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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 18, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY Concerto in A minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 593 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Allegro – Adagio

THE OPENING HYMN 665, vv. 1, 2, 5 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

All sing or read along



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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This hymn's popularity increased when its pairing with the tune Michael by the English composer Herbert Howells became more widely known. Howells' son, Michael, born in 1925, had died in childhood from spinal meningitis in 1935. It is believed that shortly after this, in 1936, Howells received a request for a new hymn tune in the morning's post, and he is said to have written the tune, which he named after his late son, over breakfast.

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. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 99**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and

to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 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.**

In this divided nation, help us come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do — to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. 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, especially Shep Baker, 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 Creator of all, you have called us and chosen us to be your people. By the power of your Holy Spirit may we bear witness with joy and conviction to the good news of Jesus Christ. **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 BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM O Virtus Sapientiae

Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)
Claudia Ayer, soloist

O virtus Sapientiae, quae circuiens circuisti
comprehendendo omnia in una via, quae habet vitam,
tres alas habens, quarum una in altum volat,
et altera de terra sudat, et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet, O Sapientia.

*O strength of Wisdom who, circling, circled,
enclosing all in one lifegiving path,
three wings you have: one soars to the heights,
one distils its essence upon the earth, and the third is everywhere.
Praise to you, as is fitting, O Wisdom*



Hildegard of Bingen OSB was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, as well as the most-recorded in modern history. She has been considered by many in Europe to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany. There are more surviving chants by Hildegard than by any other composer from the entire Middle Ages, and she is one of the few known composers to have written both the music and the words.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

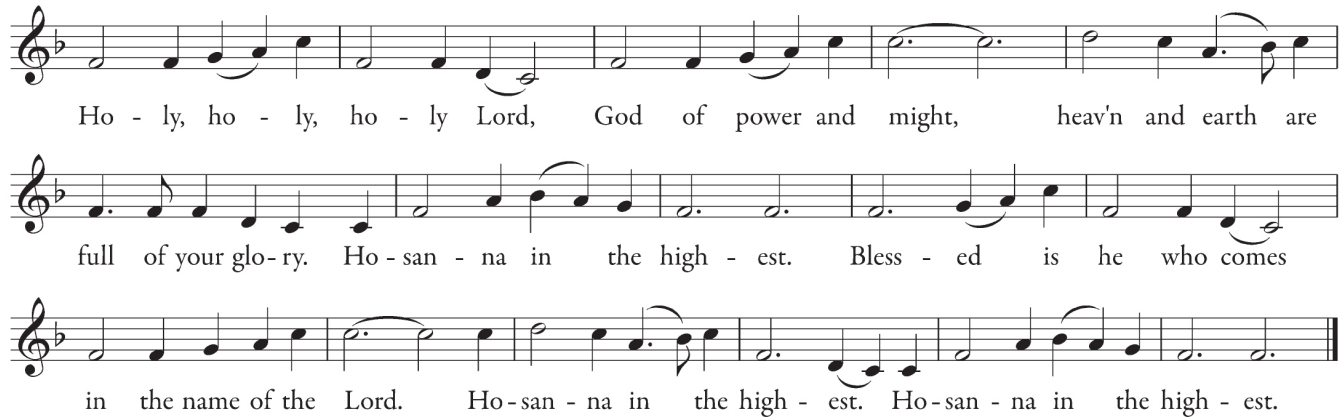
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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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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 I want Jesus to walk with me

SOJOURNER

All read or sing along.

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

Words: *Traditional*Music: *Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922–1981)

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Cantor:** Claudia Ayer**Livestream Oversight:** Ted Babbitt**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		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Bess Amamoo	Eliana Wright
Helen Douglas	Hannah Davis
Merilee Leonhardt	Jackie McCauley

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kim and Chris Byrd

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Waterbury; St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church, Watertown; and for young adults; young adult ministries and networks; the Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church; St. Hilda's House, New Haven; and the Young Adult Episcopalians Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church and the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry.

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, 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 note:

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.

Guidelines for the Sunday 8 a.m. services in the nave

Starting today, we are holding an 8 a.m. service of spoken Holy Eucharist indoors, in the nave, with safety precautions in place.

If at any time, this weekend or in the future, we determine that holding an indoor service is no longer safe, we will send out an e-newsletter ASAP to let you know.

The following guidelines will be in place. Please review them before attending.

- Masks are required for all attendees (2 years and older).
- Practice social distance with members of other households at all times while on church property.
- Enter through the red doors only.
- Attendees will be seated from front to back, based on the order of your arrival.
- Some pews will be taped off, and an usher or verger will provide guidance on where to sit in open pews to maintain social distance between individuals/households.
- Dismissal will occur from back to front (last in/first out). Please follow directions given by ushers/vergers for where to exit after the service.
- Bulletins will be available to pick up in the narthex. Deposit your bulletin in a recycling bin at church or bring it home; please do not leave it in your pew.
- Bring hand sanitizer or use what we provide.
- If you are not feeling well, are in a group that is particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, or are unable to follow these guidelines for any reason, please stay home and enjoy our 10:30 service via livestream video instead.

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.

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.**

Pipes Alive! livestreamed organ recital, Sunday, November 1, 12:30 p.m.

The first Pipes Alive! organ recital of the 2020-2021 Music at the Red Door season will feature Zac Schurman playing the music of Elgar, Bach and Franck. The program will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel, for viewing live or later.

Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 5

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: CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC

COVID-19 has affected all of us in so many ways over the past months. We have all faced some form of hardship and loss. Given so much uncertainty, it might feel difficult to make a financial commitment for the year ahead. However, we have much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to, as a parish. We have had to change many ways that we operate and get used to virtual services, but St. John's services and programs have gone on—thanks to your ongoing financial support.

Despite our physical separation from each other and from our beautiful church, our faith and community has continued to grow. We are blessed that our parish has been able not only to stay connected, but also to make a real impact during this time. Susan, Margie, Scott, Ellen, Peggy and Dwight were able to continue to offer an entire array of virtual services with music and keep the church running seamlessly with the support and hard work of our vestry, committees and volunteer clergy.

- We get approximately 200–300 views (live and later) for our 10:30 service each week.
- More than 20 online Music at the Red Door events were held from mid-March through the end of June, and a new season kicks off this week.
- We regularly have 40–50 people in attendance at our 5pm Sunday outdoor service.

Pastoral needs have been extremely high during this time, with parishioners facing loneliness, uncertainty, financial issues, and health concerns. Our clergy has been so involved reaching out and ministering to our congregation. Susan, Margie and Walter, with assistance from the vestry and other parishioners, have been regularly contacting members of our parish community who are alone, sick or in need. This contact has been vitally important to many during this difficult time.

We have also continued to support many missions and organizations. For example, ESOL (English as a Second Language) classes are now provided online, with St. John's continuing the financial support that makes these classes possible. Since mid-March, we have provided Loaves and Fishes with three large deliveries of snacks and juice to be added to pantry bags they are giving out. Also, fresh and free produce from our community garden has been a blessing to many in our neighborhood.

We hope to receive your 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 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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2018–20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

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

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