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*The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 25, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## THE VOLUNTARY Air for Organ

William B. Cooper (1920–1993)



William B. Cooper was a native of Philadelphia. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts and a doctorate of music from Columbia Pacific University (California). He served on the music faculties of Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) and Hampton University (Hampton, VA) and spent 26 years in the New York City school system. Cooper also served as minister of music at historic St. Philip's Episcopal Church (1953–1974) and St. Martin's Episcopal Church (1974–1988) in Harlem.

## THE OPENING HYMN 459, vv. 1, 2, 3 All hail the power of Jesus' name

CORONATION

All sing or read along

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

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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.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis* Music: William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

*Deuteronomy 34:1–12*

**M**oses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
**from age to age you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
**“Go back, O child of earth.”**
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
**and like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*  
**be gracious to your servants.**
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
**and your splendor to their children.**
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Thessalonians 2:1–8*

**Y**ou yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:34-46**Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth—communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice. 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* Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Paul Shaker

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE ANTHEM There is a season

Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)  
 Words: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8  
*Sung by the St. John's Schola*

To everything there is a season,  
 and a time to every purpose under heaven:  
 a time to be born and a time to die;  
 a time to plant and time to uproot;  
 a time to kill and time to heal;  
 a time to break down and time to build up;  
 to everything there is a season,  
 and a time to every purpose under heaven,  
 a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
 a time to mourn and time to dance;  
 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones together,  
 a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
 to everything there is a season,  
 a time to seek and time to lose;  
 a time to keep and time to cast away;  
 a time to rend and time to sew;  
 a time to keep silent and time to speak;  
 a time of love and a time of hate;  
 a time for war and a time for peace.  
 To everything there is a season.



*Alfred V. Fedak is a widely published and well-known composer of church music. He has more than 200 choral and organ works in print, and his hymntunes appear in hymnals and collections in the US, Canada, England, Scotland, New Zealand, China and Japan. Seeing a far greater need to inspire the hearing of these powerful words, Fedak has crafted a melody that allows the choir to communicate the deep meaning of the text clearly and with great feeling.*

## 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,  
 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.**

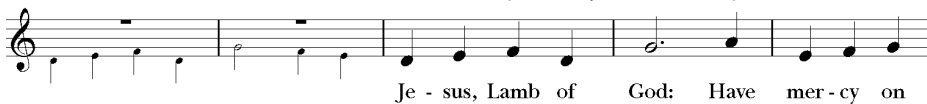
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*



*Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

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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 602, vv. 1, 2, 3 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

CHEREPONI

*All read or sing along.*

*Chorus*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

Music: Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu], Ghanaian folk song, adapt. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925)

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Processional

William Mathias (1934–1992)

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Cantors:** Rich Barstow, Cate Emerick**The St. John's Schola:** Claudi Ayer, Ted Babbitt, John Church, Nancy Eaton, Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Mary Beth Lamlein, Michael Mei, Erica Maas Shippee, John Nowacki**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	William Bittering	Peter Kieffer
Mary		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Raphael Katsipis	Samuel Sloan
Jean Mitchell	Douglas Montas
Teresa Lohr	Colin Gillespie

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Lisa and Paul Farrell  
 Susie and Ross Hatch  
 Ann Hutchinson and Dan Lazarowski  
 Ann and Richard Krissing

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for All Saints, West Cornwall; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; and for the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild, and local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church in Wales.

**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.

**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 services: October 25 at 5 p.m. and November 1 at 2 p.m.

**5 p.m. service this Sunday 10/25:** All are welcome to stay afterward for an outdoor showing of the family movie *Coco* starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a picnic or movie snacks if you like.

**2 p.m. service next Sunday 11/1:** Note the service time change, and that we will also have turned our clocks back the night before. 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 the 11/1 outdoor service, please stay for a few minutes to put a new supply of Blessing Bags together.

### All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1: Send in names and optional photo by October 26

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.**

### November Music at the Red Door online concerts

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. On November 1 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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](#).

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES: THE ROLE OF THE ENDOWMENT

St. John's is blessed to have an endowment funded by generous past generations of parishioners. Income from our endowment helps support the mission and ministries of St. John's. You might ask why we need your pledge when we have an endowment.

- St. John's runs an extremely tight ship. We operate our extensive programs with a lean staff of two clergy, a music director and three other staff members. We also have wonderful volunteer clergy and parishioners who support our parish life.
- Annual pledge income and gifts are not sufficient to sustain the parish. We therefore draw from the endowment each year to make up the difference. Currently, draws from the endowment cover approximately 32% of our annual budget.
- If we continue to draw at this level, the endowment will not be sufficiently funded to provide support in the not-too-distant future.

Although expenses are carefully monitored and we are continually welcoming new members, we have also lost parishioners, as saints leave us and other members move away. To preserve and expand our ministries without jeopardizing the long-term health of the endowment and parish finances, we need your financial support. This is why we ask you to make an annual pledge, and to increase your pledge amount each year if you're able. Pledges made this fall enable us to budget and plan for 2021.

We hope to receive completed pledge cards by Commitment Sunday, November 8th. You should be receiving a pledge card in the mail soon if you haven't already. Please fill out the card and mail it back to the church, or [submit your pledge online](#). If you do not receive a pledge card and would like one, please [contact the parish office](#).

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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Sunday, **November 1, 2020** 12:30 pm  
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Music of Elgar, Bach, and Franck



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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.

## STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
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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