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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 8, 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 recommendations. We will continue to follow the latest
 CDC 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!



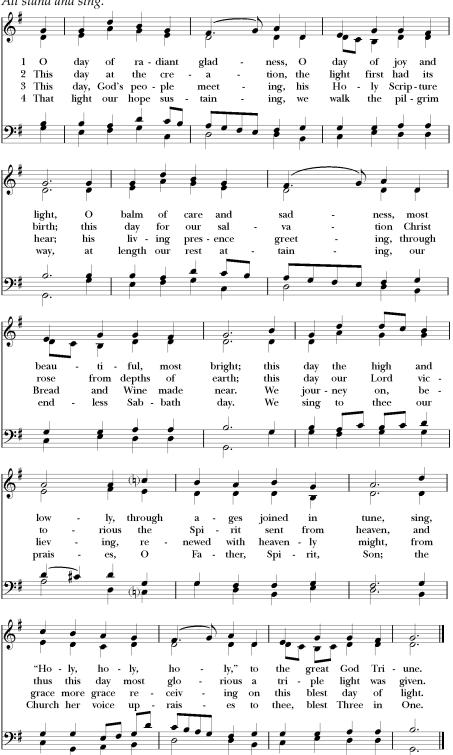
ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Rhosymedre ("Lovely")

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING HYMN 48, vv. 1 & 2 O day of radiant gladness *All stand and sing.*

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Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999); st. 4, ver. Hymnal 1982; Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934); Copyright: Words: St. 3, © 1982, Charles P Price. St. 4, © The Church Pension Fund.

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 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. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are

right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 1 Kings 19:4–8

All sit.

lijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 34:1–8

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

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 48, vv. 3 & 4 O day of radiant gladness Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein All stand and sing. Music found on page 3.

THE GOSPEL John 6:35, 41–51

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Tesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us call on God whose Son has spoken the word of life and provides food for the journey.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura, our bishops, and Todd, who begins his ministry as St. John's priest in charge today, that we may be witnesses of God's grace and ministers of God's reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who are nourished by the bread of life may put on the mind and heart of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For peace in all places of war, unrest, and conflict, that God will open new pathways for justice and safety for those whose lives are threatened by violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who grow and harvest food, for travelers and those on vacation, for safety from natural disasters, and for all whose lives have been affected by storms and wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all who are needy, lonely, desolate, and forgotten, and all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will provide healing in their hearts and renewal in their lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that having tasted the Bread of Heaven, they may live forever in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant

Gracious God, giver of the bread of life, hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in danger and need, and grant that we may come at last to that heavenly banquet promised to us through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on 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 Taste and See

James E. Moore (b. 1951) Michael Mei, soloist

Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

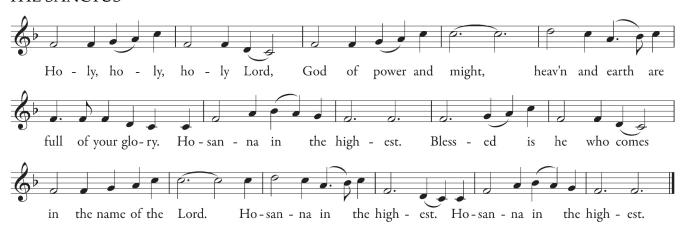
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

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. 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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing *All sing*.

SICILIAN MARINERS



Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium in F

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

Fanny Mendelssohn was four years older than her brother, Felix. A very talented musician, she could play Bach's entire Well-tempered Clavier from memory by age 13. In 1829, Fanny married the painter Wilhelm Hensel. Felix was to have composed their wedding match. Legend has it that he procrastinated and procrastinated, until, finally, Fanny wrote it herself.

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 and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jeff Verney
Cantor: Michael Mei
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich
Ushers: Don Polk, Paul Shaker
Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

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	Jacqueline Kuhn	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

William Peelle, Jr. Erica Bleicher Ann Krissinger Sam Fiske Keely Stater Martin Dodd

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Janis Milroy & Christa Rakich Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz Jacqueline & Paul Smith Anne & John Walsh

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; and for liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of South India (United).

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

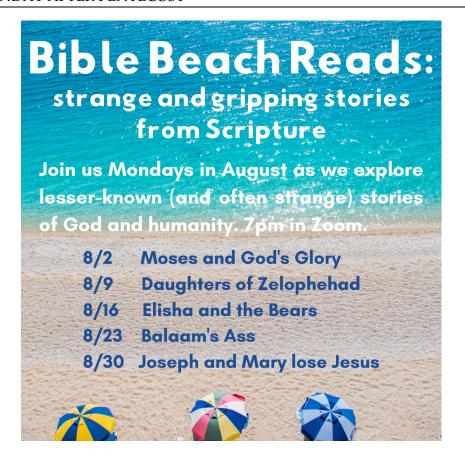
Online Bible study has resumed! Join us in Zoom at 7 p.m. on August Mondays for "Bible Beach Reads"—a series of discussions on some of the stranger and lesser-known stories in scripture. The Monday evening online Bible study began out of necessity during the initial pandemic lockdown, and has continued 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 for more information about 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.

Scott Lamlein featured on a nationally syndicated radio program. Earlier this year, Music Director Scott Lamlein played a concert at the renowned Methuen Memorial Music Hall in Massachusetts. The syndicated radio program *Your Classical Pipedreams* recently featured a program of "Methuen Memories," with selections from organists who played there this season, including Scott. Listen at https://www.pipedreams.org







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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Geoff Emerick	Warden		
Virginia Van Dyk Tim Goetz and John Roche	Warden		
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2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr			
2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney			

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