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# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 15, 2021 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines:

- Masks are once again required for all attending indoor services and events, regardless of vaccination status. This policy update is based on increasing local Covid cases, the highly contagious delta variant, and the CDC's and our bishops' recommendations. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed.
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.** Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).
- 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 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

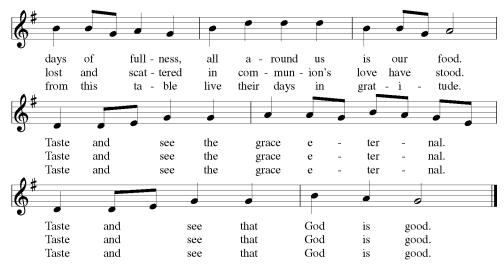
THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Quodlibet on Slane, 2020 Hommage à Gershwin

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

THE OPENING HYMN All who hunger, gather gladly

HOLY MANNA





Words: Sulvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: Holy Manna, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. harm., Columbian Harmony, 1825

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and

> also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

All sit.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Proverbs 9:1-6

isdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without

sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 34:9–14

The people say the words in **bold**.

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \* for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \* but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \* I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life \* and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \* and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \* seek peace and pursue it.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

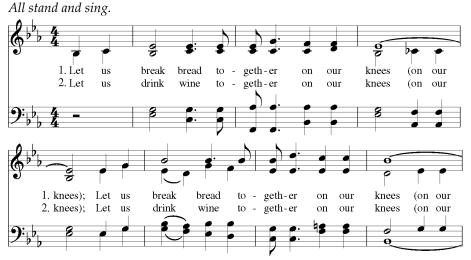
Because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### THE SEQUENCE HYMN 325 Let us break bread together

LET US BREAK BREAD





Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

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THE GOSPEL John 6:51–58

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

Tesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very

truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

All sit.

#### THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in **bold**.

Let us pray to Christ, our living bread, for those in need.

For this holy gathering, for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the people of St. John's, that having been fed in the sacrament of the altar, we may offer living bread to those around us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, especially in places of turmoil and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For travelers and those on vacation, for safety from natural disaster, and for those affected by storms and wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the sick and the suffering, prisoners and their families, the hungry and the oppressed, and all in danger and need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all we love, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially Jacqueline Kuhn. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of eternal life, you built a house of faithful people, and you feed us with true food and true drink: Have mercy on all who gather in your name and grant our prayers for all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 your 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 Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822–1890) Text: St. Thomas Aquinas Cleveland Williams, soloist

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis cœlicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

Te trina Deitas
unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.

Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! the poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed.

Thee, therefore, we implore, O Godhead, One in Three, so may Thou visit us as we now worship Thee; and lead us on Thy way, That we at last may see the light wherein Thou dwellest aye. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

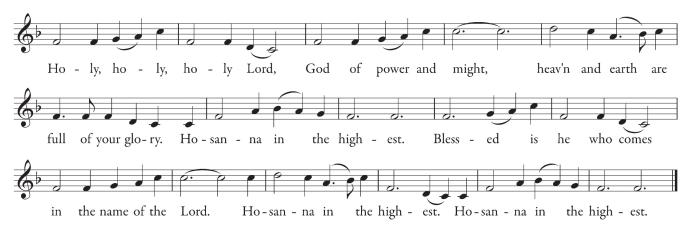
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

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

All stand.

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 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart *All sing*.

SLANE





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Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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heart.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

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 Todd FitzGerald **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Alison Buckley
Cantor: Cleveland Williams
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Julia O'Brien
Livestream Oversight: Fraz Lugay

**Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Luga **Altar Guild**: Buffy Ineson

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#### Are you new to St. John's?

Or have you been attending a while, but feel ready to get more involved, or would like to be added to our e-mail and mailing lists so you know what's happening in the parish?

Please fill out our online Newcomer Form at https://sjparish.net/newcomer-form/

#### Thank you!

#### 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.

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

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	Ellie Brown	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Anita Winters	Kimberley
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Jennifer Bennet	Kent Lawrence
Robert E. Eikel	William Bittinger	Joanna Jones	Clark Hendley
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Christine Daniels	Maria Ferreira
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Marrion	Aidan Whittel
A friend	Marie	Hans & Gerlinda	Mary
Tom Reichenbach	Bill	Heather Pelletier	-

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Janet Poisson Gabriella Williams Eleanor Hayes

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Toby & Manny Aguiar Stacey & Brian Alemany Ginger & Colin Gillespie

#### Those who have died:

Jacqueline Kuhn, sister of Marian Beers

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; and for students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; and the Higher Education Ministry Network.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**Help distribute fresh veggies to our neighbors on Sunday mornings.** Our community garden has produced bumper crops of fresh vegetables, which are distributed free to neighbors in need on Sundays. We need volunteers each Sunday to both prepare (sort and bag) the vegetables and oversee distribution. The distribution will take place at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday, after the 10:30 service. We ask that volunteers sign up to do *both* prep and distribution on a particular Sunday; you may do the prep any time between 9 a.m. and 11:45, depending on your service attendance plans. Sign up at siparish.net/garden

Online Bible study has resumed! Join us in Zoom at 7 p.m. on August Mondays for "Bible Beach Reads"—a series of discussions on some of the stranger and lesser-known stories in scripture. The Monday evening online Bible study began out of necessity during the initial pandemic lockdown, and has continued to draw enthusiastic participation. You're welcome to come every week, or just drop in when you can! E-mail Margie at margie@sjparish.net, or see the Monday and Thursday e-news for the Zoom link.

Yard Goats baseball game, Sunday, September 19, 1:05 p.m. We have 50 tickets for a Yard Goats game on Sunday, September 19 at 1:05 p.m. Our Youth Choir will sing *God Bless America* during the seventh inning stretch. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reserve your tickets by sending in payment (cash or check payable to St. John's) along with your name, your email address (so we can email you your tickets), and the number of tickets you need—put it in the mail or the Sunday offering box. Note that Youth Choir members who plan to sing do need to purchase a ticket. Attendees are responsible for your own transportation to and from the ball park. Tickets must be reserved by Sunday, September 12.

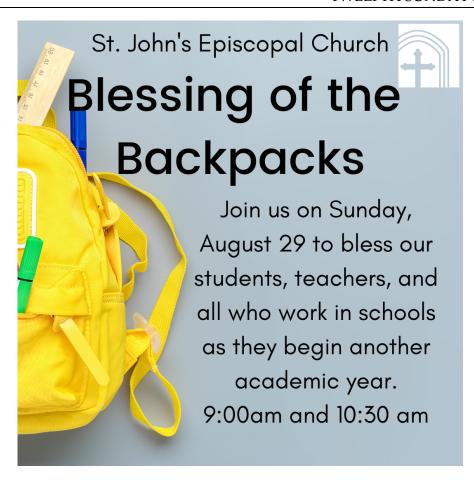
**Youth news - Opportunities for learning, serving, and fellowship:** As we gear up for the fall, we have several opportunities for middle and high schoolers to be involved. Contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net or scan the QR code below to let us know of your interest in any of these activities.

- EYC (Youth Group) will meet most Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. throughout the school year.
- Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, August 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. with dinner provided. Youth in grade 6 or above are welcome to serve as acolytes, and it is possible to acolyte and also sing in the Youth Choir. Everyone who is interested in acolyting, whether they've done it before or not, should attend the training.
- Nursery workers: Our nursery provides care for children from infancy through 5 years old on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. until after the 10:30 service. The nursery is staffed by high school students, who receive a small stipend for each Sunday they work. Contact Margie if you're interested.
- Confirmation will take place on Sunday, November 7, at the 10:30 service with Bishop Suffragan Laura Ahrens. Youth who are interested in being confirmed should contact Margie, whether or not you've completed a confirmation class previously. If there is enough interest, we will hold another class this fall prior to the bishop's visit.
- Use the QR code to sign up for confirmation class, or to be an acolyte, youth layreader, or nursery worker. The EYC calendar can be found at siparish.net/youthcalendar



**Movie on the lawn, Thursday, August 26, 7:30 p.m.** Join us for a family-friendly movie on the West Lawn, or in Hubbard Hall if it rains. Bring a blanket or chairs, and a picnic if you like.

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 29, 9 & 10:30 a.m. services. Join us to bless students, teachers, and all who work in schools as they begin another academic year. Bring a backpack (or briefcase or laptop!) for blessing if you wish.





## **Yard Goats Game!**



Sunday, September 19 1:05 p.m.

Join your St. John's friends for a baseball game!

The Youth Choir will sing at the 7th inning stretch.

Tickets: \$12 per person

Cash or check payable to St. John's – mail to the church or put in the offering box on Sunday. Clearly label your payment as being for Yard Goats tickets, and include your name, e-mail address, and number of tickets needed. Tickets must be reserved by September 12.

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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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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler