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Trinity Sunday
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
May 30, 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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 362, vv. 1, 2, 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

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



Words: Music: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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

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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 have given to us your servants grace, by the

confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the

Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1–8

All sit.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 13 Glory to you

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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John Rutter is perhaps the best-known English composer of church music—a household name in the Episcopal Church. Rutter was educated at Clare College, Cambridge, where he also served as director of music from 1975 to 1979, at which point he determined to focus his energy on composition. In 1981, he founded the Cambridge Singers, which he also conducted. Although initially Rutter had formed the group in order to record a collection of choral works—both his own and those of others—the group began giving live performances as well.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12–17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

THE GOSPEL John 3:1–17

All stand.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**.

Holy Trinity, one God, the whole world is filled with your glory: Hear the prayers of your children as we say: Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may speak of what we know, and testify to what we have seen: that God is Love. Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who are sealed in the name of the Trinity may find new ways to encounter God in friend and stranger, and be voices of peace and justice for all. Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.

For our community and our nation, that we may follow the Way of Love that seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others as well as ourselves. Blessed Trinity, **hear our prayer.**

For greater stewardship of the earth's resources, that we may be good caretakers of God's creation, and strive to protect and preserve it for future generations. Blessed Trinity, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to violence and injustice, that God will give courage to all who work for peace, help those who have experienced injustice to have their voices heard, and turn the hearts of those prone to violence toward new ways of working for change. Blessed Trinity, **hear our prayer**.

For an end to the pandemic, that God will defeat the coronavirus, heal those who are sick, and strengthen all those working for public health and prevention, particularly in India and Southeast Asia. Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be strengthened by God's healing presence. Blessed Trinity, **hear our prayer**.

For all who have died in the service of our country, and all the departed, remembering especially Peggy Dimmitt and Judy Gardiner, that God will receive them into the heritage of the saints. Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Let our prayers and praises fill your temple, Holy One, and empower us to do the work of your Son and to be signs of your divine presence. Accept our prayers in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas

Plainsong Claudia Ayer, soloist

Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas, atque indivisa Unitas:

confitemur et, quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam.

Domine Dominus noster, quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Alleluia. Benedictus es domine deus patrum nostrorum et laudabilis in saecula.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity

and undivided Unity;

We will give glory to Him

because He has shown mercy to us.

Lord, our Lord, how admirable is thy name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Alleluia. Blessed art thou Lord God our Father,

and praise to you unto the ages.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

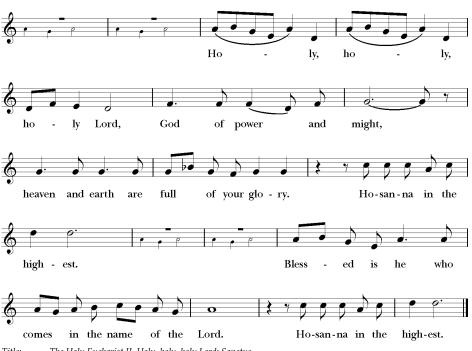
People We lift them to the Lord.

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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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



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

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Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

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 719 O beautiful, for spacious skies

MATERNA



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY We all believe in one God, BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 Walter McKenney
Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz
Cantor: Claudia Ayer
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Ushers: Robert Eikel, Paul Shaker
Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

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			

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Hope Eakins	Justus Coulter	Jake Farrell
Jeanne Winkleblack	Mary Sypek	Greg Burt
Tom Lincoln	Carolyn Roche	Lincoln Latif

Amy Manise Patricia Smith Evelyn Reidenbaugh

Randall Hayes Elise Biondi

Those who have died:

Judy Gardiner Peggy Dimmitt

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; St. John's, Niantic; and for those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, online social networks and communities.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico



Online concert by Scott Lamlein, Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.

Our own Scott Lamlein is performing at the historic Methuen Memorial Music Hall in Massachusetts this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., featuring music of Bach, Widor, and Christa Rakich. The world-renowned summer series is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and Scott last performed there in 2007. For more information, go to https://www.mmmh.org/event-calendar, and tune in on the music hall's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/methuenmemorialmusichall.

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.

Community garden planting day, Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m., plus drop-in volunteer hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Join us next Saturday morning to plant summer veggie crops in our community garden. All are welcome—no gardening expertise necessary. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear a mask and sun protection, and stay for as long as you're able! We also welcome volunteers to drop by to help weed, water, and harvest on our regular community garden work days: Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m.

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 next week 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.

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.



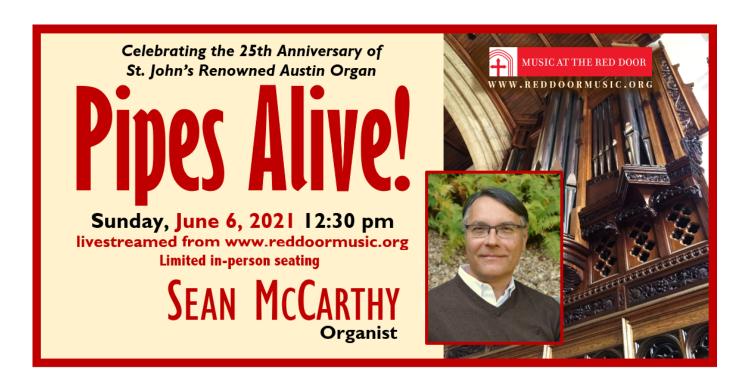
Youth Lay Readers Wanted

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



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.



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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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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