

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Third Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)  
*Wake, awake, for night is flying*  
 Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn, BWV 648 Johann Sebastian Bach  
*My soul doth magnify the Lord*

THE OPENING HYMN 438, vv. 1, 2, 4 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord WOODLANDS  
*All sing or read along.*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greator (1877-1949), alt.

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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. **Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

*Unison or harmony*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

— Chri - ste e - le - i - son. — Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

**T**he spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our

God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 126*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
**“The Lord has done great things for them.”**
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*2 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

**R**ejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*John 1:6–8, 19–28**Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**T**here was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*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.*

The voice of God cries out in the wilderness, calling us to a transformed way of living. Let us respond to this invitation through the offering of our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Come with your promise to bring a new heaven and a new earth to your people, saving us from the fires of sin and despair, and offering to us the solemn gifts of grace and salvation; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come into the hearts of your people, that we may turn from our selfish consumption, our waste, our recklessness, and our carelessness with the gifts of creation; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come into the body of the Church and make us a baptizing community, that we may share your message of repentance and hope, and receive your free gift of eternal love; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come with your Holy Spirit into the lives of those who are unemployed, abused, addicted, sick, homeless, destitute, overwhelmed, or alone, and awaken hope; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; our clergy and lay leaders; Donald, our president; Joseph, our president-elect; and to all who exercise offices of authority; may wisdom be their guide, and the true love of their people direct their decisions; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those whom we love but see no more, and gather them into your heavenly rest; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant* Be with us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us, we might recognize him, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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

## THE PEACE

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

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM No small wonder

Paul Edwards (b. 1955)  
 Text: Paul Wigmore (1925–2014)  
*Sung by the Youth and Adult Choirs*

Small wonder the star,  
 Small wonder the light,  
 The angels in chorus,  
 The shepherds in fright;  
 But stable and manger for God –  
 No small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,  
 Small wonder they bore  
 The gold and the incense,  
 The myrrh, to adore:  
 But God gives his life on a cross –  
 No small wonder!

Small wonder the love,  
 Small wonder the grace,  
 The power, the glory,  
 The light of his face;  
 But all to redeem my poor heart –  
 No small wonder!

## 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the treble staff.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a long note for 'might,' followed by 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a long note for 'God of power and might,' followed by 'hea - ven and earth are'. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a long note for 'full,' followed by 'full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

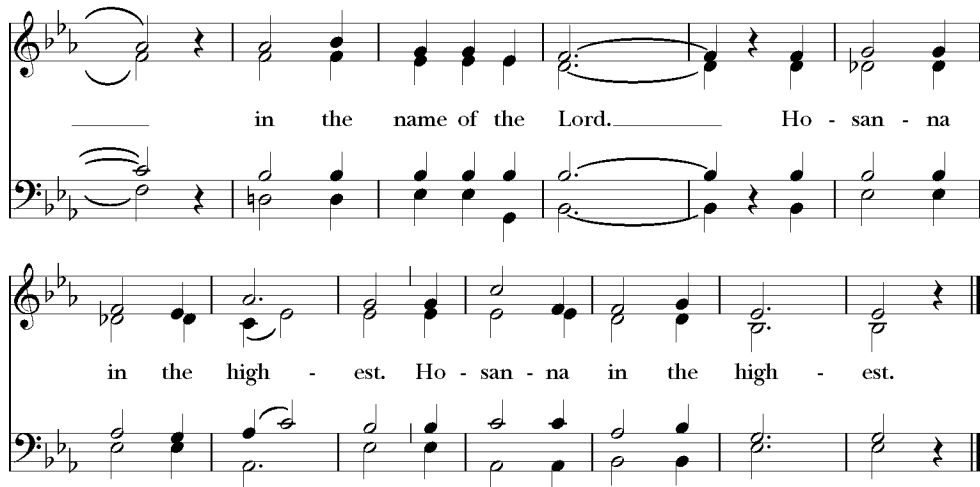
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The sixth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.





in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 76, vv. 1, 2, 5 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*All read or sing along.*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Fugue in C minor, BWV 546B

Johann Sebastian Bach

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Cantor:** Erica Maas Shippee**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**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	Priscilla
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Fraz Lugay
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Patricia
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Enid
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Samira Rihani	Ann
Robin	William Bittinger	Peter Kieffer	Dan
Mary	Zachary	Juan	Alexa
Seamus Turco	Kimberley	Judy Gardiner	Susan Donaldson
Robin Gillespie	Kavi Ruuskamen		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Elisabeth Russell	Morgan Babbitt
Claire Hart	Carol Sonne
Elsa Ciscel	Joanna Tweedie
David Pond	Julia Grieco
Tim Henning	Wendy Lincoln

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; and for those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Falkland Islands.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

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

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

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

**Sunday afternoon youth service projects (outdoors), 2 p.m.**

**TODAY: Online Festival of Lessons & Carols, 3 p.m.**

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

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

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

**Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom.**

**You have until 11:55 p.m. tonight to bid in the online auction!**

Our online fundraising auction has seen lots of bidding action since opening last week. You have until **11:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 13** to bid for 29 items (we've added a few this week) at many different price levels, including unique works of art, holiday cookies and pies, gift cards, a Newport vacation home, and even the rector's desk! To bid, you must complete a simple registration process. Registration instructions are on the auction home page: <https://www.biddingowl.com/StJohnsWH>

**Stations of the Nativity on St. John's grounds, December 6 through January 6**

St. John's display of the "Stations of the Nativity" is up on our beautiful grounds. The stations, which line our driveway, consist of large illustrated and illuminated banners, each telling a part of the Christmas story. Visitors may drive or walk through the stations, stopping at each one to read and reflect. We even have a dedicated radio station (90.3 FM) so that your journey through the stations can be accompanied by music from the St. John's choirs! **Everyone is welcome** to make the Stations of the Nativity part of their Advent and Christmas preparations. Spread the word!

**St. John's parishioners donated more than \$6,000 in gift cards to families in need**

*A note from event chairs Jillian Puzzo and Leah Murchie:* We would like to offer our abundant gratitude to each of you who helped support our outreach to the Strong Families Strong Futures network. With your generosity, we presented them with \$6,275 in gift cards this week. The program coordinator was overjoyed and told us they will be able to provide a very Merry Christmas for 60 families with our gifts! We are overwhelmed with joy and pride and are so blessed with the spirit of giving at St. John's. Thanks to your generous support we are able to continue to do God's work in our community this Christmas.

**Christmas flower memorials**

Though Christmas services will be online this year, we will still adorn the chancel with some poinsettias and lighted garlands. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a Christmas flower memorial, please send names to Ellen in the parish office no later than **Monday, December 21**. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Note that because we have not purchased altar flowers most of the year, we do not need additional flower fund contributions to cover the cost. If you like, you may contribute instead to the rector's discretionary fund, which provides financial help to parishioners and others in need, or you may simply send in names without a contribution this year.

**Important Note on Year-End Giving**

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2020 year-end giving statement, they must be **received in the St. John's office by December 28**. Due to holiday staff schedules, contributions received after December 28 will get posted to St. John's bank account in January, in which case they will appear on your 2021 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2020 pledge).

**If you would like to make an online pledge payment with your credit card and have it appear on your 2020 giving statement, please do so by December 24**, so there is plenty of time for your contribution to clear the merchant account and our bank account in December.

If you plan to donate stock to St. John's, please contact Financial Administrator Peggy O'Toole at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 x311, before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer.

**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2021.**

This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, December 10.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Merriol Almond, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Beverley Baker, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Ginny Kemp & Mike Biondi, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Buffy Cech, Martha & John Church, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Kate Coley, Edith & Bob Connolly, Michele & Halsey Cook, Helen Cooke, Trig & Sam Cooley, Rosa Guzzo & Steve Crocker, Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pamela Dimock, Martin Dodd, Kate & Robert Eikel, *Frances Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Bobby Eikel*, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, Martha Fine, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, Tim Goetz, Heidi & Jeff Gostyla, Anne & Craig Grant, Beth & Joel Grieco, Jane Harris, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, *Cisalee Harrell*, Jane Harris, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, David Hrdlicka, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, Carla Abdo-Katsipis & Iacovos Katsipis, Sarah Kieffer, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Pamela Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Teresa & Joel Lohr, *Enid & William McBride*, Tina & David McCary, Jackie McCauley, Scott McIntyre, Lisa & Michael Mahoney, Patrick Miller, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alex Nelson, Ann Newbury, *Lillian Nolan*, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, *Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck*, Nancy Pedesen, Agnes & Billy Peelle, Maribelle Pellen, Susan Pinkerton, Sandy & David Pond, Ginny & Mark Proft, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, Mary Russell, Judy Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy Skeelee, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jacqueline & Paul Smith, Flora Speer, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Lauren Mascola & John Swift, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Calvert Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, *Gary Wait*, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, Audrey Walker, Anne & John Walsh, Joan Warner, Martin Wheeler & Deborah Ferrari, Ted Whittemore, Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, *Brenda Zanta*, Anonymous

**Note from the stewardship chairs**

We need your pledges ASAP to make important program and staff budget decisions for the year ahead. Please contact the church office if you need another pledge card, or submit your pledge online at <https://sjparish.net/pledge>

**Thank you so much to those of you that have already pledged.** St. John's is the vibrant and flourishing community it is because of your ongoing participation and financial commitment!

Together our faith and our commitment to one another will see us through these difficult times, while strengthening our community and our mission. We are grateful for everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to pledge, and 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 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.

## STAFF

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Ralph Valentine .....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

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

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

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

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