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## *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 11, 2020

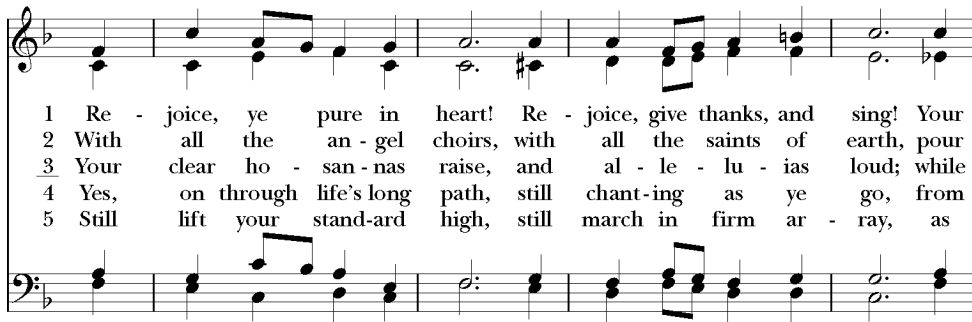
10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY Choral on *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

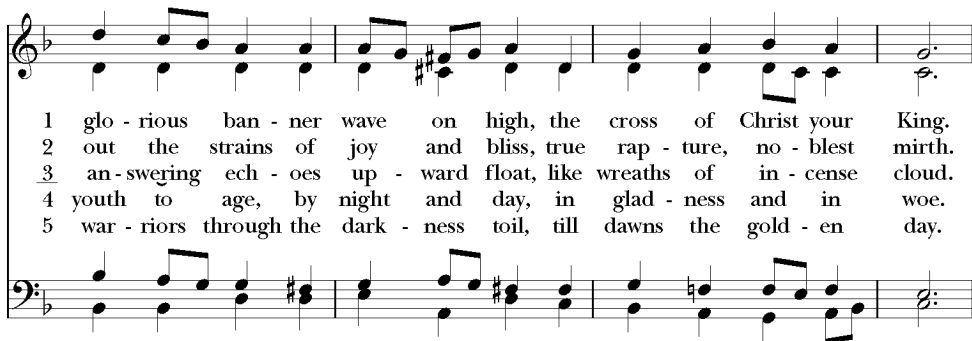
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

## THE OPENING HYMN 556, vv. 1, 2, 3 Rejoice, ye pure in heart

MARION

*All sing or read along.*


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)  
 Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

## 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 SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)



Splen-dor and hon-or and king-ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created every thing that is,  
 and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*  
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
 From every family, language, people, and nation,  
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*  
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
 and to Christ the Lamb,  
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
 for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ 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

*Exodus 32:1–14*

**W**hen the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember

Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
**or show forth all his praise?**
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
**and always do what is right!**
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
**and visit me with your saving help;**
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
**that I may glory with your inheritance.**
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
**and worshiped a molten image;**
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
**who had done great things in Egypt,**
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 4:1–9*

**M**y brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known

to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:1-14*

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

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

**O**nce more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

## 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 for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. **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

THE ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

*Sung by the Youth Choir*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



*Howard Lindsay Goodall CBE is an English composer of musicals, choral music and music for television. Goodall's setting of Psalm 23 is better known as the theme to the BBC show The Vicar of Dibley. His intent to write a piece of church music that could have a life of its own beyond the TV show was successfully realized with this very popular anthem.*

## 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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)*

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.



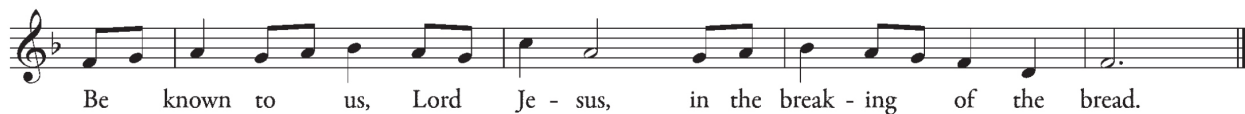
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### 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 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*

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*Gary James has served as organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's, Seattle, since 1997. A native of Texas, he has worked on the West Coast since 1980. His music was sung at both the opening and closing Eucharists of the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City in the summer of 2015, and at the installation of the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on All Saints Day 2015.*

### 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 7 Christ whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

All read or sing along.

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Choral on *Out of the depths I cry to Thee*

Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Organist:** Douglas Johnson

**Cantor:** Michael Mei

**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	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
Barbara	Robert E. Eikel	Lowenstein Family	Beverly
Dhaliwal Family	Moghadam Family	Jonah Dahlstrom	Samira Rihani

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Brooke Whittemore	Barbara Brunjes
Ned Byrd	Dawson Biondi
Christine Babbitt	Steve Crocker
Ben Flynn	Joel Lohr
Danielle Branco	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

John Nowacki and Don Polk  
Dale and Christoph Stretz

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

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

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

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

**Sunday evening outdoor service, 5 p.m. on the West Lawn**

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 Bible Study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

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

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

*Important scheduling notes:*

**We are tentatively planning to resume indoor 8 a.m. Sunday services, starting on Sunday, October 18.** This plan is, of course, contingent on the pandemic continuing to be well-controlled in our area. It will be a spoken service of Holy Eucharist ("spiritual Eucharist" with no elements for now). The Re-entry Task Force has mapped out seating, entrance/exit routes, and cleaning practices to maximize safety, and we will monitor the public health situation before making a final decision about resuming indoor services.

**The Sunday afternoon outdoor services will continue through Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day).** The outdoor service will continue to be at 5 p.m. except for the final service on November 1, which will be at 2 p.m. to accommodate colder temps and waning daylight.

**The Cloister Garden and office entrance are currently blocked off** due to a project to improve our drainage systems so that the basement will no longer flood in heavy rain. The project will take 3-4 weeks, and we may need to block off the front driveway at some point as well. All mail, packages and other deliveries will be diverted to the back ramped entrance. The office is not currently open for drop-in visitors, but anyone with an appointment to meet with clergy or staff at the church should go to the back entrance.

**Music at the Red Door: Boyd Meets Girl livestreamed concert, Friday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

We are delighted to provide a full program of Music at the Red Door concerts for 2020–2021, starting with the guitar/cello duo Boyd Meets Girl on October 16 at 7:30 p.m. This concert and all other Music at the Red Door events for the coming year will be livestreamed at [reddoormusic.org](https://reddoormusic.org) (we will invite audiences back when the public health situation allows). Boyd Meets Girl pairs Australian classical guitarist Rupert Boyd with American cellist Laura Metcalf, who grew up attending St. John's. The duo performs an eclectic and engaging range of repertoire, from the baroque through modern day, including many of their own arrangements. This online concert is free of charge, with a suggested \$20 donation. Check donations (payable to Music at the Red Door) may be mailed to St. John's, or you may donate online via our web site at <https://sjparish.net/resources-giving/> (select Music at the Red Door from the pull-down menu).

**Loaves & Fishes cooking event, Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m.**

For more than 30 years, St. John's has collaborated with Loaves and Fishes Ministries in Hartford by cooking and serving hot meals monthly for about 150 homeless and indigent families. Our tradition has been to have one group cook the meal on the third weekend of the month, and another group serve the meal the following Wednesday. Due to Covid-19, Loaves and Fishes now needs our help cooking to-go meals that they can give out to about 80 clients at lunchtime three days a week. We are looking for five or six individuals or families to each cook an American Chop Suey casserole for 12 to 15 people during a one-hour Zoom event. The first of these virtual cooking sessions will occur on Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m. While volunteers will cook in your own homes, we'll connect with each other on Zoom while we cook. This should be great fun—the recipe and instructions will be provided, the craziest apron will win a prize, and, as usual, there will be lots of camaraderie!! You can drop your completed casserole off at church or we can pick it up from your house. We can provide disposable foil pans if needed. Please participate by calling or emailing Lissie Brooks at 860-205-1829 or [lissiebrooks@gmail.com](mailto:lissiebrooks@gmail.com).

