

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*August 18, 2019*

*9:00 a.m.*

## *An Ordinary Time Message from the Rector*

This is the time of year when the church goes “green.” The church’s ancient wheel of liturgical time slowly turns from season to season. We keep track of the seasons with the specific colors associated with each one. In Medieval times, the colors were the way that most people, who were illiterate, kept track of which liturgical season it was. In early June, we celebrated the Day of Pentecost with vibrant red vestments and altar hangings (the fabric draped on the altar and the bands of fabric that hang from the lectern and the pulpit). On Trinity Sunday, we switched to white, the color of Jesus’s burial garments. Now, we enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar, ordinary time, with the color green, representing the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. The word “ordinary” does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word “ordinal” which means “counted.” We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent.

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 from the ushers.

**Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY    Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING HYMN 546    Awake my soul, stretch every nerve

SIROË

*All stand and sing.*

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*        **And blessed be God’s 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 KYRIE

*Celebrant*    Lord, have mercy.

*People*        **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*    Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for love, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 23:23–29*

*All sit.*

**A**m I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 82*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, \***  
**and show favor to the wicked?**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; \***  
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \***  
**and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \***  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 11:29–12:2*

**B**y faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49–56*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

**J**esus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

## THE SERMON

*All sit.*

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

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

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.*

O Lord our God, hear our prayers for the whole human family. Gather us up into the reconciling fire of your love, that we may be purged of all that that leads us away from you, and filled with your love and joy and peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, that we may be faithful to your Word, live as witnesses to your love, and care for the world you have made. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Donald, our President, and the leaders of all nations that they may work together for the good of your people everywhere. We pray for our elected and appointed leaders in this state and region; give them wisdom and strength and imagination. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those returning to school and those who are travelling; give them rest and refreshment and return them safely home. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the dying, and the grieving; we commend into your care the addicted, the frightened, and those with dementia. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Emily Rankin and all who have died, giving thanks for their gifts to us and rejoicing in your promise that they live with you in life eternal. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Trusting that all our needs are known to you before we ask, we offer these our prayers in the Name of your Son Jesus.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

### THE WELCOME

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand and sing.*

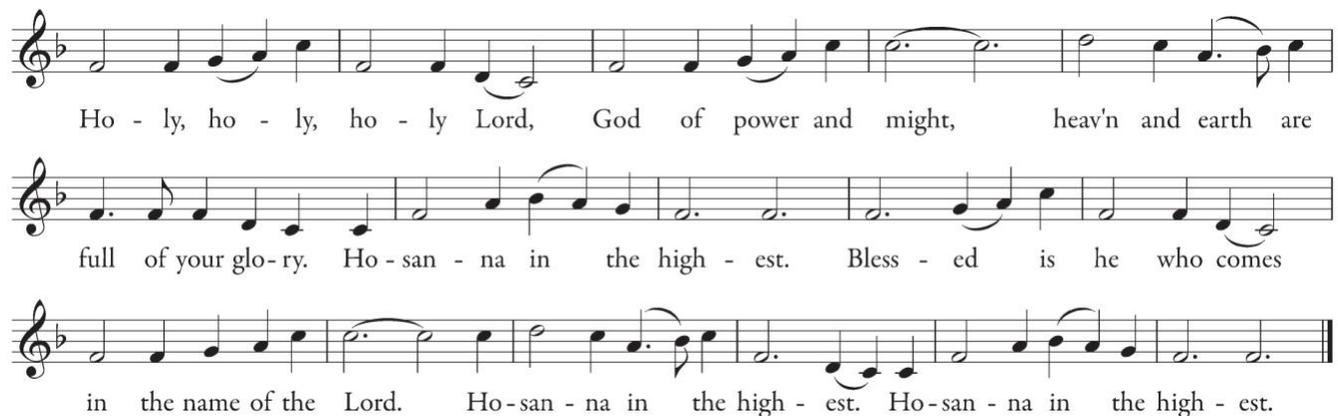
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)**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 FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)

