

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 16, 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.

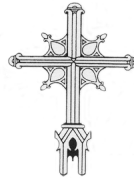
If you need a mask, or have any other questions or concerns, please speak to a verger. They are wearing silver name tags and blue baseball caps.

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 *Largo* from *Xerxes*

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, 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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 45:1–15**All sit.*

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 133**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21–28**All stand.**Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Blessed Assurance

Charity Book Putnam

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: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Musician: Scott Lamlein

Vergers: Annabel Clapp, Cleveland Williams

Usher: Geoff Emerick

Healing Minister: Sarah Kieffer

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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			

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Janet Poisson
 Susan Pinkerton
 Gabriella Williams
 Eleanor Hayes
 Kim Byrd
 William Roche

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Toby and Manny Aguiar
 Ginger and Colin Gillespie
 Stacey and Brian Alemany

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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

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.

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VESTRY

Geoff Emerick	Warden
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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