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All Saints Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY Marche Funèbre

Cécile Chaminade (1857–1944)



Cécile Louise Stéphanie Chaminade was a French composer and pianist. In 1913, she was awarded the Légion d'Honneur, a first for a female composer. Her first experiments in composition took place in very early days, and in her eighth year she played some of her music to Georges Bizet, who was much impressed with her talents. She gave her first concert when she was eighteen, and from that time on her work as a composer gained steadily in favor. She wrote mostly character pieces for piano, and salon songs, almost all of which were published.

THE OPENING HYMN 287, vv. 1–4 For all the saints, who from their labors rest

SINE NOMINE

All sing or read along.



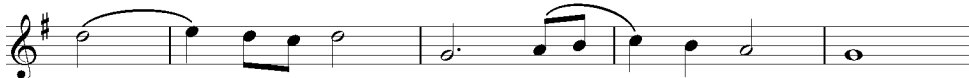
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 34:1–10, 22

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

THE NICENE CREED

**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 pray to God for all the world and all the saints.

O God, we thank you today for calling us as your saints. Thank you for the grace with which you love us and call us to serve the world in your name, despite our imperfections and mistakes. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for every person who taught us what it looks like to follow Jesus, helped us on our journey, and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember all your saints in heaven. Give comfort to all who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth, especially those who have lost loved ones in the coronavirus pandemic. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, and for those who have left the church. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide us through this election as we vote for people to work on our behalf. Help us elect leaders who will help build communities that reflect the values that Christ taught us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them. Help us to live in witness to your love, living the holy lives you have called us to by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray,

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.**

THE WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Geoff Emerick

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM *Pie Jesu from Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Erica Shippee, soloist

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.
 Dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem.*

Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest.
 Grant them rest, eternal rest.

Celebrant This Holy Communion is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the people of St. John's Church, those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we pray, and those whose prayers are known to God alone, and on this All Saints Day, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Shepard W. Baker
 Lillian Jane Miller Bartlett
 Ruth & Lawrence Buckner
 Mary Gehringer Byrd
 Charles H. Chambers
 Eleanor Suthon Ciscel
 Elaine Coleman
 Wendy Wright Collins
 Nicky Singh Dhaliwal
 James Oswald Donaldson III
 Bill Dunakin
 Madeline Uricchio Edwards
 Alycia & George Michael Evica
 Linda W. Fiske

Orson Henry Hart, Jr.
 Bill & Toni Hutchinson
 John & Janet Huwiler
 Jane Kozlowski
 Edward W. Lamlein, Jr.
 Elsa M. Lattey
 Erik F. Lattey
 Thomas McCary
 Betty Russell McMath
 Edward & Eleanor D'Este Mosehauer
 Robert Ernest Mueller
 Charles D. & Janet M. Peterson
 Robert F. & Abbie V.S. Peterson
 Orville Lee Phillips, Jr.

Bob & Barbara Pinkerton
 Andrya Ramer
 Frank & Mary Reilly
 Francis P. Reilly
 Margaret Rehm Rothschild
 Robert B. Skeelee
 Meg Smith
 Margaret Bittinger Sullivan
 Thomas R. Tight
 Shirley LaValley Uricchio
 Joseph John Uricchio
 George E. and Abbie B. Van Siclen
 Wendy F. Vance
 Julia Verney
 M. Searle Wright

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

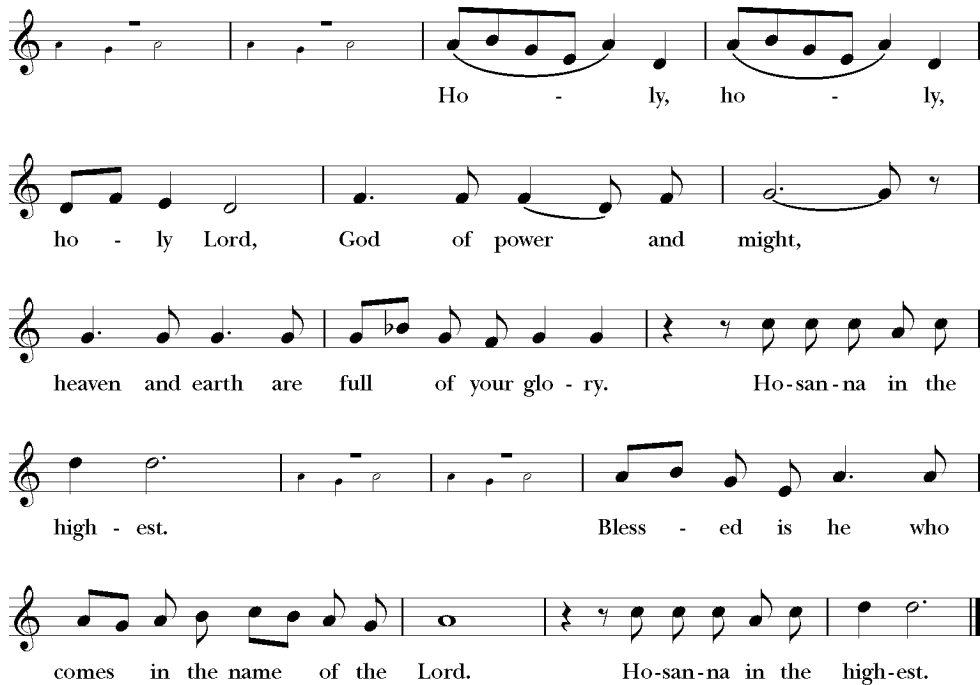
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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,
 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.*

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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Gracious and Risen Lord, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament and we love you above all things. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we desire to receive you into our souls. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

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 CLOSING HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

All read or sing along.



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.

Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata *from* Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)



During the 16 years of his professional life, Boëllmann composed about 160 pieces in all genres. Faithful to the style of Franck and an admirer of Saint-Saëns, Boëllmann yet exhibits a turn-of-the-century Post-romantic esthetic, which especially in his organ works, demonstrates “remarkable sonorities.” His best-known composition is Suite gothique (1895), now a staple of the organ repertoire, especially its concluding Toccata, a piece “of moderate difficulty but brilliant effect, with a dramatic minor theme and a rhythmic emphasis that made it popular even in Boëllmann’s own day. Before his untimely death at age 35, Boëllmann became known as “a dedicated teacher, trenchant critic, gifted composer and successful performer...who coaxed pleasing sounds out of recalcitrant instruments.”

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Cantor:** Erica Maas Shippee**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

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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.

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael
Kim Green	Sue	Beth
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Samira Rihani
Robin	William Bittinger	Peter Kieffer
Mary	Zachary	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Christine Doty
Morgan Roche
Charlotte Needham
Trig Cooley
Maxom Goetz

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Francine and Stephan Christiansen
Nina and Duccio Rosselli del Turco

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; and for clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details and links.

Sunday service of spoken Eucharist, 8 a.m. in the nave

Sunday School (elementary through middle school), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday livestream service, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

Sunday outdoor service, 2 p.m. on the West Lawn

****Note time change for today's service****

Masks are required and we will observe socially distanced seating. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.

Online Noonday Prayer, Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. on Zoom

Online Morning Prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. on Zoom

Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Online Bible study is on hiatus for the month of November and will return in Advent.

Healing prayers at St. John's

"I'm a little embarrassed to come for prayer." While most of us would not be embarrassed to be seen at a medical physician's office, because we understand it's a normal part of staying healthy, we may feel self-conscious about asking someone to pray for us.

Healing prayer is a normal part of our worship at St. John's, just as normal as the other parts of our services, such as the scripture readings and sharing the Eucharist. While we cannot currently offer healing prayer in person at Sunday services, our healing team is available to talk with you by phone, text or e-mail, and to pray with or for you.

All information that you share with a healing minister stays there. Confidentiality is part of the training of every healing minister, and we guard your privacy. You can share as much or as little as you feel comfortable sharing, and a simple "Please pray for me" without further detail is fine.

If you would like to request prayers for healing, please contact the parish office and a St. John's healing minister will get back to you.

Sunday afternoon outdoor service today at 2 p.m.

Note the service time change. We have several special events for this final outdoor service.

- **Second Annual All Saints Parade at 1:30 p.m.:** The Sunday School kids started this new tradition last year, and this year we're inviting everyone, of any age, to participate! The idea is simple: Dress up like the saint of your choice and join in our outdoor All Saints Parade.
- **Fill Blessing Bags after the service:** We distribute Blessing Bags, including toiletries, snacks and warm winter accessories, to people in need who come to the church looking for help. After today's outdoor service, please stay for a few minutes to put a new supply of Blessing Bags together.

November Music at the Red Door online concerts: Pipes Alive! today at 12:30 p.m.

Our entire 2020–2021 Music at the Red Door concert series will be livestreamed online, where you can watch concerts in real time or anytime after. We will invite live audiences back when it is safe to do so, but for now, all events are online only. **Today at 12:30 p.m.**, our Pipes Alive! organ recital series will resume with Zac Schurman presenting a program of music by Elgar, Bach and Franck. **Every Wednesday in November at 12:15 p.m.**, we'll feature lunchtime recitals from local musicians in their home studios. These salon recitals were a welcome source of respite and refreshment in the first three months of the coronavirus pandemic, and we look forward to renewing this tradition for the month of November.

Online Celtic Service today at 4:30 p.m.

Come join us at our Celtic worship service, today at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. This month we will celebrate the theme *Remembrance* with a reflection, prayers, poetry, and music. Afterward there is a time of community conversation and sharing.

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181672559>

Meeting ID: 821 8167 2559

By telephone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

Election Day Online Prayer Vigil, Tuesday, November 3, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In an effort to provide an opportunity for peace and solace during these contentious times, St. John's is offering an online day of prayer and reflection on Election Day. We will livestream this offering from our beautiful sanctuary, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. During the day we will offer the following services and musical offerings on our YouTube channel: <https://sjparish.net/sjp-livestream>.

- Morning Prayer at 8 a.m.
- Music at 9:30 a.m.
- Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m.
- Music at 2:30 p.m.
- Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

The orders of service for Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, and Evening Prayer are available at <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Forward Movement has also provided a series of prayers you may find helpful as we anticipate the coming election: <https://www.forwardmovement.org/Promotions/PDF/ASeasonofPrayer2020.pdf>

Margie and Susan will be available throughout the day on November 3 for conversation or private prayer via phone or Zoom. Please contact us at the parish office at 860-523-5201 or by email: susan@sjparish.net or margie@sjparish.net.

Commitment Sunday, November 8

Next Sunday, November 8, is Commitment Sunday at St. John's, the culmination of our fall stewardship campaign when we gather in your pledge cards. You have several options for returning your pledge card on Commitment Sunday:

- Bring your pledge card to the 8 a.m. indoor service, where you will be invited to bring it forward during the Offertory.
- Drive to the church between 9:30 and 10 a.m., when the rector, a warden, and a co-chair of the Stewardship Committee will be waiting to greet you on the front steps of the church, in front of the red doors. When you drive up, there will be a basket for you to place your pledge card in, and you may also receive a blessing — all without leaving your car.
- You may also mail your pledge card back to the church this week, if you haven't already. It helps our budgeting process if we receive all pledge cards by Commitment Sunday.

Advent in a Bag

This year we'll be offering "Advent in a Bag" — a collection of supplies and ideas to support four weeks of at-home activities leading up to Christmas. Activities are suitable for all ages, individuals and families, and will involve prayer, art, gratitude, and giving. All activities will be hands-on with *no screens* whatsoever! We encourage everyone to pick one up for your household, and one to share with grandchildren, other family members, neighbors, or friends. If you'd like to donate supplies to help keep our costs down, please order from our Amazon wish list at www.tinyurl.com/adventwishlist. We'll also be looking for help with packing the bags in mid-November, and bags will be ready for you to pick up starting the week of November 22. More details to follow!

A reminder about Amazon Smile: When you sign up for the Amazon Smile program and designate St. John's as your charitable beneficiary, Amazon will donate a portion of every purchase amount to the church. With Christmas approaching, this is a great time to sign up! [Click here to sign up for Amazon Smile](#) and choose St. John's as your beneficiary, and remember to go to Smile.Amazon.com any time you're ordering from Amazon.

Women Together book discussion group meeting online: All are welcome!

Would you like an opportunity to meet with other women for reading, reflection and discussion on matters of the Christian faith? If so, please consider attending Women Together, which meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Women from St. Monica's, Trinity and St. John's currently participate, and all are welcome! For its next series, beginning November 3rd, the featured book is *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: and Other Conversations about Race* by Beverly Daniel Tatum, available from libraries, Amazon and other bookstores. For more information and to receive a link to the meeting, [please contact Sarah Kieffer](#).

How to reach St. John's staff and clergy

To ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic, the parish office remains closed to drop-in visitors, while clergy and staff divide their time between working from home and in the office. Should you need to come by the office for any reason, please contact the appropriate staff person to make an appointment. The best time to reach clergy and staff via the office phone (860-523-5201) is on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., when everyone is in the office for the weekly staff meeting. At other times, please either send an e-mail or leave a message on the voicemail extension of the person you're trying to reach, and you will receive a return phone call during weekday office hours. Should you have a pastoral emergency after hours, call the office phone number, press "9" when you hear the auto attendant greeting, leave a message, and one of our clergy will return your call as soon as possible. Our voicemail extensions are as follows:

Susan (rector) x314

Margie (curate) x312

Scott (music director) x324

Ellen (parish manager) x310

Dwight (sexton) x315

Peggy (financial administrator) x311

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S

We see the results of their labor: An immaculate church, an inspiring sermon, a beautiful anthem. Yet we might miss the amazing work being done every day by the people who have dedicated their working lives to St. John's. To gain a glimpse into a day in the life of our parish, we asked clergy and staff to describe something that makes their work especially fulfilling or something they do in a "typical" day that we might not know about. This is what they said:

Susan Pinkerton, rector - One of the things I enjoy most is spending time envisioning, "What's next?" for our parish, exploring where and how the Holy Spirit may be calling our community to be part of God's dream for us and the world. This involves fruitful and energized conversations with Ellen, Margie, Scott, Peggy and Dwight, as well as reaching out to my priest colleagues for their wisdom and experience. This envisioning also entails researching and combing through a number of resources, both historical and contemporary, to further define what may be a worthwhile endeavor for St. John's. All of this work is held up and supported by daily prayer and reflection, knowing that if the Spirit is not part of this work, it will be for naught. Bottom line: I have learned over the years to trust that the Spirit will guide us and when we do that, then all things become possible. Now that is exciting stuff and I am delighted I get to do it as rector of St. John's!

Margie, curate - I lead Noonday Prayer Monday through Thursday, but you probably know that. One particularly fulfilling thing that you may not know about is that I pray for parishioners in my private prayers every morning — for those whom I know are going through tough times, or sometimes just whoever pops into my heart.

Scott, music director - There is constant music ringing through the halls of St. John's — organ practice by me, students, assisting organists, and upcoming recitalists; and preparation at the piano for upcoming rehearsals (and recordings during these COVID days).

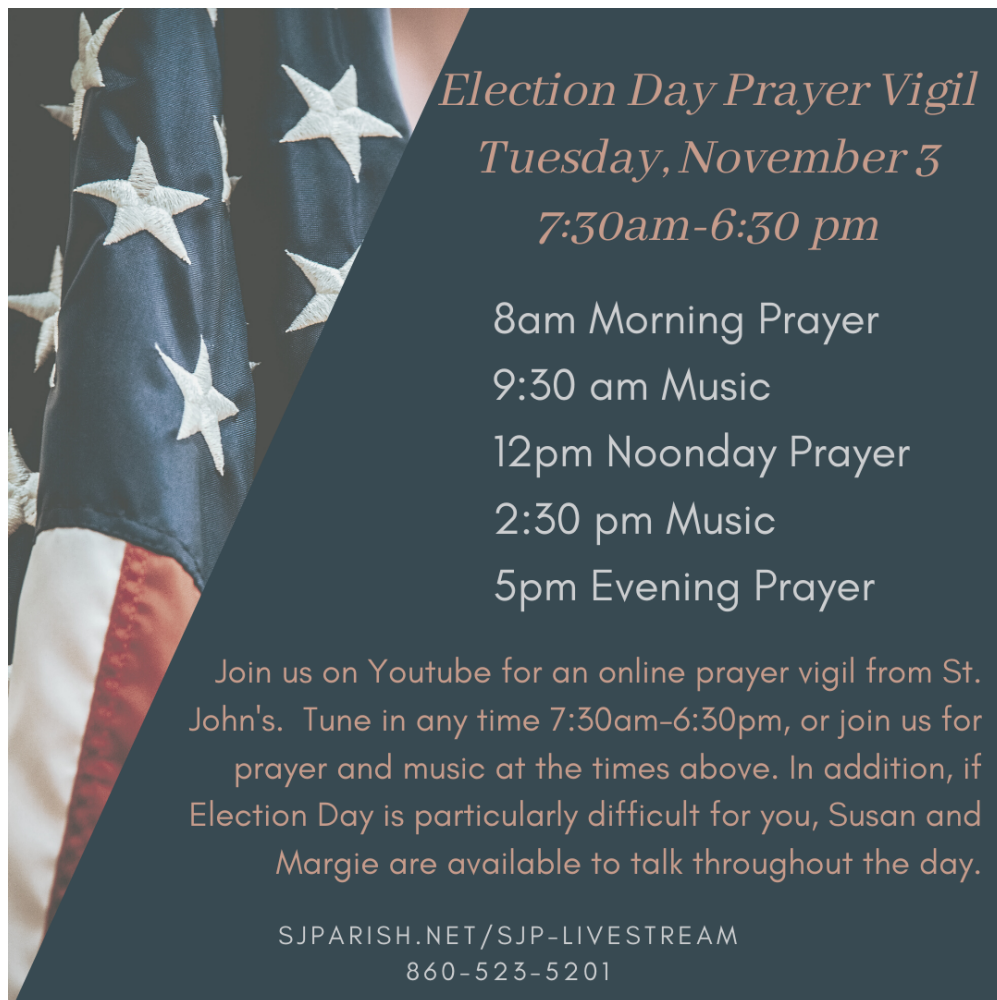
One of my favorite things is the wonderful relationship we share as a staff. We each have our own department and unique tasks that are bigger than one person can handle. Yet, every one of us is ready and willing to step in and help when another is swamped or in crisis. Staff meetings are productive and fun, but the spontaneous "micro meetings" that happen in each other's offices and (more often) the hallway are where the magic happens. Just this week, Susan popped her head into Ellen's office and said, "What about if we..." After five minutes of all of us throwing out ideas, we had a cool, new, manageable, team-led plan for an Election Day vigil. I feel (and I know the rest of the team would agree) that our staff is a gift that I cherish.

Ellen, parish manager - I spend time many days talking with people who need someone to talk to. It may be a homebound parishioner who is calling with a question, a neighborhood resident who needs help paying a utility bill or overdue rent (which we can sometimes help with via the clergy discretionary funds), or a local homeless person in need of a Blessing Bag or bus pass. Neighbors stop by to hang out in the Cloister Garden, allow their toddlers run around on the grass or climb up and down the outdoor stone pulpit steps, or (in non-pandemic times) come into the nave to pray. With all of these interactions, I try to do a lot of listening, to learn their name (if it's not someone I know), and just give people the sense that when they connect with St. John's, they will be treated with dignity and warmth. I really missed this part of my job during the months that we were all working from home 100%!

I also love working when there is beautiful music coming down the hall from Hubbard Hall or the nave or Scott's office. I was asked recently "What is your favorite sound?" My answer was the church bell ringing the hours throughout my workday. It grounds me in my work and in this place. And while there are many things I love about this job, this staff is what makes it the best one I've ever had. Everyone is extremely good at what they do on their own merits, but our teamwork and mutual support makes us all — and the church — better. And we enjoy one another's company on top of that. It is truly a gift!

Peggy, financial administrator - I'm most satisfied when I reconcile accounts and am caught up on all my financial reporting. Parishioners can rest assured that I'm doing my very best to watch over their funds. My typical day starts with logging on to our bank account. It gives me confidence when I reconcile it; from there, I know where we stand financially and am able to proceed with the rest of my day.

Dwight, sexton - My job at St. John's is to ensure that the building is safely and securely run. I coordinate with the House Committee and staff to ensure we have everything in place to run successful services and events. I also work closely with contractors to make sure day-to-day tasks as well as long-term projects are complete. This summer and fall, we successfully solved a long-term basement flooding problem by hiring engineers and contractors to install an improved drainage system. I look forward to the second part of this project, which is repairing water damage in the basement so that it is safe and clean for our choir, children's education and other events. With this virus going on, I miss coordinating and working with our parishioners on their various missions within the church, and helping to set-up for all the events that make St. John's such a great place.



Election Day Prayer Vigil
Tuesday, November 3
7:30am-6:30 pm

8am Morning Prayer
 9:30 am Music
 12pm Noonday Prayer
 2:30 pm Music
 5pm Evening Prayer

Join us on Youtube for an online prayer vigil from St. John's. Tune in any time 7:30am-6:30pm, or join us for prayer and music at the times above. In addition, if Election Day is particularly difficult for you, Susan and Margie are available to talk throughout the day.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services at 8 a.m. (in the nave), 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only) and 5 p.m. (outdoors).

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

Morning Prayer online via Zoom at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

VESTRY

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Virginia Van Dyk	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers

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

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

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