*The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.*



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain*  
One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. *Refrain*

## 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 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 CLOSING HYMN 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might

PENTECOST

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Sir Richard's Toy

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*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.*

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins**Assisting:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Smith**Organist:** Christa Rakich**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Sarah Kieffer**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler**Altar Guild:** Jean Mitchell**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Musician:** Ray Giolitto**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Emily Wood Rankin.****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 missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Beth Maturo Vecchitto
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Giovanni Guzzo
Carol Grieco	Edward Shaker	Chris	Margaret Thomas
Janet Ray	Edith Connolly	Mary Byrd	
Susan Murray	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton	
Brad Babbitt	Sally	John Vecchitto	

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Bridget Patterson	Sam Newbury
Janet Poisson	Kim Byrd
Susan Pinkerton	William Roche
Gabriella Williams	Alex Bleicher
Eleanor Hayes	Jim Lawler

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Brian &amp; Stacey Alemany

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; and the Higher Education Ministry Network.

## Sundays in August: St. John's Summer Singers

Anyone, age 8 and up, is welcome to experience the joy of singing in our choir during the month of August at our 9 a.m. service. This is a great opportunity to see what it is like to sing, without the commitment of a midweek rehearsal. A core of our regular choir members will be present and singing to help you feel confident and welcome.

**Join us on any Sunday during August at 8:15 a.m.** in the church for a brief rehearsal to learn the Offertory Anthem for the day. You can just show up, or contact Scott at [music@sjparish.net](mailto:music@sjparish.net) for details.



**Give away fresh veggies to our neighbors this morning.** If you can, please stay for a short time after the 9 a.m. service to staff our veggie giveaway table in front of the church. Each week, we offer vegetables from our community garden to neighbors who, because of financial or mobility limitations, might not otherwise have ready access to fresh produce. It's a great way to connect with neighbors and a great family activity — kids are welcome to help!

**Teach Sunday School.** The program year is just around the corner, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to teach! Teachers serve on alternating Sundays, and all materials are provided in advance. Training will be held on Sunday, September 8 after the 10:30 service. Interested? Contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 x 312.

**Purchase Blessing Bag items from our Amazon wish list.** On Sunday, September 8, we'll fill Blessing Bags to have on hand as the cooler weather arrives. Blessing Bags are given to people in need who come to the church asking for help, and contain toiletries, a few non-perishable snacks, and warm socks, gloves and hats. The most cost-effective and efficient way for you to help is to order items in bulk from Amazon and have them shipped directly to the church. We've created a wish list for this purpose, which includes bulk packages of trial-size toiletries, single-serve snacks, and warm accessories for men and women. Go to <http://a.co/1bLDv2Q>, purchase one of our needed items, and it will automatically be shipped to the church and removed from the wish list.

**Sign up to help prepare or serve food at the Community Block Party on September 15, from noon to 3 p.m.** We need people to bake treats ahead of time, as well as cook and serve hot dogs at the event. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/YtgriwX>.

**Help in the community vegetable garden on Wednesday mornings.** Our curate, Margie Baker, will be in the garden (which is out back, behind the sexton's house) from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, weather permitting. All are welcome to stop by (kids are welcome with an adult) to help weed, water and harvest. You don't need to sign up ahead of time, and you don't have to stay for the whole two hours. Just come on by in your gardening clothes, and stay for as long as you can! If you'd like to help but that's not a good time, contact the parish office to make other arrangements.

**Publicize the Community Block Party with a lawn sign in your yard.** Lawn signs for this year's block party are available to pick up in Hubbard Hall, starting this Sunday. Please help spread the word by putting one in your yard, particularly if you live relatively near the church, and/or on a main street or corner lot where the sign will be highly visible.

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

9 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist in the church

5 p.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

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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

Virginia Van Dyk .....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche .....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar .....	Scribe

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Andrew Worrell

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

2019-21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr