

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY *Chant de Paix* (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

THE OPENING HYMN 620, vv. 1, 2, 5 Jerusalem, my happy home

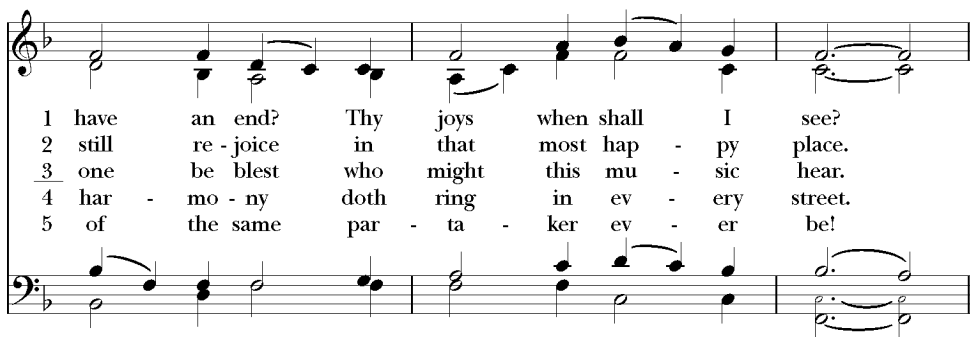
LAND OF REST

All sing or read along.


1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 78:1–7

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
**and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.

Seeking God's wisdom, let us offer prayers for all the world.

For Michael, our presiding bishop; for Ian and Laura, our bishops; for our clergy; for this holy gathering,
 and for the people of God in every place. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples, and for a spirit of compassion and understanding in our nation in this post-election season. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our cities and towns and those who live in them, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, and especially victims of COVID-19 and wildfires out west. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant God whose Son died and rose again, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring all your people to the wedding banquet of your Son in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Virginia Van Dyk

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Swing low, sweet chariot

Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)
Sung by the Youth and Adult Choirs

Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
A band of angels coming after me
Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground



Alice Parker is a national treasure: America's reigning queen of choral music. – American Record Guide
My twenty-years' experience with Robert Shaw, an immersion in folk music of many kinds, has had a profound effect on my own understanding of song. I learned to see each tune as a small universe, setting up its own rules of pitch and rhythm, mood and dance. If I understand that universe, and work within it for my setting, the result is an organic whole that allows the original melody to flourish. – Alice Parker

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

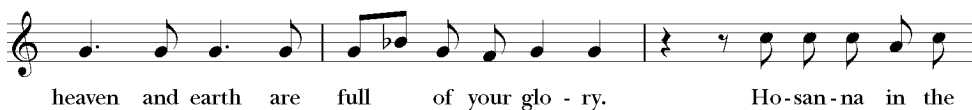
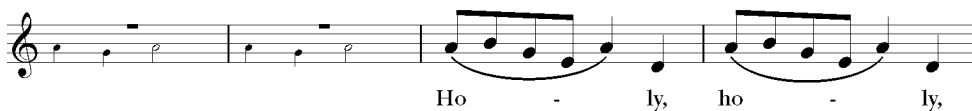
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

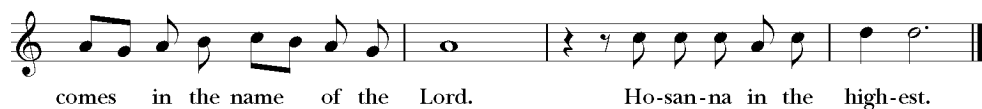
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS





Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

All read or sing along.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

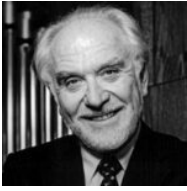
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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919–2009)



Paul Manz was an American composer for choir and organ, and a champion of hymn singing. Manz was most famous for his celebrated hymn festivals. Instead of playing traditional organ recitals, Manz would lead a “festival” of hymns from the organ, in which he introduced each hymn with one of his famously creative organ improvisations based on the hymn tune in question. The congregation would then sing the hymn with his accompaniment.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Cantors:** Sofia Jones and Brendon Gallagher**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:

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

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Lynda Proctor
 Britt Emerick
 Matthew Hart
 Stanley Giliberto
 James Baker

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; and for ministries with older adults, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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 afternoon youth service projects (outdoors), 2 p.m. on November Sundays

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

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

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

Midweek online salon recitals, Wednesdays in November, 12:15 p.m.

Our entire 2020–2021 Music at the Red Door concert series will be livestreamed online, where you can watch concerts in real time or anytime after. We will invite live audiences back when it is safe to do so, but for now, all events are online only. 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.

Sacred Ground dialogue series hosted by St. John's and St. James's: Informational meeting online, Sunday, November 15, 3 p.m.

St. James's and St. John's are joining together to offer a 10-part series of small group meetings to promote dialogue toward racial healing, reconciliation and justice. Groups, facilitated by lay leaders from both churches, will meet online via Zoom two Sunday afternoons a month, 3 to 4:30 p.m., from December 2020 through May 2021. *Sacred Ground* is a program of the national Episcopal Church. There are currently more than 800 churches around the country hosting *Sacred Ground* groups. If you are interested, please attend a no-obligation virtual Zoom meeting with the lay facilitators, on Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m., at <https://tinyurl.com/SacredGroundWH>. If you cannot attend the meeting or have other questions, please e-mail the Reverend Tim O'Leary at St. James's (assistant@stjameswh.org) or Ellen at St. John's (office@sjparish.net).

Advent in a Bag

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

Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. John's beloved annual Christmas Festival fundraiser will happen this year, with some changes to ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic — and maybe become new traditions! The festival will be held outdoors under a tent, with on-site sales of:

- Christmas wreaths and greenery
- Baked goods (wrapped to take home) and hot beverages (to enjoy on site)
- Quarts of homemade soup (sold frozen) for you to enjoy at home
- Crafts
- Teacup auction raffle

Safety procedures will include limited capacity in the tent, a cashier station where people will pay for all purchases in one place (with credit/debit cards accepted), and a roving safety patrol who will make sure safety guidelines are followed, sanitize surfaces and pens, etc.

New this year: Online fundraising auction - Please donate items and services!

We will have a small online auction, which will provide for additional fundraising and some "insurance" should we need to cancel the on-site event due to public health concerns. We are now soliciting items and services for the online auction, such as:

- Gift cards for holiday shopping or local restaurants with take-out
- Holiday goodies or a homemade meal delivered to the winner's home
- Professional services
- NEW items such as toys, artwork, household items, etc.

Do you have an item or service to donate that will inspire competitive bidding? Please fill out our online donation form at <https://sjparish.net/auction-donation-form/> or contact Ginny Kemp at virginialeekemp@gmail.com.

We will need many volunteers, to make soup and baked goods, decorate wreaths, and staff various positions on the day of the festival (cashiers, safety patrol, greeters, etc.). We will have a volunteer sign-up available in mid-November. Please note that we will not be selling any secondhand items, and cannot accept donations of such items. And as always during this pandemic, plans are subject to change as the public health situation changes.

A reminder about Amazon Smile

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

How to reach St. John's staff and clergy

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

Susan (rector) x314

Margie (curate) x312

Scott (music director) x324

Ellen (parish manager) x310

Dwight (sexton) x315

Peggy (financial administrator) x311

STEWARDSHIP NOTES: THANK YOU!

Thank you to those of you who have already pledged and supported our annual giving campaign. St. John's is the vibrant and flourishing community it is because of your ongoing participation and financial commitment to it!

If you have not yet done so, please join us in prayerfully considering and faithfully making a pledge to St. John's Church. Your pledges are so important as they enable us to develop a budget and plan for 2021.

Covid-19 has put a strain on everyone, as our services and activities were moved online in March and each of us struggled to find new ways to connect with one another and to express our faith in uncertain and unsettling times. Throughout this period, our clergy, staff and leaders have worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for connection and to attend to those in our congregation and community hit hardest by this crisis. We have continued to celebrate God's love through online services, outdoor services, and musical programming. Christian formation has continued with online versions of Sunday School, Youth Group, adult Bible Study, and other programming. We have supported a variety of organizations, donated vegetables grown in our community garden, and continued God's work in the world. Thanks to you, St. John's Church has been able to continue its mission because of the commitment in time, talent, and treasure that its members make to it. Just as we all draw what we need from the deep well of this faith community, we all must contribute as we are able, with both our engagement and financial contributions.

Together, our faith and our commitment to one another will see us through these difficult times and strengthen our community and our mission into the future. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our annual giving campaign. We are grateful for everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to pledge. We feel blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

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) and 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only)

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