**Outdoor movie night, Sunday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.**

We're squeezing in one more outdoor movie night before the really cold weather moves in! We'll show the family movie *Coco* on Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and dress for the weather. Feel free to bring a picnic supper or snacks for your family to enjoy, and remember that you're also welcome to attend outdoor worship beforehand at 5 p.m.

**All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1**

Each year, we remember All Saints Day by reading the names of parishioners' loved ones who have died. This year, we'd also like to include photos of those being remembered in a short video to be shown during the 10:30 Sunday service livestream on November 1. If you would like to include a name or several names of loved ones who have passed away, please e-mail Ellen in the church office. Include the full names of everyone you would like included. If you'd also like to include a photo in our All Saints Day video, you may attach it to your e-mail, or mail a hard copy to the church office so we can scan it. Hard copies will be returned. Sending in a photo is optional. **The deadline for us to receive names and photos is Monday, October 26.**

**Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 5**

The annual Christmas Festival on the first Saturday of December is a beloved St. John's tradition, and an important annual fundraiser. As long as the public health situation remains stable in our area, we plan to have a modified festival on Saturday, December 5. We have many details to work out, but it will most likely feature a combination of outdoor and online sales of our most popular Christmas Festival items, such as wreaths and theme baskets. If you would like to help with planning, or if you have chaired a Christmas Festival area in the past and would be willing to do so again, please contact Ellen in the office. **Please note:** In an effort to streamline the festival and ensure safety, we will not be selling Attic Treasures, books, or art/antiques. **We are therefore unable to accept donations of books, household goods, toys, furniture, etc.** However, if you have a high-value item to donate that could work well for an online auction, we may consider it. Please contact us to discuss.

***Sacred Ground* dialogue series on race, dates and times TBD**

St. John's will be offering an Episcopal Church program called *Sacred Ground* later this fall, in partnership with St. James's. *Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European-American histories. Parishioners will serve as group facilitators, and meetings will be online due to the pandemic. Learn more about the curriculum at <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>.

**STEWARDSHIP NOTES: ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS**

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the ongoing vitality of St. John's. We are seeking deep and meaningful engagement across the parish, while meeting people where they are in their lives and situations. We hope to encourage everyone to participate as they are able in the financial/budgetary life of the parish.

Where does the money that supports the ministries of St. John's come from? It comes from the generosity of you and other parishioners, including those who have remembered St. John's in their estate.

Stewardship numbers you should know:

Parish budget – \$906,249

Pledging households – 143

Pledge income – \$431,040

Pledge receipts account for 48% of our budget

We are dependent on the endowment for 32% of our budget

The remainder of our revenue comes from plate receipts, fundraising, rentals & other contributions

Average household pledge for 2020 - \$3,181

Median household pledge for 2020 - \$2,000

From a financial appeal standpoint, we ask that you consider the following:

- It costs about \$2,483 per day (or more than \$6,000 per year, per pledging household) to run St. John's many ministries, from worship and education to music and community service.
- We fund our programs, ministries and church operations through our pledges, gifts, events, offerings and use of endowment resources.
- Pledges are currently received from roughly 50% of our total membership.
- Each additional member household that pledges helps to raise more funds to sustain and grow our programs, as well as to increase engagement across our community. Greater engagement brings benefits far beyond financial ones, as St. John's ministries are energized and expanded.
- We appreciate you considering a pledge of financial support for St. John's, as well as your overall contributions to our worship and ministries, as we work together to share the word of God among us and across our community.

Pledge cards will be sent to your home in October, and we hope to receive completed pledge cards by Commitment Sunday, November 8th.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our annual giving campaign, any amount pledged is gratefully appreciated.

Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee

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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.

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

## STAFF

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

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

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