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*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

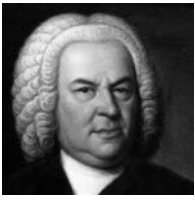
*January 31, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in G minor, BWV 542b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)



*Johann Sebastian Bach was a German composer and musician of the Baroque period. He is known for instrumental compositions such as the Brandenburg Concertos and the Goldberg Variations, and for vocal music such as the St. Matthew Passion and the Mass in B minor, and thousands of keyboard works, especially organ. Since the 19th-century Bach Revival, he has been generally regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time. Certainly one of the most influential composers, none of the music we know today would exist without his innovations.*

## THE OPENING HYMN 339, vv. 1, 2 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

*All stand and read or sing along.*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.  
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); 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. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 18:15–20*

*All sit.*

**M**oses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 111**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 **Great are the deeds of the Lord! \***  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 **He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \***  
**the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 **He has shown his people the power of his works \***  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 **They stand fast for ever and ever, \***  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \***  
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;**  
**his praise endures for ever.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 1:8–13*

**N**ow concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their

conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:21–28*

*All stand.*

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

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

**J**esus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*All sit.*

## 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.*

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God, saying *hear our prayer*.

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may live and teach the gospel of love. Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

For this parish family, that we who gather to hear the Lord's teaching may fully respond to all that God asks of us. Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

For this nation, for Joseph our president, and for the members of Congress and legislatures, that they will hear and understand the needs of the powerless and marginalized, as they develop priorities and solutions. Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

For healing and strength, that God will curb the transmission of the coronavirus, sustain all who care for the sick, and guide those who are working to administer the vaccine. Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

For all those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will strengthen them with grace and compassion. Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, remembering especially Barbara McKernin, Donald J. Ineson, and Bess George, that they may live in the presence of the Holy One of God, **hear our prayer**.

*Celebrant* Holy One of God, you come to teach us with authority and to set our spirits free. Hear our prayers and give us strength and courage as we proclaim your truth by word and deed. Glory to you for ever and ever. **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

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Prayer of St Patrick

arr. William M. Schoenfeld (b. 1949)  
*St. John's Youth Choir*

Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ be behind me,  
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

## 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

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

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 musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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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 535, vv. 1, 2, 4 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

PADERBORN

*All read or sing along.*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Come, Christians, join to sing

Sondra K. Tucker (b. 1957)



*Sondra Tucker is director of music/organist at Christ Church Presbyterian in Bellaire (metro Houston), Texas. She began composing and arranging in 1991, and writes music for handbells, organ, vocal choir, and flute ensemble. In demand as a conductor and clinician, she has directed massed ringing at denominational and AGEHR events around the country. She self-publishes her flute music through her own QuickSilver Publications.*

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Cantor:** Britt Emerick

**Layreader:** Paul Smith

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein

**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

To join the Annual Meeting immediately after the service, go to <https://zoom.us/j/173504417>

**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                | Patricia      |
| Kim Green       | Sue               | Beth                   | Enid          |
| Janet Ray       | Billy Ulrich      | Chris                  | Zachary       |
| Brad Babbitt    | Jonah Dahlstrom   | Ellie Brown            | Kimberley     |
| Robert E. Eikel | Whitney Lynch     | Judy Gardiner          | Don           |
| Robin Gillespie | William Bittinger | Gary Wait              | Kent Lawrence |
| Gwain Gillespie | Anita Winters     | Susan Origlia & family |               |

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Mary Beth Lamlein | Nancy Eaton    |
| Marie Montas      | Cindy Lawler   |
| Paul Thaxton      | Maggie Willard |

**Those who have died:**

Barbara McKernin, St. John's member and mother of Susan Donaldson

Donald J. Ineson, father of John Ineson

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; and for Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

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

**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**

**St. John's Online Annual Meeting, TODAY following the 10:30 service**

The parish Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service today. We will elect vestry members, present the 2021 budget, and learn more about the process of hiring a new priest in charge. Please join us! Printed copies of the Annual Report were mailed to all households on our membership list. Click here for a digital copy: <https://301.dd1.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Annual-Report-2021-1.pdf>

**Online Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, Sunday, February 7, 12:30 p.m.**

Our monthly series of short organ recitals continues next Sunday, with St. John's Director of Music Scott Lamlein playing music by Bach, Cooman, Hailstork, Rakich, and Widor. Watch live at <https://www.reddoormusic.org> starting at 12:30 p.m., or watch the recording any time afterward.

**2021 Lent Devotional: Sign up to contribute**

Our fifth annual St. John's Lent Devotional is under way! The devotional will feature a scripture for each day of Lent, with reflections on each passage created by St. John's members and friends. Your contribution may be a prayer, poem, story, reflection, or artwork about your chosen scripture passage. Contributors of all ages are welcome, as is collaboration, and you do not need to be a professional writer, have attended seminary, or have stellar artistic skills to contribute! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ca5a82aa7f49-lenten>  
**Submissions are due by Monday, February 8.**

**Nave open by appointment for private prayer**

We are making the nave available on weekdays for those who would like to sit in the church for private prayer and quiet reflection. Please contact Ellen in the parish office to set a time to come by. We will make the nave available to one person or household at a time, generally on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with later afternoon hours available on some days. Note that Scott, Christa and other local organists frequently practice during the week, so music is always a possibility during your visit!



## 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 today's Annual Meeting, and will also vote on a new one-year term for the 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** – Julia and her husband, Jim, started attending St. John's after moving to West Hartford from Washington, DC in 1996. All three of their children, Ellen, John and Claire, were baptized at St. John's and all three have served as acolytes. Ellen and John went on the pilgrimage to Iona through the J2A program. Julia has served as an usher, as a member of the Stewardship and Community Service Committees, taught Sunday School, led the discernment team in the search process for hiring Susan Pinkerton, led the Spring Food Fling fundraiser, served on the vestry and as warden. She currently is the vice president & general counsel at BL Companies, Inc., a 100% employee-owned architecture, engineering, land surveying and environmental firm based in Meriden, CT, with 13 offices from Miami, FL to Norwood, MA.

**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.









*Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of  
St. John's Renowned Austin Organ*

# Pipes Alive!

**Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:30 pm**  
livestreamed from [www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)

**SCOTT LAMLEIN**  
Organist



 **MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR**  
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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*  
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## 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