

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 10, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium

Zoltán Kodály (1882–1967)



Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály believed that everyone is capable and has a right to musical literacy. Music, after all, belongs to everyone. By 1929, he was determined to reform the teaching of music and to make it an integral part of education. Music education should begin with very young children, all of whom can be taught musical concepts. "Let us take our children seriously! Everything else follows from this...only the best is good enough for a child." Kodály became internationally known for his approach to music education, which became the widely taught Kodály Method.

## THE OPENING HYMN 119, vv. 1, 2, 3 As with gladness men of old

DIX

All stand and read or sing along.

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786–1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 1:1–5**All sit.*

**I**n the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 29**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Acts 19:1–7*

**W**hile Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:4–11*

*All stand.*

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

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

**J**ohn the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann

*All sit.*



*Our guest preacher today, the Reverend Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann, leads the Episcopal Church in Connecticut’s Office of Mission Leadership. Her primary responsibility is to work with parishes in times of transition to help bring about missional transformation. This includes assisting parishes when they are seeking new clergy leadership, as we are at St. John’s.*

*Lee Ann will also attend our virtual coffee hour immediately after the service, where she will be available to explain the transition process and answer your questions. Please join us!*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*The people say the words in bold.*

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation in places of conflict, that the Prince of Peace will fill the hearts of decision-makers with wisdom and self-control, and banish the shadow of enmity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to the worldwide pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus, strengthen those who labor for our health, and give us grace to strive for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick, the lonely, and all who are suffering, that they will find comfort in knowing they are God's beloved, and receive healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may receive the fulfillment of that blessed hope bestowed in baptism. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit, that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Shall we gather at the river

arr. Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Text: Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

*Cleveland Williams, soloist*

Shall we gather by the river,  
Where bright angel's feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. *Refrain*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All stand.*

*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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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



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

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na' are written below the staves, with lines indicating the vocal melody.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).  
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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.*

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.

## 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 616, vv. 1, 5 Hail to the Lord's anointed

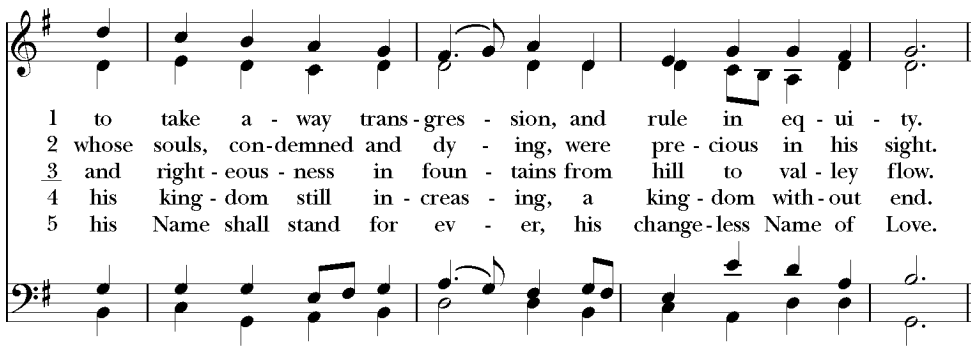
ES FLOG EIN KEINS WALDVOGELEIN

*All read or sing along.*

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann

**Cantor:** Cleveland Williams

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Livestream Oversight:** Ted Babbitt

**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

To join our virtual coffee hour, go to <https://zoom.us/j/173504417>

# Special Zoom Coffee Hour

## Sunday, January 10

### after the 10:30 service

Join us for virtual coffee hour this Sunday to learn more about the process of hiring a new clergy leader for St. John's, with guest preacher the Reverend Lee Ann Tolzmann, who oversees clergy transitions for the Episcopal Church in CT.

Find the Zoom link for coffee hour in our Sunday morning e-newsletter.



