

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & YOUTH SUNDAY

May 23, 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.

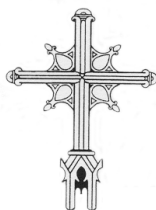
UPDATE: The recent guidance on mask wearing from the CDC comes as good news for those who are fully vaccinated. For now, however, **St. John's will continue to require that everyone, regardless of vaccine status, wear a mask** while attending worship or other events here, to protect the most vulnerable and avoid difficult judgment calls regarding individuals' vaccination status. We are continually evaluating our guidelines and will update them as conditions change. Thank you for your understanding.

- **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,** as directed by a verger or usher.
- **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!

Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude in F, BWV 927

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Kathy Roqueza, organ

Rejoice greatly, O my soul

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Kelly Roqueza, organ

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 225, vv. 1 & 3 Hail thee festival day!

SALVE FESTA DIES

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

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

world with God's grace. *First time only* 2 grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
 3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
 ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

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THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.***Celebrant* Let us pray. 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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1–14

All sit.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 104:25–35, 37

The people say the words in bold.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea**
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 **All of them look to you ***
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; ***
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ***
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ***
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. ***
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and

women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Kiley Murphy

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Traditionally, Pentecost is one of four feasts reserved for Holy Baptism, so let us join with those around the world being baptized today as we reaffirm our own baptismal vows.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in **bold**. The prayers were written by our K-5 Sunday School class.*

Let us pray.

For the Church throughout the world, its people, and its leaders, to keep getting people to follow Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this country and all in authority, that our leaders will make decisions to help those in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and safety of people here and around the world, for those affected by global warming, those who do not have clean water, those who experience racism, those who are hungry, and those who are homeless. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to violence throughout the world, and especially between Israel and Palestine. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and around the world, and for continued vaccination, including vaccines for those under 12 years old. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, especially the people of India during COVID, and for our families and friends who are sick. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in our families, in our church family, and our friends, and all who have died. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and all-merciful God, you call us to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. Hear our prayers, and help us be instruments of your love, peace, and justice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and give us courage to be your people in the world. **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 Gracious spirit, dwell with me

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
Text: Thomas T. Lynch, 1855
St. John's Youth Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

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

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.

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

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



Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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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

While those worshipping in-person are now able to receive communion, we will continue to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion due to the many people who continue to worship online.

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 Spirit of the living God

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

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

Ted Babbitt, organ

*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:** Kiley Murphy**Assisting:** The Reverend Linda Spiers**Layreaders:** James Baker, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi,
Benjamin Clapp, Virginia Eikel, Aviyah Lohr, Blythe Peck**Cantor:** Cate Emerick**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organists:** Ted Babbitt, Kathy Requeza, Kelly Requeza**Ushers:** Emmy Aziz, Robert Eikel, Bobby Eikel**Livestream Oversight:** Ted Babbitt, Scott Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

Please join us after the service to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes!

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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	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Jennifer Bennet	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Anne Hayes
Betty Knorr
Mary Jo Keating
Sarah Faude

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle
Wendy & Tom Lincoln
Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work, and community gardens.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

We're getting the band back together! Men's Bible study, Thursday mornings at 6:45 a.m.

Men's Bible Study is back and better than ever! Join us on Thursday mornings, in person at the church (or you may join us via Zoom) from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. Yes, it's early but sleep is overrated. We've finished with the Book of Job (which seemed apropos for COVID times) and are now launching into Revelation. No homework required. We even supply the text and the coffee (unless you're on Zoom). What more could you want? Join us! If you plan to join by Zoom, please contact Scott Lamlein at music@sjparish.net to get the link.

Monday night online Bible study resumes on May 24, 7 p.m.

From May 24 through June 28, the Monday evening Bible study will discuss the parables in Mark. All are welcome to join us in Zoom, and you don't have to commit to every session. After this series, the Monday Bible study will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall. The Zoom link will be provided in the Monday and Thursday e-newsletters.

Summer volunteer opportunities for adults and youth – Sign up now!

We're looking forward to a great summer here at St. John's, with Vacation Bible School in June and the Kids Community Music Camp in August. For both camps, we need a lot of volunteer help. To ensure that we have enough volunteers, we'd like to hear from interested volunteers ASAP. Please contact the church office to let us know how you can help!

Vacation Bible School: June 21 to 25, 9 a.m. to noon

- Volunteers needed: adults and kids age 12 and up
- Volunteers will supervise groups, lead activities, serve as storytellers, and oversee snacks.
- To register a child for VBS go to www.sjparish.net/vbs. VBS is for children going into kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall, and anyone is welcome, regardless of whether they attend St. John's.

Kids Community Music Camp, August 9 to 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Volunteers needed: adults, high school and college students
- Volunteers will supervise groups as they attend various classes and activities, provide (make or purchase) lunch for 30 kids plus staff and volunteers, do lunch set up/serving/clean up, and provide other assistance for campers and teachers.

Pipes Alive! with Sean McCarthy, Sunday, June 6, 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 on June 6



From June 6 through September 5 (Labor Day weekend), we will offer 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.


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

Pipes Alive!

Sunday, June 6, 2021 12:30 pm
 livestreamed from www.reddoormusic.org
 Limited in-person seating

SEAN MCCARTHY
 Organist

 **MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR**
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Do you know a child who loves to sing?

The St. John's Youth Choir

is holding auditions for 2021-2022.

- Learn the finest choral repertoire, as well as music theory.
- Sing with other youth and adults at a professional level.
- Sing for one rehearsal a week, two Sunday services a month, and occasional holiday services and special events.
- Participate in a vibrant, family-friendly community.
- Contribute to beautiful and meaningful worship.
- Get recognition for progress, including a stipend.
- Attend an annual summer day camp.
- Make friends and have fun!

**Open to
children 7 1/2
and older.**

 **St. John's Episcopal Church**
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www.sjparish.net

**For more information and to schedule an audition,
contact Choirmaster Scott Lamlein.**
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Bible Study: Parables in Mark

Jesus taught in parables. Join us Mondays at 7pm as we explore these rich stories with multiple levels and no single way to understand them.

May 24-June 28 in Zoom.
Link in e-blast, or email Margie for details.

St. John's Church Vacation Bible School

June 21-25, 9am-noon

We'll learn about God's creation as we explore water, soil, seeds, animals, and harvest. Outdoor, masked, socially distanced.

- Rising kindergarten-6th grade
- \$50 per child (assistance available)
- All are welcome!



Sign up at sjparish.net/vbs

Spread the word!

St. John's West Hartford

St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors

10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 6 through September 5

Summer Volunteers

It's going to be a summer of fun, friendship, music, and learning here at St. John's. Come be a part of it!

Vacation Bible School

June 21-25, 9 am to noon

We're looking for adults and youth (age 12 and up) to be:

- group leaders
- activity leaders
- snack captains
- storytellers

Kids Community Music Camp

August 9-13, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

We're looking for adults and youth (high school or college) to be:

- group leaders (supervise a group of kids as they attend camp activities)
- lunch donors (make or purchase a lunch for 30 kids plus camp staff and volunteers)
- lunch servers (set up, serve, clean up)
- all-around helpers

We will provide program training and support for all volunteers. Adults working directly with kids must do some Safe Church training and consent to a background check.

Contact the church office if you are interested!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

STAFF

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