

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 23, 2020

5:00 p.m.

*Welcome home to St. John's. We are so glad you are here!*

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing at all times. A complete list of our safety protocols is at the end of this bulletin.

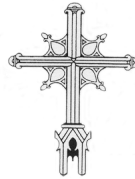
If you need a mask, or have any other questions or concerns, please speak to a verger. They are wearing silver name tags and blue baseball caps.

If you are new to St. John's or visiting, please fill out an information card, which are near the bulletins. Please put your completed card in the wooden offering box.

Restroom access is restricted, but available if needed. You may enter the building through the door in the southeast corner of the lawn area. If you need the ramped entrance around back, please ask for assistance from a verger or the sexton. The restrooms are equipped with disposable gloves and disinfecting wipes; please use them to disinfect all handles, knobs and surfaces before leaving the restroom.

Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times, including if they go inside to use the restroom.

We will not be passing the plate during today's service, but if you wish to leave a financial offering, please place it in the locked offering box before or after worship. We also continue to receive offerings via mail and online via our web site. Thank you!



THE VOLUNTARY Clair de lune

Claude Debussy

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All stand.*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 1:8–2:10**All sit.*

**N**ow a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 124**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, \***  
**when enemies rose up against us;**

- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:13–20**All stand.**Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*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**.*

The love of God endures all we suffer. Let us offer prayers for peace among those God loves.

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura our bishops, for our clergy, for this holy gathering, and for all who share the bread of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For our parish community of St. John's, that we will be guided by God's wisdom, protected by God's strength, and filled with God's goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may strive to fill all people with the good things that sustain life and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For farmers and a good harvest, for our community garden and those fed from it, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering; prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all of us during this time of sickness and isolation, especially when we feel helpless and hopeless in the face of overwhelming needs, that we may be delivered by God's bounty and provision. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

*Officiant* God, you break bread among us: Hear our prayers for all in need and fill your hungry people with manna from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### THE WELCOME

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**MUSIC** Song without words (Op. 18, No. 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

### 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

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, not bread and wine, because we cannot share them this day, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation.

We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him.

Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. 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 God, 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 AGNUS DEI

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
*People* **grant us your peace.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.  
*People* **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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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 DISMISSAL

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

*All are welcome to stay after the service for conversation and connection. Please maintain social distance.  
 A healing minister is available for private prayer in the Cloister Garden.*



**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Musician:** Ted Babbitt**Vergers:** Giselle Genece, John Roche**Usher:** Matt Ciscel**Healing Minister:** Wes Winterbottom

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*The Eucharistic prayer was adapted by the Reverend John Baker (Margie's dad!) for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."*

**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.

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

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

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Patricia
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Seamus
Brad Babbitt	Maureen Carrol	Billy Ulrich	Deedy
Steve Chambers	Robert E. Eikel	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Barbara	Dhaliwal Family	Lowenstein Family	Moghadam Family

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Alex Bleicher	Catie Gillespie
Jim Lawler	Naomi Cipriano
Stephen Roberts	Mark Field
Dennis Winkleblack	Erica Maas Shippee

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

### Guidelines for Outdoor Services

- **Please do not attend if any of the following apply.** We will continue to offer online services on Sunday mornings, which you may watch live or afterward.
  - You or a household member are in a vulnerable group for COVID-19 infection.
  - You are not feeling well or have symptoms associated with COVID-19.\*
  - You have recently traveled.
  - You have recently had a positive coronavirus test.
- Outdoor services will be held on the west lawn (the large grassy area on the corner of South Highland Street and Farmington Avenue).
- Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for you/your family to sit on. We will have extra chairs available for those unable to bring their own.
- Maintain a six-foot distance from everyone other than your own household at all times, including when seated, arriving and departing.
- Household members must remain together at all times while on church property.
- Masks/cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are **required** for those over the age of 2 years.
- Bring hand sanitizer or use what we provide.
- Greet and share the Peace with non-household members from at least six feet away by waving, nodding your head, giving a peace sign, etc.
- Indoor restroom access is available but restricted.
- Paper bulletins will be available. Please take your bulletin home or recycle it in the designated bin.
- Vergers, who are a new addition to St. John's services, will help ensure everyone's safety. Please follow all directions given by vergers, ushers and clergy.
- Please RSVP by noon on Sunday, online or by phone. This will let us know how many people to plan for and how to set up socially distanced seating.
  - Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/SundayService5pm> OR
  - Call the church office at 860-523-5201, press 0 when you hear the recorded greeting, and leave a message in the General Mailbox.
- If the service is cancelled due to weather or other considerations, we will make our best effort to reach out by e-mail or phone no later than 4:30 p.m. to everyone who RSVP'd.

\***COVID-19 symptoms:** Temperature of 100.4° or higher, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, congestion or runny nose, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video) and 5 p.m. (outdoors).

Noonday Prayer online via Zoom at 12 p.m. every weekday.

## STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
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Christa Rakich.....	Organ Artist-in-Residence
Ralph Valentine .....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

## VESTRY

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

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

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

2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney