing and grieving; comfort all who mourn, especially the family of Ida McKenney. Give us the will and the insight to offer them comfort and hope. **Here am I; send me.**

Make us grateful for all those who have served in the armed forces of our country and sacrificed much to secure the freedoms we now enjoy. Strengthen us to be good citizens of this world and give us determination to work for liberty and justice for all. **Here am I; send me.**

Hold before us high standards of honesty and responsibility, that we may be good employees and employers, respecting the dignity of our brothers and sisters. **Here am I; send me.**

Open our eyes to see the hungry, the homeless and the jobless; do not let us pass them by without a prayer; help us work to change the oppressive systems of this world and to heal the wounds that afflict our nation. **Here am I; send me.**

Give us time and courage to reflect upon our lives and see our failings. Forgive us and empower us to seek the forgiveness of those we have offended. **Here am I; send me.**

Increase our commitment to support the work of St. John's Parish; equip us to serve when and where we are called, saying, **Here am I; send me.**

Celebrant O God, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; open our hearts to love you, open our lives to reveal you, open our wills to follow you now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSON 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 ANTHEM In the year that King Uzziah died

David McK. Williams (1887–1978)

Words: Isaiah 6:1–8

The prophet Isaiah had a remarkable vision of the heavenly realm, beginning In the year that King Uzziah died. His celestial vision depicts the highest order of angels, Seraphim. The name Seraphim is associated with the Hebrew verb which means “to burn,” suggesting that the Seraphim burn with devotion for God. The Seraphim, from Isaiah’s vision, have six wings. In the choral arrangement heard today, tone painting is used to dramatic effect, depicting the angels flying around the throne of God, using the lowest 32’ tones of the organ for quasi-tympani effects, and presenting the familiar Sanctus text with great emotion—here heard within its original context. The work ends plaintively, with Isaiah answering God’s call.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

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. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*
Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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.



Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

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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.

All are 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.

You are also welcome to light a candle, located near the baptismal font, in memory of a loved one or to lift a prayer to God.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Silent, surrendered

Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

Words: Pamela Hayes and Margaret Rizza

Julia Foust, soprano and Nancy Skeele, flute

Silent, surrendered, calm and still, open to the word of God.

Heart humbled to his will, offered is the servant of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, bring us light, teach us, heal us, give us life.

Come, Lord, O let our hearts flow with love and all that is true.

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.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 719 O beautiful for spacious skies

MATERNA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Alleluyas

Simon Preston (b. 1938)

The closing voluntary by Simon Preston is an unusual acclamation of praise. Preston, for many years music director at Westminster Abbey and well-known as a concert organist, uses a tension-building four-note theme and jazz harmonies to set the word "Alleluia" with a strong emphasis on the third syllable.

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.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Layreader:** Bess Amamoo**Psalterer:** Stephan Christiansen**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Francis Lamlein, Elsa Ciscel, Genella Evans**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla, Julia O'Brien, Ross Hatch, Will Smith, Stephen Crocker, Courtney Bass**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler**Altar Guild:** Alycia Evica and Carol Sonne**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Musician:** Helen Hughlett

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Edith H. Phillips and Paul S. Carter.**

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the 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.

Séminaire 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 postulant, 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, help, and comfort:

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| Jim Evans | Cheryl Trahan | Jeff | Janis Milroy |
| Kim Green | Andrew Lee | Chas | Clark Hendley |
| Carol Grieco | Dorothy Nelson | Meg | Janet Cochran |
| Janet Ray | Susan | Lina | Michael Scripko |
| Susan Murray | Vicky | Edward Shaker | Meghan |
| Cait Semanie | Maelie | Karen Prior | |

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Mary Jo Keating | Tom Lincoln | Carolyn Roche |
| Sarah Faude | Amy Manise | Patricia Smith |
| Hope Eakins | Randall Hayes | Elise Biondi |
| Jeanne Winkleblack | Justus Coulter | |

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for Camp Washington's staff, board, counselors, and campers.

Save the Date

Pipes Alive! Organ Concert, June 3, 12:30 p.m.

The final Pipes Alive! concert (and final Music at the Red Door event for this program year) will feature Susan Carroll from Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Pipes Alive! concerts are short programs that showcase regional musicians on St. John's Austin organ. The concerts are free and open to the public; donations are accepted.

Celtic Service, June 3, 4:30 p.m.

The final monthly Celtic service before a summer hiatus will be here at St. John's next Sunday, June 3. Celtic services, held in partnership with St. James's Episcopal Church, feature silence, prayer, reflection, meditation, chant, and music from a variety of traditions. The service starts with a period of silence at 4:30 p.m.

Blessing of our missionaries, June 10, 10:30 a.m. service

In late June, six young people from St. John's will travel with a group from other Episcopal Church in Connecticut parishes to the Dominican Republic, where they will help lead a Vacation Bible School and engage in other work and fellowship. We will bless and send them off with our good wishes at the 10:30 service on June 10.

Summer schedule begins June 17

St. John's summer Sunday schedule—a 9 a.m. service in the nave and a 5 p.m. service in the garden (weather permitting)—begins on June 17 and goes through Labor Day weekend (September 2). The regular service schedule resumes on Sunday, September 9, followed by the annual Neighborhood Block Party.



Supplies needed for Dominican Republic mission trip: Six of our young members will be going on a mission trip with the Episcopal Church in CT this summer. They will be helping with a Vacation Bible School for 400 children and need craft supplies to take with them. We are collecting the following items, either new or gently used: Popsicle sticks (the craft kind, not the kind with leftover grape or cherry flavor on them), school glue (liquid), Scotch tape (on its own roll), kid scissors, markers and crayons, beads. Please give them to Mary Scripko, our religious education assistant, or drop them off in the office during the week.

We need piano players for Hughes Home services: Throughout the year, St. John's volunteers lead a 10 a.m. Sunday service at Hughes Health & Rehabilitation on Highland Street. We need more people to accompany hymns on the piano (or another instrument, such as guitar). Help is needed during the summer and the program year, so if you're a musician who sings in the choir, we'd love to have your help over the summer! If you'd like to help lead the services instead, consider becoming a St. John's layreader. Layreaders wear many hats—they read scriptures and the Prayers of the People at services, serve as chalice bearers for communion, and lead services at Hughes Home. Training is provided. We'd love to have new people join this ministry! Contact Kim Byrd at kimberley.byrd@comcast.net or the rector for more information.

It's planting time in our community garden!

Jessie's Community Garden at St. John's is a collaborative project with Congregation Beth Israel.

We need your help to plant this weekend! Wear your gardening clothes and bring tools and supplies if you have them (such as a trowel and gloves). Sandwiches and water provided. Come for as long as you're able. The garden is located on the south side of St. John's property, behind the yellow house and alongside the back parking lot.



Our Community Garden Project Coordinator is J.P. Evans, a St. John's member and head acolyte who is managing this project as part of earning an Eagle Scout Award. He wrote the following letter to the parish:

When my dad suffered a stroke and was in a coma in 2016, one of the ways St. John's supported my family was by bringing meals to our house. I was so grateful for the warm and comforting foods that found their way into the cooler on our porch, and all the church provided me and my family during this difficult time.

When it came time to look for an appropriate Eagle Scout Service Project, I wanted to find a way to help the church and its surrounding community. The community garden project really spoke to me because it will allow people to get fresh produce when they can't afford it or have nothing to eat.

I feel honored to work with the Reverends Susan Pinkerton, Bill Eakins and Hope Eakins; Master Gardener Steve Kovack from Jessie's Community Garden (who are funding and providing technical support for the project); and our friends at Congregation Beth Israel. Thank you to the Garden Committee, Vestry and everyone who is volunteering and encouraging me to grow as a leader. Together, we can help provide fresh vegetables for people who are struggling with hunger.

Life is a challenge for many of our neighbors: children, working parents, seniors and people living with disabilities don't always have enough. I grew up in our church hearing the stories of miracles—Moses and manna in the desert; loaves and fishes feeding the multitude; and the disciples, after an entire night of unsuccessful fishing, casting their nets upon the orders of Christ Jesus and finding their nets were overflowing with fish. It is my hope that through this project we can, with God's help, cast our own nets, cultivate new and old friendships, and grow healthy food for the hungry. Together will make a difference in struggling people's lives. Thank you for your support.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)

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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| Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net) | Religious Education Assistant |
| Christa Rakich | Organ Artist-in-Residence |
| Ralph Valentine | Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus |

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

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| Buffy Ineson | Warden |
| Wes Winterbottom | Warden |
| Tim Goetz and John Roche | Co-Treasurers |
| Ellen Painter Dollar | Scribe |

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

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

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Sonia Michel, Alex Nelson