## St. John's Episcopal Church

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# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome!

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

- Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. We ask that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask. We also realize that there are many reasons for vaccinated people to continue masking, including having at-risk household members or being immunocompromised. We encourage everyone who is more comfortable wearing a mask to do so. We will continue to assess and revise the mask policy and other safety measures based on our local public health situation and recommendations from health agencies and church leadership.
- **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!



Moscow

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Lotus Blossom

Billy Strayhorn (1915–1967) arr. Alec Wyton (1921–2007)



Billy Strayhorn was a young, black, gay musician who composed much of Duke Ellington's music. Of this piece, Ruth Ellington Boatwright said, "During his Rainbow Grill engagements, my brother, Duke Ellington, would play Lotus as a little private prelude to each show. He would go silently to the piano, while the stage was dark, and softly play it. It was like a little whispered tribute to Billy – perhaps even a little prayer for his soul – knowing that God was listening."



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music:

Moscow, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916 based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892)

#### 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. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we

ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1–6

All sit.

Toe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 23

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

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:11–22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,...remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 537, vv. 3 & 4 Christ for the world we sing *All stand and sing. Music found on page 3.* 

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THE GOSPEL Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend William J. Eakins

#### 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**.

As the disciples gathered together with Jesus, let us raise our prayers for all God's people.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that together we may be instruments of compassion and care to all who find life's journey burdensome. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that in these summer days we may find rest, renewal, and refreshment, and for Todd, our new priest in charge, and his family in this time of transition and preparation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace in places where there is violence and unrest, especially in Cuba and Haiti, that God will shepherd them to a new place of security, safety, justice, and dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

For all who live a life of service, especially those who wait on customers, serve the poor and needy, and care for the sick, that they may serve joyfully, make a sustainable living, and be renewed by God's love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from the power of fire and flood, heat and drought, that God will show them a shepherd's care through the hands of others in their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find healing in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all the departed, remembering especially Ann Louise Ineson, that they may be welcomed into the household of God. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day and kindle within us the compassion that stirred in the heart of Jesus, so that we may be living instruments of his love and peace. Glory to you for ever 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 our 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 Dear Lord and father of mankind

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

Words by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), found at Hymn 652

Michael Mei, soloist

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

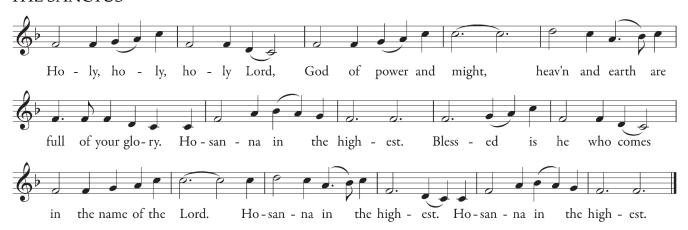
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

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

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 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us *All sing*.

SICILIAN MARINERS



Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt.

Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1792

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE VOLUNTARY Processional

Robert Paoli (b. 1991)

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 William J. Eakins

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: Ray Giolitto Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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**Today we welcome the Reverend Bill Eakins as celebrant and preacher.** He is one of several clergy filling in while Assistant Rector Margie Baker is on vacation. Margie will be back next week, and our new priest in charge, the Reverend Todd FitzGerald, begins his ministry with St. John's on August 8.

#### 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

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Sarah Kieffer	Bob Bainbridge	Malcolm Latif
Annabel Clapp	John Walsh	Priscilla Hexter
Cisalee Harrell	Charnley Parr	Danielle Foint
Eleanor Barnes	JP Evans	Francis Lamlein

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Heidi & Jeff Gostyla Eleanor & Jack Barnes Lissie & Lynn Brooks

#### Those who have died:

Ann Louise Ineson, mother of John Ineson

#### New babies and their families:

Kelly May Ineson, born on July 13 to Chris and Kate Ineson; granddaughter of Buffy and John Ineson

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; and for wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members; elected delegates; annual parish meetings; committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Église Anglicane du Rwanda.

#### HOW WILL YOU SERVE? OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Pre-pandemic, our Sunday morning activities enlisted the help of more than 60 volunteers each week! As we look ahead to more fully resuming worship, music, and education ministries this fall, we are inviting parishioners of all ages to be part of these ministries, from ushering and lay reading to healing prayers and nursery care.

How will you serve? What brings you joy? What would you like to learn or teach?

Ways to serve for the entire family:

- lay readers (children, youth, or adult)
- high school nursery workers (grades 9–12)
- acolytes (grade 5 and above)
- choir (age 7.5 and up)
- ushers (parent/child pairs, youth, or adult)
- altar guild (parent/child pairs, youth, or adult)
- Sunday School teachers (high school or adult)
- Loaves and Fishes sandwich coordinators (organize sign-up and set-up)
- Caring Callers and healing prayer ministry (adult) Call several parishioners regularly and/or do healing prayers at the 10:30 service

Contact Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net if you're interested in any of these ministries.



Our next sandwich-making Sunday is next week, July 25. Please sign up to help at siparish.net/sandwiches.



### St. John's Community Garden

## 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)

#### **STAFF**

The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net)				
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)	Director of Music			
The Rev. Walter McKenney	Deacon			
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparisn.net)	Parish Manager			
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net)	Sexton			
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	Financial Administrator			
Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence			
Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus			
VESTRY				
Geoff Emerick Virginia Van Dyk	Warden			
Virginia Van Dyk	Warden			
Tim Goetz and John Roche				
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