

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 13, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times.** We have disposable masks should you need one.
- **Congregational singing is not currently permitted.** Quiet humming is allowed.
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.** Observe signs and the directions of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- **Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).**
- **Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico.**
- **We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory.** You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

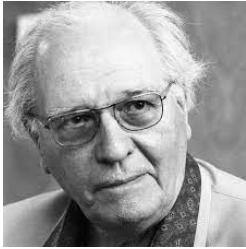
Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Prière après la communion* from
 Livre du Sainte-Sacrement

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)



Olivier Messiaen was one of the major composers of the 20th century, an ornithologist, and organist at Sainte-Trinité in Paris for 61 years. This morning's voluntary is from his last composition, Livre du Sainte-Sacrement (Book of the Blessed Sacrament). It is a monumental work, with 18 movements, and roughly follows the liturgical path of the Roman Catholic Mass. Prière après la communion (Prayer after communion) represents the culmination of a life of research and noting various birdcalls throughout the world. In this case, Messiaen noted birdcalls while in Jerusalem and uses them in a "call-and-response." In this haunting piece, the two birds seem to be reflecting on having just received the Blessed Sacrament.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 524, vv. 1, 3, 5 I love thy kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
 2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
 4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
 5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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 TRISAGION

All **Holy God,
holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22–24

All sit.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 92:1–4, 11–14

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 **For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 **Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 **That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Linda Spiers

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 those who walk by faith and not by sight, let us pray with confidence to God, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; and Ian and Laura, our bishops; that we may work to produce a harvest of abundant life for all your creatures. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may persevere in prayer and work, trusting in God who brings great things from small beginnings. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For peace, that God will touch hearts and help leaders to work together, so that violence may end, the weak and innocent may be protected, and the dignity of every person be honored and respected. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For those who teach the young, feed the hungry, and comfort the afflicted, that Christ's presence may be made known through these ministries. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all who are graduating, that God will guide them in using their gifts and talents, so that they will enrich the world, and spread hope and peace through their efforts. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will grant them their heart's desire. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may find shelter in the place prepared for them in heaven. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Gracious One, who scatters the seed of faith. Hear the prayers we offer this day and make us a new creation in Christ, through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives, and reigns, one God. forever and ever. **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 you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you 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 Breath of God (1984)

Dorothy Howell Sheets

John Nowacki, soloist

Breath of God, life bearing wind,
waking matter into birth,
planting promise, prompting hope:
with your life renew the earth.

Breath of God, word bearing wind,
truth-revealer, prophet's speech,
guide to vistas of the mind:
let your word excite and teach.

Breath of God, fire bearing wind,
source of power, love, and light,
melting fears and joining tongues:
with your fire our hearts ignite.

Breath of God, song bearing wind,
stirring wonder to rejoice,
yearning's echo, grace's dance:
let your song give our prayers voice.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

All remain standing or kneel.

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Exit your row when prompted by an usher, and form a single line in the middle aisle, maintaining social distance with your neighbors.

Once you receive the bread, return to your seat, at which time you may remove your mask to consume the bread, and then put your mask back on.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest when you get to the altar rail.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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

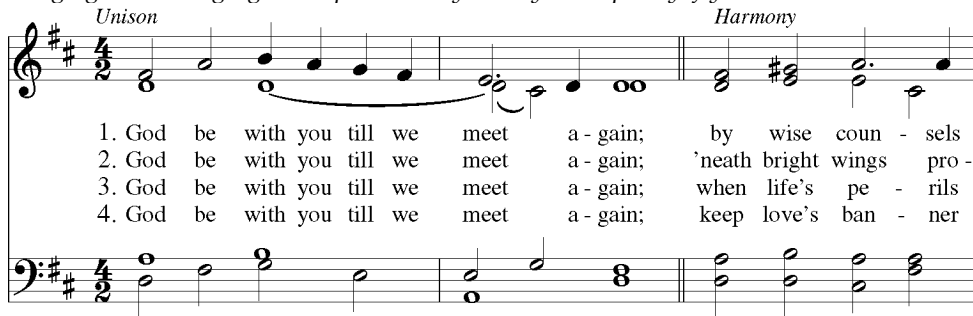
The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN vv. 1, 2, 4 God be with you til we meet again

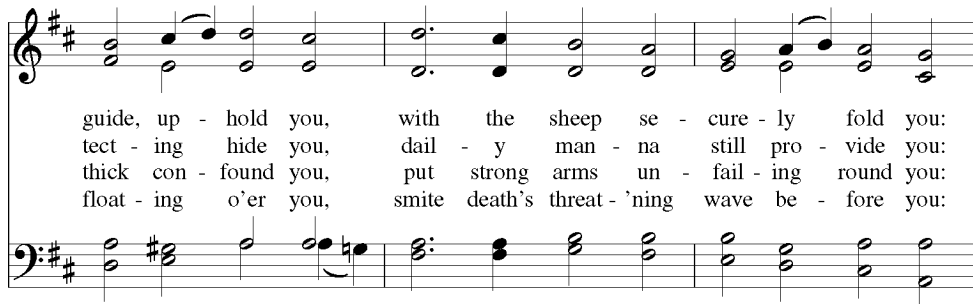
RANDOLPH

Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.

Unison *Harmony*

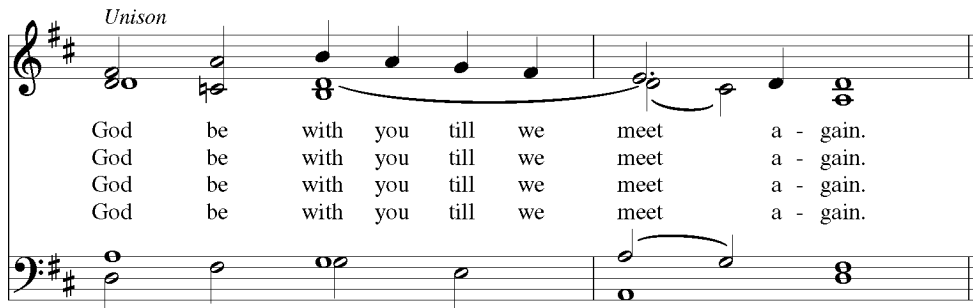


1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

Unison



God be with you till we meet a - gain.
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 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Words: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904), alt. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

Music: Randolph, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Linda Spiers**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Cantor:** John Nowacki**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Ray Giolitto**Ushers:** Emmy Aziz, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Livestream Oversight:** Britt Emerick**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	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	William Bittinger	Anita Winters	Kent Lawrence
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Jennifer Bennet	Clark Hendley
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Joanna Jones	Maria Ferreira

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Louise Mansolf	Ellen Dollar
Annabelle Hicks	Lilah Lorenzo
Lindsay Diehl	Judy Wawro
Bauer Swift	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Erica and Vincent Williams
Beth and Joel Grieco
Marki Ware and Hal Rives
Martha and John Church

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Paul's, Norwalk; Christ Episcopal, Norwich; and for students of all ages who are graduating.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

HOW WILL YOU SERVE? OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

As church (and the world) continues to slowly, carefully reopen, each of us has the opportunity to imagine our place in the community. There are opportunities to learn, serve, and grow for just about every age and stage, from junior ushers serving alongside parents, to nursery workers and altar guild, just to name a few.

As we come back from the pandemic, there is both great need and great opportunity for these ministries.

How will you serve? What brings you joy? What would you like to learn or teach?

Ways to serve for the entire family:

- lay readers (children, youth, or adult)
- high school nursery workers (grades 9–12)
- acolytes (grade 5 and above)
- choir (age 7.5 and up)
- ushers (parent/child pairs, youth, or adult)
- altar guild (parent/child pairs, youth, or adult)
- Sunday School teachers (high school or adult)
- Loaves and Fishes sandwich coordinators (organize sign-up and set-up)
- Kids Community Music Camp on August 9–13, 9 am to 3 pm (high school or adult) – Many ways to help and accommodate your schedule

Contact Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net if you're interested in any of these ministries.



Youth Lay Readers Wanted

This summer, children and youth will serve as lay readers at the 9am outdoor service. Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve the church in this vital and important ministry.

For details, and to sign up, go to sjparish.net/youthreaders



St. John's Community Garden

Open Garden Hours

Drop in any Tuesday 8:30-9:30am
or Thursday 6:00-7:00pm to
water, weed, tend, and harvest
veggies for our neighbors in need.
No experience needed.



St. John's West Hartford
presents

Movies on the Lawn



Join us the fourth Thursday of the month for family-friendly movies on the West Lawn. Bring a blanket or chairs, and maybe even a picnic. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

June 24 at 8:30
July 29 at 8:15
August 26 at 7:30

(Cancelled in case of rain)

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (outdoors) & 10:30 a.m. (indoors and livestreamed)

STAFF

The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net)	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
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Ralph Valentine	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

VESTRY

Geoff Emerick	<i>Warden</i>
Virginia Van Dyk	<i>Warden</i>
Tim Goetz and John Roche	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>
2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr	
2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney	
2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler	