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The Second Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 6, 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 Aborada (Serenade), 2020

Carson Cooman (b. 1978)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 381, vv. 1 & 4 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness Ton-y Botel All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.



The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Words: Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976)

Music: Ton-y Botel, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may

think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8–15

All sit.

hey heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20–35

All stand.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

he crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

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 to the God in whose word is our hope, through Jesus in whose mission and ministry we share, saying: God of life, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; that in all places we may be a sign of God's love and mercy to all who are broken, suffering, or searching. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may gladly welcome all as brothers and sisters to the feast of the Lord's table and to the embrace of the Lord's healing. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For peace, that God will transform hearts that are hard and minds that are closed, so that bloodshed may cease, and peace be established in all places of conflict. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

For an open and listening heart, that we may each hear God's invitation to us, and respond with joy to bring new hope and new life to others. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

For the gift of healing for people and places affected with the coronavirus, and the pandemics of violence and racism throughout the world, that they may be raised up on eagles' wings, and made strong in God's love. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be filled with hope and strength. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

For all the departed who have been raised with Jesus and brought into his presence. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

We believe and so we pray, O God, that your glory may enter our lives. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and send us out to proclaim the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever 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 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 Christ be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) Britt Emerick, soloist

Longing for light, we wait in darkness Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

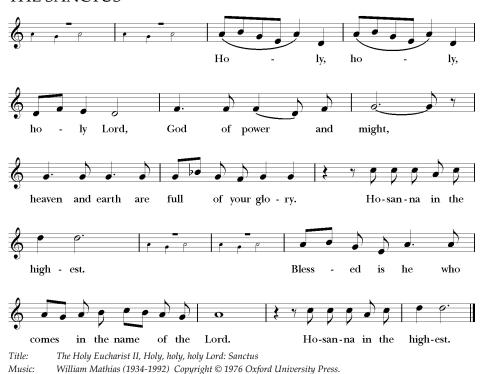
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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,

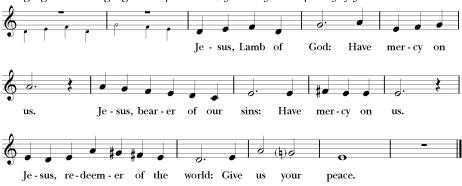
and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



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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.

Celebrant

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

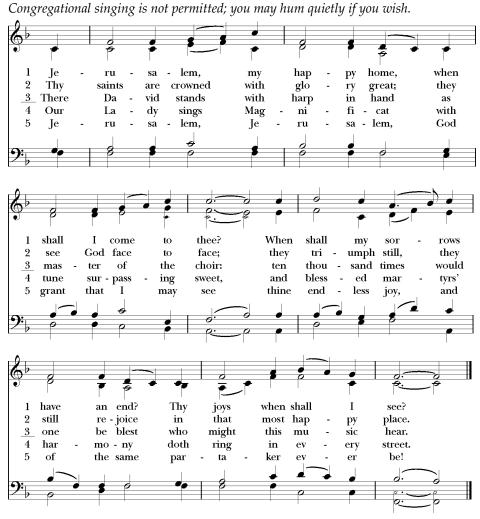
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE BLESSING

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

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

LAND OF REST



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

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata on Holy God, we praise thy name

Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)

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 Linda Spiers **Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jeff Verney
Cantor: Britt Emerick
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Ushers: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien
Livestream Oversight: Ted Babbitt
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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	Nancy Latif
Maria Ferreira	Bob Flinchbaugh		-

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Marki Ware	John Roche	Jerry Fiske
Stephanie Donofrio	James Manise	Christoph Stretz
Hal Rives	Ted Babbitt	_

Alina Ciscel

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Dorothy Uhrlass and Joseph Howard Jessie and Harry Fulton Mary Jo and Bert Keating Jeanne and Dennis Winkleblack

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Lil Nolan

Pray for Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; St. Andrew's, Northford; Christ Church, Norwalk; and for Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Pipes Alive! with Sean McCarthy, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. - Livestreamed and in-person

Our final Pipes Alive! half-hour organ recital of the program year will feature Sean McCarthy, director of music at First Church of Christ in Wethersfield. The recital will be available online and in-person to a limited-capacity audience. Those attending in-person must register for free ahead of time. For more information and to register, go to www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-sean-mccarthy-organist/.

Summer service schedule begins today

From June 6 through September 5 (Labor Day weekend), we are offering two Sunday morning services: a 9 a.m. service outdoors (in the Cloister Garden or on the West Lawn, depending on attendance), and a 10:30 a.m. service indoors that will also be livestreamed.

VBS cancelled (and your suggestions welcome!)

Due to low participation, the VBS scheduled for late June has been cancelled, but we will continue to explore possibilities for future summer programming. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding what kind of VBS schedule would work best for your family (evenings? weekends? early/mid/late summer?), please contact Margie.



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 signarish.net/youthreaders





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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)

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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus
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Geoff Emerick	Warden
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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