

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Savannah Jayne Marchion

*August 29, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

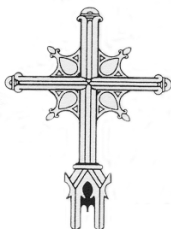
### *Welcome!*

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 Lighthouse Song (2019)

Carson Cooman (b. 1978)

THE OPENING HYMN 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

*All stand and sing.*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

*Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9**All sit.*

**M**oses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 15**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
 he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*James 1:17-27*

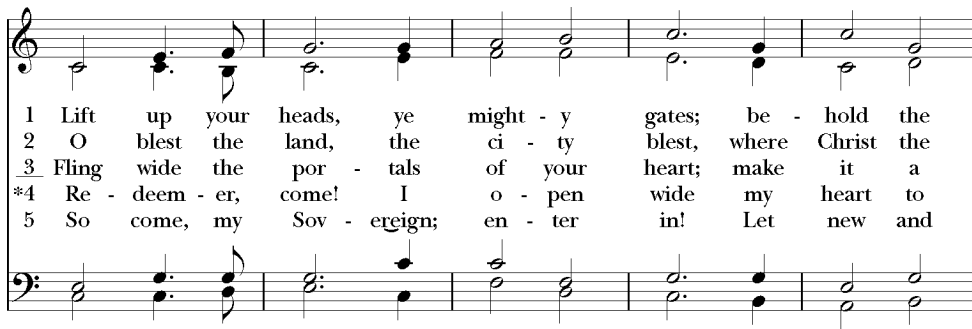
**E**very generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

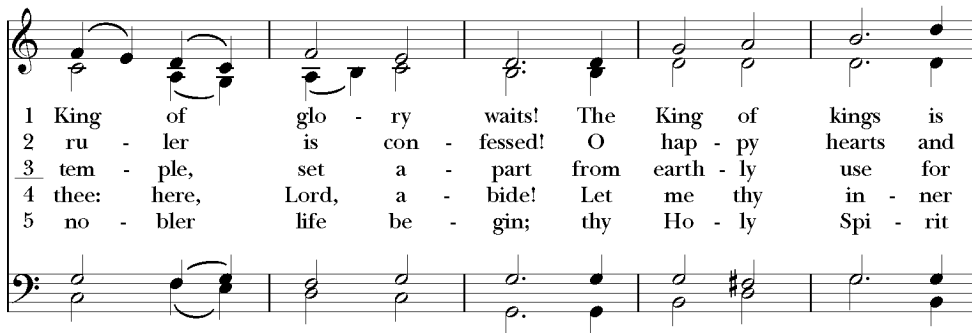
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 436, vv. 1 &amp; 2 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

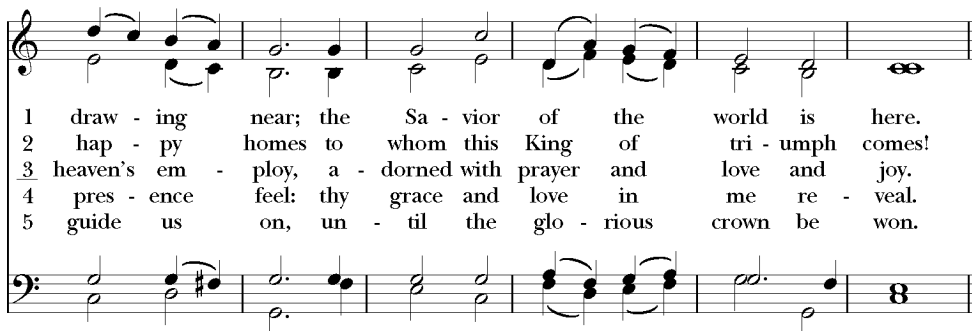
TRURO

*All stand and sing.*


1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: Truro, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil

intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

*All sit.*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Priest says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Savannah Jayne Marchion to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that she is  
being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into  
the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of  
God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Priest addresses the Congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in  
Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own  
baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*All stand.*

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Leader* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver her O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.



## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Priest*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*           **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Priest continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People*           **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The Priest says to the candidate*

Savannah Jayne, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on his forehead the sign of the cross and saying*  
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Priest*           Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Priest*           Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All*               **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All*               **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME &amp; BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Kyrie eleison (after *Adagio* from *New World Symphony*)

Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

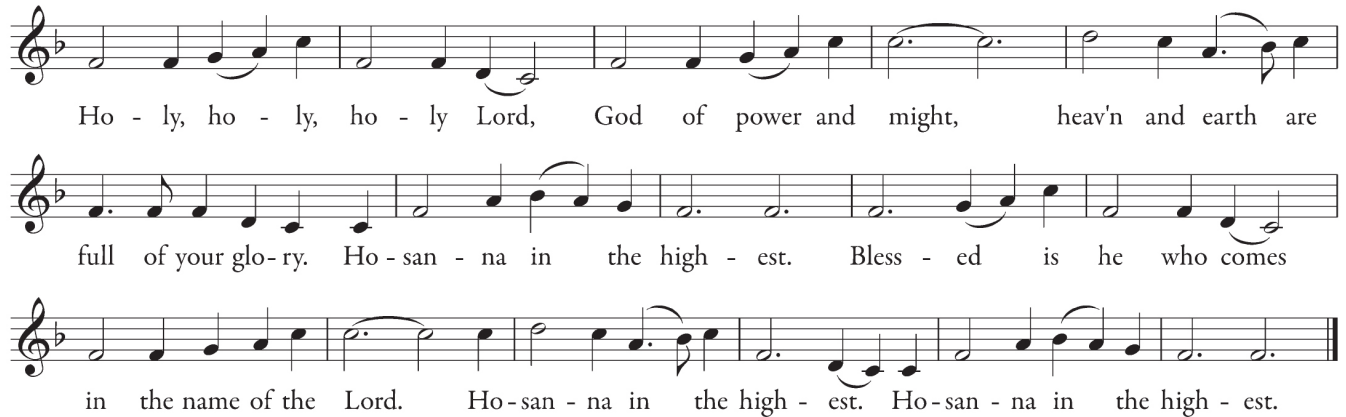
*Brendon Gallagher, soloist*Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison*Lord, have mercy*  
*Christ, have mercy*

## 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 436, vv. 4 & 5    Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

TRURO

*All sing. Music found on page 6.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY    Paulus-Praeludium (2019)

Carson Cooman

*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**Layreader:** Jyothsna Diaz**Intercessor:** Bill Lockery**Cantor:** Brendon Gallagher**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Don Polk, Laura Roche**Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Lugay**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.

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           | Kimberley       |
| Kim Green       | Sue               | Ellie Brown       | Kent Lawrence   |
| Janet Ray       | Whitney Lynch     | Anita Winters     | Clark Hendley   |
| Brad Babbitt    | William Bittinger | Marrion           | Maria Ferreira  |
| Robert E. Eikel | Seamus Turco      | Hans & Gerlinda   | Mary            |
| Ward Farrell    | David Lerner      | Marie             | Tom Reichenbach |
| Mary A. Looney  | Tom Reichenbach   | Heather Pelletier | Shannon         |

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

|                  |                 |
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| Wes Winterbottom | Jadzia Genece   |
| JX Eikel         | Benjamin Puzzo  |
| Jim Evans        | Flora Speer     |
| Sloane Curtis    | Jayden Donnelly |

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Jenefer & Frank Berall

**Those who have died:**

William Ulrich, *St. John's member*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Salisbury School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven; and Trinity College, Hartford.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**Acolyte Training, TONIGHT from 5 to 7 p.** 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. Dinner will be provided!

**Regular service schedule returns on Sunday, September 12.** Starting the weekend after Labor Day, on September 12, we will hold two regular Sunday services: a spoken Eucharist at 8 a.m. and a choral Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. The Adult and Youth Choirs will alternate singing at the 10:30 service. We will continue to require universal masking and social distancing, and as always during this unpredictable time, may change these plans in response to our local public health situation.

**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 [sjparish.net/garden](http://sjparish.net/garden)

**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.

**How to help the people of Haiti and Afghanistan.** Episcopal Relief and Development has a Haiti Fund to provide both emergency and long-term help to earthquake survivors. Go to [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) to learn more and donate. Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) in New Haven is currently welcoming Afghan evacuees and are ready on 24-hour notice to receive as many as needed. They need donations of funds as well as goods such as winter coats and school supplies. Go to [irisct.org](http://irisct.org) for more information about how to donate.

# 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.

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

### STAFF

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| The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net)..... | <i>Priest in Charge</i>                  |
| 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 .....                    | <i>Deacon</i>                            |
| Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net).....    | <i>Parish Manager</i>                    |
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| 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