**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	Patricia
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Enid
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Ann
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Samira Rihani	Dan
Robin	William Bittinger	Peter Kieffer	Alexa
Mary	Zachary	Juan	Susan Donaldson
Seamus Turco	Kimberley	Judy Gardiner	Hope & Bill Eakins
Robin Gillespie	Don	Tom Shippee	Barbara McKernin

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

John Church	Caleb Peck
Nancy Sheetz	Katherine Whitney
Buffy Cech	Giselle Genece
Bobby Eikel	Sam Verney

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; and for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19, their families and friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

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

**Sunday School (K-5), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom**

**Sunday Bible Study (middle and high school), 5 p.m. on Zoom**

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

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

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

**Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom – New series on Women of the Bible begins on January 18**

**Table Talk scripture discussion guides for January now available**

New in 2021, we are providing monthly “Table Talk” discussion guides on the Sunday lectionary scriptures. Each booklet includes a page for each Sunday’s gospel, including the reading and several questions to inspire reflection and conversation. Use them with your household over a meal, or connect with friends or family over the phone, during an outdoor walk, or via Zoom or FaceTime. We will provide a PDF of each month’s Table Talk guide in the Thursday e-newsletter, or you may contact the parish office to request that a copy be mailed to you.

**Virtual organ concerts from Congregation Beth Israel, second Fridays starting on January 8**

Congregation Beth Israel has announced the kick-off of *Organ Sounds*, a series of virtual monthly organ concerts featuring guest soloists playing their 1934 Austin organ. Concerts will be held virtually on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m., starting on January 8. For more information and to watch the virtual concerts, go to their web site at <https://cbict.org>.

**Women Together book discussion group resumes January 12**

Women Together will start a new five-week series on January 12th, discussing *The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm* by Harold Kushner. Newcomers are always welcome to join in! Currently, women from St. John’s, St. Monica’s and Trinity participate in the group. We meet via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. For more information, and to receive a link to the meeting, please contact Sarah Kieffer at [kieffer2468@gmail.com](mailto:kieffer2468@gmail.com).

**St. John’s Online Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 31, 2021, following the 10:30 service**

The parish Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom, on Sunday, January 31, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will elect vestry members, present the 2021 budget, and learn more about the process of hiring a new priest in charge. Annual Reports will be mailed out the week before.

## 2021 VESTRY NOMINEES

The following people are nominated for three-year terms to serve on the St. John's vestry. The parish will vote to fill these positions at the January 31 Annual Meeting, and will also vote on a new one-year term for the two current wardens (Geoff Emerick and Virginia Van Dyk) and the current co-treasurers (Tim Goetz and John Roche).



**Robert Eikel** has attended St. John's with his wife, Kate, and three children since they moved to Connecticut in 2016. They previously lived in the Washington, DC area and were parishioners of St. Paul's, K Street, where Robert served on the vestry and Kate on the search committee for the current rector. Robert and Kate are trained in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), a Montessori-based Christian formation program for children aged 3 to 12, and are catechists in the CGS program at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford. At St. John's, Robert is an usher, verger, and Sunday school teacher; Kate leads Sacred Ground, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, teaches Sunday school, and serves in the Altar Guild. Robert is the chief information security officer of PNT Data, a healthcare data clearinghouse based in Middletown.

**Kara Hart** and her husband, Matthew, moved to West Hartford in 2017 with their daughters, Sophie and Claire. Previously, they lived in Mansfield, CT and attended Saint Mark's Episcopal Chapel. Since arriving at St. John's, Kara has enjoyed singing with the choir. By day she applies her background in the study of Spanish to the practice of immigration law. Kara loves spending time with her family and supporting the work of a nonprofit choral organization that is devoted to creating community through choral music.



**Julia O'Brien** – Bio and photo to come.



**Martin Wheeler** and his wife Deborah Ferrari have been living in the West End since 1992. Martin has attended St. John's for the last 5 years, almost exclusively at the 8 a.m. Sunday service (pre-pandemic). Although Martin attended an Episcopal church during high school, as an adult he has been an active member of two Quaker meetings in Connecticut. Martin was drawn to St. John's by its Christ-centered worship and by the example of the Episcopal Society of St. John the Evangelist. Martin recently retired from the legal aid agency where he practiced family and immigration law. Martin also has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and has volunteered and worked in that capacity at East Hartford Youth Services.

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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.

## STAFF

The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net) ..... *Assistant Rector*  
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)..... *Director of Music*  
The Rev. Walter McKenney (walter@sjparish.net)..... *Deacon*  
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net)..... *Parish Manager*  
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net)..... *Sexton*  
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)..... *Financial Administrator*  
Christa Rakich..... *Organ Artist-in-Residence*  
Ralph Valentine ..... *Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*

## VESTRY

Geoff Emerick ..... *Warden*  
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